



The Alabarda

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Library Dallas Foster

Currently in the library Grade One and Grade Two are studying plot and character development through a variety of picture books. Grade Three students are looking at stories with morals and fables and learning how these lessons apply to their everyday lives. Grade Four students have just started their first novel study, Phineas L. Macguire Erupts, a first person narrative about an aspiring fourth grade scientist. in

conjunction with their ongoing study of Medieval Times, Grade five has been reading The Midwife's Apprentice.



Mr. Dallas reads to Grade Three students.

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BAKE SALE: Thanks to students and families of K4 who supported the Bake Sale, we collected € **105.50**. Congratulations and keep it up.

UPCOMING:

UNICEF OFFICER: Today, dott.ssa Salvi, Provincial Director of Unicef was at IST. She received the money collected by the students for the Haiti earthquake victims.

YOUNG MARATHON: Elementary students from grades 1 to 5 will participate in the Young Marathon on **Wednesday, April 28th**.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS: The following overnight Field Trips are confirmed and will take place in the month of May:

- **GRADE 6 – FLORENCE (4 – 7 MAY 2010);**
- **GRADE 7 – VIENNA (3 – 7 MAY 2010);**
- **GRADE 8 – LONDRA (25 – 29 MAY 2010);**
- **GRADE 9 – IRELAND (24 – 28 MAY 2010);**
- **GRADE 11 + 12 PARIS (24 – 28 MAY 2010).**

IST 2010 SURVEY: Next week all the families are being handed out the **IST 2010 Survey**. As last year, the aim is to develop a general idea of the school situation to evaluate aspects that need to be further developed and make improvements. **We remind you that general statistical results will be made public while sensitive data will be managed and seen exclusively by the President and by the administration staff.**

DISCO: Friday, April 30th, 7.00 pm., there will be the MS Dico.

Parent-Teacher Evening: the last Parent-teacher evening will take place on **Thursday, May 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** You may schedule your appointments at the reception starting Monday, May 3rd.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE: We remind you that the next staff development in-service day will be **Friday, May 21st** when school will end at **12:00 o'clock noon**, just after lunch. As we did last time there will be the possibility to have a babysitting service for the EC children until the end of the school day (4 p.m.) as well as afterschool playful group activities for the Elementary, Middle and High school students organised by the PTA. **Anyone interested can fill in the form that was handed out last week and return it to the Office by May 10th. Please note that there will be no bus service at 4.00 p.m. All the buses will leave at 12.00 noon.**

TOEFL TEST: We highly recommend grade 11 and 12 students to take the "TOEFL", a test that measures a student's ability to communicate in English for those going to colleges and universities. The test is accepted by 7,000+ destinations in more than 130 countries and is the most widely accepted English-language test in the world. **The cost of the test is of 225.00 US \$ and that there is the possibility of organising a bus shuttle, with a fee, to Pordenone on the day of the exam.** Testing is offered in **Pordenone May 14th 2010**. Read more at <http://www.ets.org/toefl>.

CLOTHING COLLECTION: From Monday April 26th to Monday May 3rd in the main entrance hall there will be a **Spring clothing collection** for the "Associazione Bambini di Trieste". Looking forward to your precious contribution.

Elementary Italian, ISL, ESL, and Specials

Italian

Grade 1 - Elena Delton

Grade One continues to learn alphabet sounds. We are memorizing the “CHI and CHE “ sounds and working on word pronunciation. We are also reading different stories every quarter.

Grade 2 - De Maria Santa and Elena Delton

We are learning about verbs and how to use verbs in proper sentence form. It is with great enthusiasm that we have begin to learn how to write in cursive. After listening to several fairy tales we now enter into the world of fables. Right now, we are reading “Il gufo che aveva paura del buio “

Grade 4-Maria De Santa

Throughout this quarter we have continued to work with grammar and different styles of writing. After learning about adventure stories and realistic stories we will begin to read thrillers and comedies.

This spring we will learn about and recite the poem “ Specchio” of Salvatore Quasimodo.

Grade 3 - De Maria Santa and Elena Delton

We have finished the third grammar program and conducted the analysis for it. Now, we are going to concentrate on logical analysis. We will be entering into the world of myths and legends. “Pinocchio” continues to keep us good company with he bizzare and entertaining adventures.

Grade 5-Matteo Grade Corrado

We have finished our grammar program now, we are preparing for year- end oral examinations in the form of practice evaluations. We are continuing the study of anthologies. Right now, we are reading “ The Paradiso” of Dante Alighieri.

ESL Janet Searle

The lower elementary students are engaged working in small book-talk groups. Students use these groups to build up their listening and comprehension skills and they enjoy oral activities in connection to the story aimed at building fluency in speaking. The Upper Elementary students have begun to expand their Literacy skills and have taken on the challenge of reading materials used in their grade level classroom. Middle School students have been enthusiastically working on their class presentations about various different topics. They have completed their grade level novels and are working on a variety of literary activities in connection to the novels.

Music Jessica Kopcho

In Elementary Music, we are getting ourselves ready for the summer show, and we are quite busy! We have started learning the show songs in all the classes, and are beginning to create the choreography as well. This summer show’s theme is: “Disney and Musicals.” All of the songs that will be featured in our show have been in either a musical or a Disney movie, and all are VERY fun. We are singing songs from Grease, The Sound of Music, The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, 101 Dalmatians, Les Miserables, and many more. The younger grades are going to start fourth quarter music journals, in which they will look over what we have done for the year, reflect on what we have learned, and keep track of all of the new lyrics that we are learning.

PE Vasiliy Perliyev

The Elementary classes have been performing efficient, creative and expressive movement patterns consistent with an active living lifestyle. Due to the awesome weather in Trieste, we have resumed our classes outside. In Grade One students have been developing their locomotive skills and are playing with balls, beanbags and jump ropes. In Grade Two and Grade Three, students have started a floor hockey unit. They have demonstrated excellent effort in “teamwork”. Grade Four and Grade Five students worked on the different kinds of skills such as passing, throwing, catching and dribbling and will demonstrate these skills in our next unit: Basketball.



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.