



Shakti House Takes The Lead

The House competition between Anyi, Busara, Kleos and Shakti continues, but it is the Shakti House that currently holds the lead! As you know, the Upper School students are divided into these four teams to build school spirit as they work together to earn points for academics, citizenship and community events. Students meet four times each week with their Advisor and Middle School or High School Housemates for Advisory. The curriculum for this class is designed to address skills that will contribute to their success in school, as well as their personal development. Currently in Advisory, students are building on the first unit of study, "Academic Foundations," having moved into the theme of "Personal and Social Development." Students will study topics that include self-exploration, interpersonal skills and conflict resolution.



Shakti students take part in house competition.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the President, Board, Director, Staff, Students and Parents of the IST community, especially Grade 8, for all of their support, thoughts and prayers.

Thank you one and all.
Jeffrey, Jamie, Alida Zobeni

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CHARITY COLLECTION:
We wish to thank all the families who contributed to the clothing collection for the "Associazione Bambini di Trieste". We collected lots of toys for the celebration the Association organized during the Christmas holidays.

BAKE SALE:
Thanks to the staff and students who supported them, we collected € 111,25. Congratulations and keep it up.

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

OPEN DAY:

The Open Day took place today. Classes ended at 12.00 noon, just after lunch.

DIDACTIC PROGRAMS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

We wish to remind you that next week the Director, Mr. Jason Anklowitz, has organized the following informational meetings to present the 2010-2011 academic year programs: Monday 18th for High School; Tuesday 19th for Middle School and Wednesday 20th for Elementary. There will be two meetings per day. The first at 9am and the second at 6pm. Please attend whichever meeting best fits your schedule.

PTA MEETING:

The next PTA meeting will take place Wednesday, January 27th, 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Those who wish to have lunch are kindly asked to call the front office by Monday, January 25th.

Early Childhood

Kinder 2

The month of December focused almost entirely on preparations for and execution of our winter show, "Christmas in the Woods", which was a huge success. All of the children were wonderful participants and put on a very enjoyable show in their beautiful costumes. For our show we learned many interesting facts about different forest animals such as brown bears, brown squirrel, reindeer, and owls, including their different habitats and diets. As part of our study of the traditions of Christmas Santa, came to visit Early Childhood before break and gave out gifts to all the children. It was a very special event and all of the children were very excited.

Kinder 3

We've begun reviewing the alphabet using the Letterland program, focusing on the characters Annie Apple, Bouncy Ben, Clever Cat, and Dippy Duck. We are also discussing the numbers 1 through 10. We have been singing new songs like "Days of the Week" and "I'm a Little Snowman." In addition, we are talking about winter characteristics, such as winter animals, snow and snowmen. The students are performing different activities to learn about winter, like art projects and dances, and as a class we are reading books that relate to the season. Finally, next week, Kinder 3 is going to begin Physical Education with Mr. Vasiliy. We are happy to have begun the new year!

Kinder 4

We are learning all about winter and in our daily weather observations, we are on the lookout for snow and ice. With this colder weather, we've been having group discussions about the importance of wearing hats, mittens and scarves when we go outside. In Math, we've been using charts to show what our favorite winter activities are (skiing, sledding, ice skating, or building snowmen) and whether we prefer mittens or gloves. We've also been sorting, counting and making patterns with winter symbols such as pine trees, mittens and snowflakes. In Science, we're experimenting with ice and trying to determine how ice is formed and what makes ice melt. In Literacy, the focus has been on story telling, sequencing of events and making story predictions. The story of the Gingerbread Man is going to be our next interactive theme also and we're excited about baking our own gingerbread cookies!

Kinder 5

In these cold months, we have been studying winter. We have discussed how nature changes by observing our environment and we have learned about what different animals do during winter. We will be busy extending this theme into art, science and math. We will also discuss three components of our planet air, water and soil. We will then focus on habitats and study Arctic Penguins, expanding this topic to all our subjects. Our letter of the week is Mm and we are learning more and more sight words. We started exploring addition in math and the children are learning enthusiastically though real life experience and play.



For didactic enquiries please schedule an appointment with Director Jason Anklowitz (Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am. or 2:30-3:30)

For administrative enquiries please refer to Paola Zonta.