

The International School of Panama

# Middle School News

## Student-Led Conferences

### Important Dates:

#### Progress Reports go home

Friday, February, 26

#### Student –Led Conferences

March 3, 10

#### AASCA Soccer Tournament

March 11-13

#### Free Clothes Days

March 13—Blue & White to support our teams, or a uniform shirt from an ISP team—**\$1.00 fee** for Student Council Dance!

March 17—Wear Green! St. Patrick's Day

Middle School will hold Student-Led conferences on March 3 and 10 .

An article from the Middle School Journal reports that Student-Led conferences are designed to address the following goals:

**\*\*To encourage students to accept responsibility for their academic progress.**

**\*\*To encourage students, parents, and teachers to openly communicate as equal partners.**

**\*\*To facilitate the development of students' oral communication skills and self-confidence. Students act as active participants in facilitating their conferences with parents and teachers.**

With these goals in mind the

students have been dedicating time in Advisory to the organization of their own conference. This week an invitation will be sent home letting you know the time and date of your conference.

The conferences will begin after the 12:00 dismissal. Students whose conferences are held on March 3 will stay in school and, after the conference, leave with parents. Those scheduled for the March 10 will do the same on the day of their scheduled conference. The cafeteria will be open for students on both Wednesdays.

Grades are an important part of the success equation in any school setting. However, please keep in mind that we are

teaching the students a vital connection; accountability, responsibility and the ability to set goals for future improvement. We view this as an extremely positive opportunity for students to emphasize their strengths, acknowledge their weaknesses, and, with you in attendance, plan for their approach to the next quarter and the next school year.

It is very important to note that these conferences are not a replacement of parent-teacher conferences. The Advisors will help set up appointments with teachers at the end of the Student-Led conference if needed. Remember to look for more conference information in Friday's weekly papers.

Hard work and preparation as students get ready for Student-led conferences!



## School Supply Donations



Please remember to send in your contribution.

Each year Middle School students collect and donate school supplies for our sister school, Cerro Viento Rural.

As we are drawing close to the new school year for public school in Panama, we would like to finalize the collection from March, 22-26, as the

following week we will be out for Spring Break.

Your child's advisor has sent information about which items have been assigned to each group.

Our Social Service Club is also planning a "Sports Day" event in which we will invite

the students from Cerro Viento Rural to share in some fun games and snacks with our students. We will announce the date once the sister school students are back in school.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## AASCA Soccer Tournament



Come cheer for ISP Dolphins!

ISP is hosting this year's Central American soccer tournament. Girls' and boys' teams from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica will participate.

The tournament is scheduled for March 11-13. Games will

be held at the ISP throughout these three days.

Our ISP athletes have been practicing hard in preparation for the games. We are very proud of them and wish them lots of luck.

We encourage all ISP parents to come and cheer for the Dolphins. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community. We will send a schedule of the games as soon as it is finalized.

## Beach Clean Up



We encourage you to join us for this great activity! Every little bit counts.

The Roots & Shoots program at ISP is going strong. In support of a PTA initiative, the members of Roots & Shoots clubs in high school and middle school, along with representatives from elementary

school, have worked hard to get our recycling program off the ground.

This weekend a beach clean up activity is planned for Saturday, March 27, at 9:00 am.

Volunteers will meet near La Vitrola restaurant in Costa Del Este.

Please plan to bring one or two hefty garbage bags gardening gloves and boots.