

Ross University Preparatory School and Daycare

Newsletter



FALL SEMESTER

Principal's Message

“An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child. (Carl Jung)

Our school year had a wonderful beginning. Both staff and students have warmly welcomed each other and set routines for daily classroom activities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic teaching staff and several volunteers working with the children. The focus here is on creating a nurturing, responsible, challenging, and creative learning environment for both staff and students. We look forward to an exciting year of learning and fun. We invite you as our partners to communicate about your children's needs and to celebrate their success.

Each month has a theme for character development and one for curriculum. These themes are integrated into the curriculum creatively. At the end of the month awards are given at the monthly assemblies, in recognition of individual accomplishments related to the themes. You are welcome to attend these assemblies whereby each class presents a celebration of their learning using an artistic approach.

Children who arrive on time, with a water bottle, a snack, and their homework are best prepared to get the most out of the daily lessons and activities. To report an absence, please email the teacher or phone the school at 2556464. Midterm reports and formal reports will provide you with a great foundation with which to assess your child's progress. Please communicate with the teacher by email or phone to set an appointment

to discuss any concerns. As you can well imagine, each teacher needs a lunch break to prepare for the afternoon and to renew energy or talk with a peer teacher, so please respect the noon closing, unless it is an emergency. Once the bell rings, and the children enter the school, please do not enter the classrooms unless it is necessary so that routines and classes can begin as planned. With increased enrollment, a new class was created. The older students often use PBL#19. Also we have 4 secondary school students who are doing their program on line so they work within our school space or independently on the deck, in Classroom 3 or a PBL room.

Each semester we have a basket ceremony, whereby we share our memories with each student who is leaving the school, so it is important to notify the teacher if you are preparing to leave the island to ensure that your child is honored appropriately with a basket and cards.

Our Light the Fire Guest Teacher Program starts with Art and Crafts activities planned by Mrs Sacks, Ms Sandra Vivas Nacief, Mrs Abney, and Dr Cazalis. After Thanksgiving, the faculty and staff will be invited to schedule a class so that they can share their expertise with an active lesson that will inspire our students to dream of possibilities.

It is a privilege to work with you, the staff, and your children at both the Ross Preparatory School and the Daycare. Together we will provide a great learning experience for your children.

Sincerely,
Ms Mary Grogan, B.A.M.Ed
Principal of Ross Preparatory School

Daycare

In the morning the children and staff have a singing and greeting session which provides great stimulation for language development. It is also a lot of fun to start the day with a song and dance! Please bring your children on time so that they can participate. Your children have the best table manners on the campus when they have their snacks. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with snack contribution. As well, our focus on literacy preparation and reading readiness skills is very successful. If you are leaving the island and wish to donate any of your games, puzzles, and books, we would most appreciate the additional resources.

Day Care Staff

Miss Mary Banton **Supervisor Phone # 2556242**
Miss Nella Jno Baptiste
Miss Jermin Martin
Miss Everlyn Edwards
Miss Anne Marie Garneau
Miss Marcelle Marlyn
Mr. Theo Honore

Preparatory School Staff

Ms Mary Grogan, **Principal** Phone # 2556363 /6434 Cell # 2755376

Gr. JK-SK. Mrs Alma Kools-Lartique

Gr. Sk, Gr1, Ms. Annette Fredrick

Gr. 2, 3 Ms. Elyse Post

Gr. 4, 5 Mrs. Crystal Gillikin

Gr. 6, 7, 8 Mr.Riley Fore

Physical Education Mr Theo Honore

Phone Numbers

- Day School phone number: 255-6434
- Daycare Phone Number: 255-6242
- Principal's Phone number: 255-6363

Important Dates:

October Themes: Respect and Independence

Oct 14, 2, 28, Arts and Crafts, Dr Cazalis& Mrs.Abney, Gr.4, 5, 6

Oct 21, Arts and Crafts, Dr Cazalis& Mrs.Abney, ,Gr.4, 5, 6

Oct 22, Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Sacks, Mrs Vargas-Nacieff Gr, Jk-Gr.3

Oct 28, Arts and Crafts, Dr Cazalis& Mrs.Abney, Gr.4, 5, 6

Oct 30, Creole Day & 11:30 am Monthly Assembly

Oct 30, Halloween Parade, 1pm (daycare and Prep School)

November Themes: Thanksgiving and Cooperative Learning

Nov 17, Basket Ceremony, 11a.m.

Nov 26, Thanksgiving Luncheon on Seaside Deck, 12noon-1pm

Nov 27, Monthly Assembly, 11:15 a.m.

December Themes: Tolerance and Global Citizenship

Dec 4, Report cards

Dec 4, Registrations due for next semester

Dec 7, & 8 Parent Conferences re: report cards

Dec 11, Holiday Concert, 11: 00 am

Dec 17, 11:30 Monthly Assembly

January Themes: Forgiveness and Literacy

Jan 11 Classes begin

Jan 28 Share Book Reports Open House 12 noon-1:00pm

Jan 29 Assembly Awards Literacy 11:00–share stories

February Theme: Kindness: Have a Heart & Music

Feb 12 Valentine day ...activity day 2:00 -3:00pm

Feb 19 Mid- term report
Feb 26 Have a Heart Assembly & Awards

March Theme: Honesty & Numeracy

March 26 Assembly-Numeracy & Honesty 11:00 a.m.
March 31 Children's Stories of Dominica

April Theme: Courage/ Taking a risk & Science

April 1 report cards due
April 2 Public Holiday No classes
April 5 Public Holiday No classes
April 6 Basket Ceremony, 11:00 a.m.
April 9 Report Cards go home
April 15 Science Fair-Open House
April 16 Science Fair- Open House
April 22 Assembly, 11 a.m.
April 23 Last day of school for the semester

May Theme: Peace Making/ conflict resolution & Drama

May 28 Assembly, Peace- making, 11a.m.

June Theme: Fairness& Art

June 8 Basket Ceremony 11:00
June 10 Art Festival Open House 12noon-1Pm
June 11 Art Festival Open House 12-1pm
June 25 Report Cards go home
June 30 Last day of school