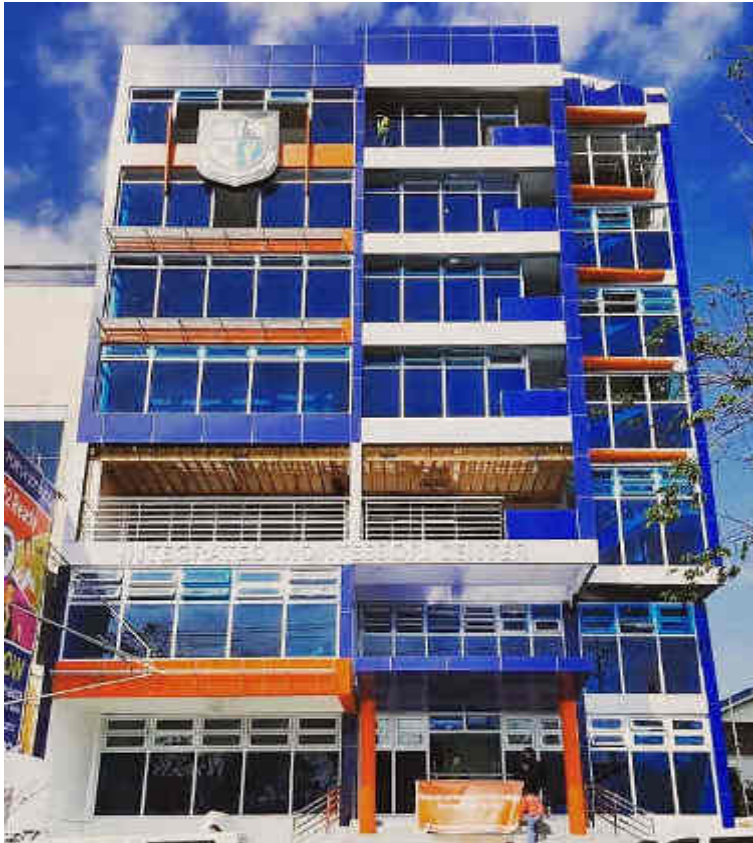




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IMC MORE THAN READY FOR K-12



PRECIOUS IRISH F. ORTALEZA

Integrated Montessori Center proudly announces its new building along Bayani Road set to be fully operational by June 2016.

IMC is one of the first ten schools in Taguig City granted permission to cater to Grades 11 and 12 for the upcoming School Year 2016-2017 in accordance with the DepEd's K-12 curriculum implementation.

The new building will be the home for the High School and Senior High School students. Nestled in the heart of Taguig City, its strategic location makes it accessible to adjacent places like McKinley Hill, Bonifacio Global City, Newport City, and Ayala Center.

Among the other private schools, the vantage has always been IMC's due to its integration

of Montessori approach with other teaching strategies providing an enhanced, context-based, spiral progression learning curriculum. The school also utilizes elements of Singapore curriculum designed to extend, supplement and complement the learning of English, Science, and Mathematics; thus, providing a fun and rewarding learning experience for its learners.

For nearly 25 years, IMC has remained true to its commitment and has made remarkable headway towards providing education at its finest.

IP MAKES ITS WAY TO 32nd MMYWCC

JOSH V. ANUNCIACION

The Intrepid Pen takes pride as six of its staffers alongside their advisers headed their way to the 32nd Metro Manila Young Writers' Conference and Contests (MMYWCC) on November 14 at Highway Hills Integrated School in Mandaluyong City.

After winning in the Division Young Writers Conference and Contests (DYWCC) in Taguig and Division Schools Press Conference and Contests (DSPCC) in Makati respectively, they had qualified and competed with students coming from different private and public schools in Metro Manila. The participants were trained by Teachers Ray April S. Bravo, Ninfa C. Ferrer, and Marjorie C. Reyes.

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The students who participated MMYWCC are as follows:

Trisha Mae O. Penuliar (Guadalupe),
Feature Writing - 1st Place
 Kris Carl F. Quirapas (Guadalupe),
Editorial Writing- 2nd Place
 James Khalel C. Benigno (Diego Silang),
Science and Health Writing – 2nd Place
 Gia Ibby C. Sison (Guadalupe),
News Writing- 5th Place
 Julienne Samantha K. Razo (Diego Silang),
Pagsulat ng Balitang Pang-agham at
Pangkalusugan – 6th Place
 John Benjamin V. Oseo (Diego Silang),
News Writing – 9th Place

Moreover, IP is also proud of its members who won in the 3rd Division Journalism Qualifiers (DJQ) on September 26, 2015 for Private Schools: Mickaela A. Aspuria (2nd Place, *English Category*), Josh A. Anunciacion (7th Place, *English Category*), and Danielle Agatha C. Barinque (7th place, *Filipino Category*) in News Writing; Lyssa Jennifer Rae M. Garcia (5th Place, *Filipino Category*) and Marynette Angel A. Muñoz (8th Place, *English Category*) in Sports Writing; Sydney B. Dayday (3rd Place, *Filipino Category*), Daniella Breanna M. Cadungog (4th Place, *English Category*), and Ayseah Yzabelle S. Rodrigo (5th Place, *English Category*) in Photojournalism; Maxine Morgan Unson (3rd Place, *English Category*), Jasmine Claire F. Cagaoan (6th Place, *Filipino Category*), Princess Jericha R. Abe (7th Place, *English Category*) and Celestine Janne F. Salimbangon (9th Place, *Filipino Category*) in Feature Writing; Samantha Andrea Nicole S. Maliwat (1st Place, *Filipino Category*), Carla Jacqueline A. Limjap (2nd Place, *Filipino Category*) in Editorial Writing; Remalyn O. Manongdo (6th Place, *English Category*), and Carl Miguel Y. Rambaud (7th Place, *Filipino Category*) in Editorial Cartooning; Maria Amor G. Eco (2nd Place, *Filipino Category*) and Kurt Lancelot B. Badong (5th Place, *English Category*) in Science and Health Writing; and Jonathan Gabriel T. Cuadro (7th Place, *English Category*) and Elijah Gabriel P. Protasio (10th Place, *English Category*) in Copyreading and Headline Writing.



