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We might often look at our ASA Vision of **Developing, Respecting, and Excelling** as only applying to our students, but these key goals are actually important for all of us in the ASA Community. Given this fact, I would like to highlight the continuing development of our teaching faculty and staff in their common pursuits of life-long learning that extend beyond our monthly half-day professional development opportunities.

First, I am pleased to inform you that **Mr. Rodrigo Colman**, our Paraguayan Program Coordinator, will be presenting several chapters of his recent book on Paraguayan literature in a selected presentation to be read during the 13th International Congress for Promoting Literature and Books. This major international conference will take place at the 36th International Book Fair in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In addition to presenting his book, Mr. Colman will be reviewing educational materials from major international booksellers and continuing to provide ASA's effective links with them to acquire books in order to strengthen our educational program.

Secondly, we celebrate with **Irene de Segovia**, our Guaraní teacher, the recent completion of her doctoral thesis with summa cum laude honors. In her study, she specifically focused on Guaraní language and culture. With Irene's successful completion of her degree, ASA now boasts four educators with doctoral degrees, a significant percentage for a school our size.

Finally, next month will be the ceremony for graduates who have completed the Master's Degree Program from the University of Alabama. We will have three ASA teachers who will receive their degrees in Elementary Education: **Kathryn Chase, Alison Hoeman, and Derek Kensinger**. We congratulate them for their efforts during the past three years to achieve this distinction.

As we know quite well as both educators and parents, the adults in the lives of our ASA children serve as very important role models. If we expect our children to be life-long learners in a rapidly changing world, then we ourselves need to model this same behavior with the ultimate goal of advancing our expertise as learners and doers. For those reasons, we celebrate the life-long learning of the educators above and support the continued learning that takes place among our teachers at ASA every month during professional development days as well as beyond the school day. Our ASA children not only benefit from better teaching but also see strong role models of life-long learning who are truly living the ASA Vision.

Dr. Eric Habegger

PARAGUAYAN STUDIES

We are pleased to share with you the celebration of an Agreement between ASA and Universidad Católica "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción" about advanced placement to seniors who are going to continue their studies at this university.

Through this agreement, graduated students from ASA who have received the AP Diploma will either be exonerated from taking the Admission Course or will receive an advanced placement during the process of admission.

As you might remember, this was one of the key goals in our plan to strengthen our academic program standing. Reaching this goal gives evidence of the quality of our program and the efforts devoted to accomplish our institutional Mission.

We would like to thank the Rector of the University, Pbro. Dr. Michel Gibaud, for the subscription of the Agreement; and to the Vicerrectora Académica, Dra. Carmen Quintana de Hórak, and Directora del Curso de Admisión, Mrs. Xenia Cattoni, for their administrative and technical assistance.

Despite this great news, we still want to accomplish even more. As we mentioned in the last weekly bulletin, we will begin to make additional contacts with other local Universities to try to obtain for our students advanced placement benefits during the admission process. When we have more information about these efforts, we will share it with you.

If you have any question about this subject, please contact us.

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TIME CHANGE IN PARAGUAY

According to Paraguayan Government Decree # 3958, time changes in Paraguay this coming Sunday, April 11th, 2010. **Remember to move your clocks back one hour.** Thank you.

ASA LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Please make a note in your calendars that as part of our annual celebration for our maintenance and cleaning staff, security guards, support staff, and teachers, ASA will hold its annual Labor Day Luncheon at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. Similar to last year, students will be dismissed at 12 Noon on Thursday the 29th, and ASA will also be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on Friday, April 30. If you have an opportunity sometime during the last week of April, please share a few words of thanks to our ASA personnel to let them know how much you appreciate their work on behalf of your children.

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NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Our students in Kinder Four and Kinder Five has been enjoying the new rock climbing wall that was installed in their playground during Semana Santa. This new piece of playground equipment was purchased with the proceeds from the ASA Extravaganza. Our students in Kinder Four and Kinder Five are thrilled with their new rock climbing wall! Thank you for your support of ASA's fundraising events!



AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS: Our next competition in our after-school sports program will be friendly soccer games against Colegio Goethe on Saturday, April 10th for male students in third, fourth and fifth grade. A schedule was sent out earlier this week via e-mail. Parents are required to confirm the participation of their child via e-mail to Cristina Gamarra (cgamarra@asa.edu.py) or by calling the athletic department office, extension 110.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Two local professional photographers will take your child's school photograph from April 7th-9th at ASA. Parents will be able to purchase these photographs at a later date for 45.000 guaraníes.

