

QSI International School of Skopje Weekly News



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Humanitarian Club Food Drive

The six-year-old class will be having a food drive the week of December 8th-12th. All nonperishable items can be brought to the six-year-old classroom during the week. All the food collected will be delivered to the less fortunate people of Skopje. Let's put our best efforts forward and show concern for others. Thank you for your support!

**"The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives
and the dreams shall never die." ~ Edward Kennedy ~**

QSI International School of Skopje Winter Camp 2008

As is true every winter, we have lots of surprises for your child in a friendly, safe, happy environment. Let your child be one of the lucky campers to enjoy a memorable winter program. QSI International School of Skopje is offering a winter camp for three year-olds and up. The number of children will determine how many groups are formed. Our camp is open to all students. The children will be divided into two groups: early years through nine-year-old students and middle school students. The camp will run for one week from December 22-26, Monday to Friday, 09:00-13:00. The cost will be 70 Euros per child for the entire week and includes all materials. However, no snacks will be provided. The camp offers the following activities: arts & crafts, drama, reading, storytelling, movies, filming, computers, fun games, supervised free play, and much more. For more information and a registration form and schedule please contact the office 306-7678.



Working across the Curriculum by Leona

The 11 and 12's worked on a science/language arts project. They were given a sheet of paper with different topics listed and chose one that they were keen on. Every student had a different topic. They worked on posters, text, and they spent most of their science and language arts time working on their oral presentations. Our teachers Mr. Charles and Mrs. Marianne made time for the students to work on them. When we were finished with them, we were given a rubric to check over our projects. We all decided on posters. When we finished everything, we taught our units to the class.



Most of us brought in some material to make the topic clearer. Ema B. brought in some clay to make models of plate tectonics and then made us copy one of her models. Leona brought in a candle, a mug of hot water, and some ice cubes to explain heat transfers. Rob used a Slinky to explain seismic waves. Emma brought in different kinds of sedimentary rocks.

Michelle did convergent plates, Natasha did volcanoes, Arianna explained igneous rocks, and Megi told us all about the layers of the earth. Eszter showed us how different forces change the shape of the earth's surface, and Dominique explained plate movements of the earth. All the posters were used as visual aids and were very colorful. Even the oral presentations were good. We got a grade in science and language arts. All of us did a great job!

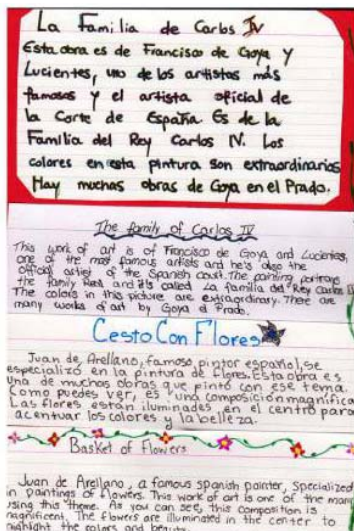
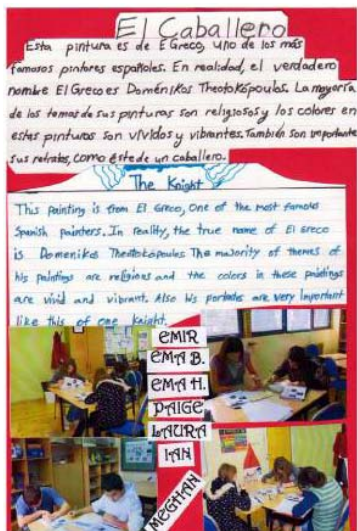


Did You Know? Most Americans eat about 1,500 peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches before graduating from high school.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com>

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Art from the Prado Museum by Tanja Jordanovska



Ms Jordanovska and her Spanish class have been studying about the Prado Museum, a very famous museum in Spain, and some of the great art masterpieces that are in the museum. Her beginner and intermediate Spanish students have heard about the museum and knew a little about it, but wanted to learn more. This was a chance for them to learn about it in Spanish, which is a challenge. They had to learn longer and harder sentences in Spanish about different paintings that are on display in the Prado Museum. Ms Jordanovska was pleased with their positive reception of the text, as well as the way they translated it perfectly.