FIELD DAY: On Friday, April 16th, students will have their annual Field Day celebration where they will rotate through a number of stations to practice the skills they have learned in physical education class. Field Day will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. for the teacher professional development activities.

RUN FOR WATER: On Monday, April 18th, various organizations including the Paraguay Marathon Club are sponsoring a 6 KM Run/Walk to raise awareness for the global water crisis. If you are interested in participating in this run/walk, information can be obtained at www.paraguaymarathon.club.org.

SPORTS

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Intercolegial Inter 2010: Wednesday April 7th, continues the Intercolegial at the International School. We are competing in boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, and girls and boys soccer.

The 1st weeks results were:

- *Boys basketball: ASA defeated Goethe.
- *Girls basketball: ASA lost to STJ and defeated Goethe.
- *Boys volleyball: ASA lost to Cristo Rey.
- *Girls Volleyball: ASA lost to STJ and defeated Salesianito.
- *Girls soccer: ASA defeated Sta. Elena 1-0.
- *Boys soccer: ASA defeated Campo Alto 1-0.

Middle School Tournament: regularization matches of this tournament continue this week. The finals will be played on Wednesday, April 7 starting at 4PM.

Our boys are still victorious, while the girls are still fighting for a spot in the standings.

Uniforms: Uniforms are available for basketball, volleyball and soccer in the office of the Athletic Department. The order forms are in the Athletic Department.

Sports Program Registration: Starting on Monday April 12, we ask all parents who have not yet registered their children in the program, to stop by the office to pick up the form.

Amistoso Elementary School: Goethe will be coming on Saturday for a friendly soccer game which involves kids from 3rd to 6th grade. The schedule is from 8:30—11:30 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Mighty Middle School Parents:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS – Because of poor weather, our President's Cup volley tournament against the Monseñor Lasagna, Inter and San Andres schools has been delayed until this week. Games are scheduled for 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. this Monday and Tuesday, with the championship games being held on Wednesday. We would love to see you here cheering on our beloved Gators!

ITBS TESTING – With your IOWA Test of Basic Skills approaching on the dates of April 19-21, you can help your child(ren) prepare by reviewing the following list.

CHECKLIST FOR THE DAY OF THE TEST:

- Plan ahead for a peaceful, unhurried evening and morning before the test.
- Make sure your child sleeps well, eats a healthy breakfast, and gets enough water to drink.
- Be on time for school.
- Be prepared with necessary tools such as extra pencils or calculators if allowed.
- Be sure your child understands what to do if he needs to go to the restroom during the test.
- Give an honest effort; take pride in yourself and **DO YOUR BEST**. Never leave an answer blank!

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STUDENT COUNCIL is planning an Asado that will take place on Thursday, April 15. Ticket prices will be announced this week and tickets will be sold all next week. After the asado, students will have the opportunity to play basketball, volleyball, soccer or capture the flag with their teachers or to participate in a Middle School Easter Egg hunt. Also, the two-on-two beach soccer and volley lunch tournament starts this Friday! Encourage your child to sign up if they have not already done so.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Apr 5-7	President's Cup: Middle School (7-8) Volley Tournament
Apr 16	Community Service/PD – ½ Day (Quarter 3 Ends)
Apr 19-21	IOWA Testing
Apr 21	Coffee with the Principal
Apr 23	Quarter 3 Report Cards
Apr 28	MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Cesar Sign-ups)- from 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Apr 29	MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Cesar Sign-ups)- from 8:00am to 12:00pm
Apr 30	Teacher's Day – No School

Bob Imholt

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Honor Roll: These are the 10th grade students who received the Principal's Honor Roll award during the last Awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of them! These students got a GPA of 3.75 or above during the second quarter.

Student

José Pecci González
Olivia María Cabello Gorchs
Miguel Choi
Analia Aveiro Herebia
Janine Hoeckle Lebron
Maximiliano Britez Breuer

Student

Alicia Wang
Nicolás Gómez Enriquez Riart
Rodrigo Mongelós Escauriza
Nino Cricco Doldán
Fabrizio Zuccolillo Mateo
Marizol Park

Honor Roll: These are the 10th grade students who received the Honor Roll award during the last Awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of them! These students got a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 during the second quarter.

Student

Lucia Boettner Breuer
Min Young (Lucía)
Constanza Báez Barrail
Juan Daniel Leño Gómez
Manuel Fronciani Cabrera

Dr. Steven Nilhas

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