Art Classes Work with Nature's Natural Substances by Ms Julija Adams

Last week the 4-8 year old classes all had the

opportunity to work with warm beeswax on a cool rainy day. This was a very pleasing multisensory experience for them, and they enjoyed working with the bees wax on a little wooden board. They talked about honeybees and had to oil their hands with the nice smelling sea buckthorn oil, which smells like oranges, before they started their sculptures. It was a nice and peaceful class full of thankfulness for the many gifts coming from our beautiful nature resources.



Keepers Author: Author Unknown

I grew up in the '50s with very practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. My father was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dishtowel in the other.

It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, and renewing -- I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.



Turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie,
Has never touched a fly,
Apples & salad and bread and steak
I eat a lot that I can't take a break.
Never have I eaten so much
Kids aren't such a good judge
So all I should say is that they can't budge
Greeting from aunts and grandmas and grandpas
I hear my grandma say,
"Victory for the Pilgrims for reaching America!"
Isn't this a day to celebrate something nice?
Not if the turkey won't stop eating my rice!"
Giving gifts and thanks to people you like is how
you celebrate this day!

By Emily

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So, while we have it... it is best we love it... and care for it... and fix it when it's broken... and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage... and old cars... and children with bad report cards... and dogs with bad hips... and aging parents... and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

During this holiday season it's time to count our blessings and pause to remember the importance of giving and accepting the important things in our lives. (From *Inspiration Peak* at <http://www.inspirationpeak.com/cgi-bin/stories.cgi?record=139>)





Upper School Competes in the Soccer Tournaments

Our QSI International School of Skopje Boy's Football Team played in a tournament this week. They played four games and won two games. They played against other schools in Skopje. Our team won third place in Skopje. Miron S. scored three goals and Erduan A. scored three goals. Lisjen J. scored two goals and goalie Emir H. made thirteen saves in goal and caught five hard shots on goal that would have been sure goals. Martin and Adam were good defenders. They all played well. Our coach was Mr. Ivica. Members of the team were Emir, Lisjen, Miron, Erduan, Martin, Adam, and Dominique.
Written by Erduan



The girl's football team also played in this tournament. Sara F, Sarah P, Michele, Selina, Natasha, Ema B, Emma F, Ezter, Leona, and Felina were all members of the team. The girls played very well against larger teams. Felina did an outstanding job as the goalie. Sara F scored a goal for QSI. The girls know that winning is not everything and they enjoyed the fun they had at McDonalds.
Written by Nattacha

Weekly Bulletin Items

- Please, notify the office of any changes or updates to your home or mobile phone numbers or email addresses. If there is a change in emergency contact information, the office needs to be informed.
- Work has begun on our school Accreditation for Growth mid-term review. The Planning and Implementation Teams will be reviewing our school Action Plans to update our Strategic Plans for a spring audit by Middle States Association. Please contact the office if you are interested in learning more.
- The Winter Show will be on 15 Dec at the Skopje Ballet and Opera Theater. The show will begin at 6:30. Students should be at the theater by 6:00 to prepare for the performance.
- After school activities end at 4:00. Students must be picked-up no later than 4:05. If you are not able to pick your children up at that time, alternative arrangements must be made. With the colder, wet weather and darker evenings, children must be picked-up on time.



Turkey time!

Have some turkey, friend.
And give me the biggest piece.
Now give me some potatoes.
Kids just please, don't eat the whole piece.
Slow down people.
Give me some turkey; it's not only for you!
I want some turkey, too.
Very funny guys,
I want some turkey, too.
No more turkey you say.
Goose time tomorrow, I think!

By Veronia

Important Dates



- 9 Dec - PTO Meeting 7:45
- 15 Dec - Winter Show 6:30
- 17 Dec - 2nd Quintile Ends
- 19 Dec - Status Reports Go Home
- 19 Dec - 1st Term Ends
- 20 Dec-11 Jan - Winter Break
- 12 Jan - 2nd Term Begins
- 13 Jan - PTO Meeting 7:45
- 27 Jan - Advisory Board Meeting 6:30
- 3 Feb - PTO Meeting
- 16 Feb - 100th Day of School
- 26 Feb - 3rd Quintile Ends
- 27 Feb - Status Reports Go Home

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE...