Teachers Julia Legardo, Lara Charrise Reyes, Ninfa Ferrer, and Ray April Bravo served as the trainers for the little journalists. With the accumulated winnings of both elementary and high school Intrepid Pen contestants, IMC ranked 2nd runner-up among all the private schools who competed in the said event.

It has always been a passion of Intrepid Pen to awaken the love for writing and to expose young writers in the field of journalism.



TEAMS CLASH IN SCIMALYMPICS 2015

KYLA IMOGEN CABATAÑA

The Science and Math Departments joined forces to boost students' interest in Science and Math thru an Olympic-type challenge dubbed as SciMalympics held on September 28 at the Multipurpose Hall.

The contest aims not only to expand their knowledge with the said subjects but also to develop sportsmanship and improve their bodily performances such as agility, steadiness and alertness.

The following students successfully finished all the challenges and were announced as winners:

First Place – Team Euclid

Grade One

Ethan Walt Elijah S. Cabatangan
 Clarence Joy T. Manipon
 Keith Irvin P. Arnaiz

Grade Two

James Ronald D. Ferrer
 Simone Nathania R. Bernardo
 Ayana Susuki

Grade Three

Zylina Beatrice V. Deoferio
 Jermaine O. Canlas
 Christopher John L. Awitan

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IMC WIZARDS SHINE IN 2016 MATH CHALLENGE

JONATHAN GABRIEL T. CUADRO

Two teams from IMC Diego Silang soared high during the 2016 Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (MMC) Regional Team Finals held on February 29, 2016 at Rizal High School in Pasig.

Among the 12 private and public schools, the Grade 1 Team which is composed of Tyrone Lemuel Cabiao, Jia Ruth Lauren Condino, and Djiren Riel Abdao, together with their coach T. Lolly M. Hidalgo, won 3rd place while the Grade 5 Team which is composed of Jonathan Gabriel T. Cuadro, Mickaela A. Aspuria, and Elijah Gabriel T. Protasio, together with their coach T. Jaycent Bancud, ranked 6th. Meanwhile, Tyrone Lemuel Cabiao won 9th place in the Individual Regional Competition.

The Grade 1 Team competed with the other teams coming from Saint Jude Catholic School, San Beda College, University of the Philippines Integrated School, and Xavier School. On the other hand, The Grade 5 Team fought against teams from Ateneo de Manila University, Grace Christian College, MGC New Life Christian Academy, among other schools.

These teams' journey to regionals was no small feat for they had to beat other schools in a series of eliminations which began on January.

The Grade 1 Team won 1st place out of 14 competing private schools in the Sectoral Level held on February 9 at Pinaglabanan Elementary School in San Juan. Cabiao placed 6th while Condino placed 7th in the Individual Sectoral Finals.

While on February 4, the IMC pupils competed in the Area Team Finals at Treston International College in BGC, Taguig where they won 2nd Place. Among the 13 private schools in NCR that competed, the following members were all merit awardees in the individual category:

Cabiao (Grade 1, 1st Honors), Condino (Grade 1, 2nd Honors), and Abdao (Grade 1, 3rd Honors), Samantha Mhykhyle Francisco (Grade 3, 1st Honors), Jarvey Meejel London (Grade 4, 2nd Honors) Katrina Dela Rama (Grade 4, 2nd Honors), Jonathan Gabriel T. Cuadro, (Grade 5, 3rd Honors), Aaron Drin S. Magpan-tay Grade 6, 3rd Honors), Pia Elaine Morales (Grade 6, 2nd Honors) and Leonabelle Espejo (Grade 6, 2nd Honors)

In the Sectoral Individual Category held at San Francisco High School in Cubao, Quezon City, Jarvey Meejel London ranked 9th while Katrina Dela Rama ranked 10th among the fourth graders who joined. Moreover, Samantha Mykhyle Francisco ranked 10th among the third graders who participated.

Tracing back the first elimination held at R.P. Cruz Elementary School on January 14, the Grade 1 Team won 1st place Grade 2 won 2nd place, Grade 3 Team won 2nd place, Grade 4 Team won 1st, Grade 5 Team placed 2nd and Grade 6 ranked 2nd after competing with other schools in Taguig.

The 2016 Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge(MMC) is organized by Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines (MTAP), the Metrobank Foundation Inc. (MBFI), and Department of Education (DepEd). On its 15th year of nationwide competition, it continues to contribute in the improvement of quality of Mathematics Education in the country.



IMCIANS REAP HONORS IN ICAS – MATH AND SCIENCE

MARIA AMOR ECO

IMC students have shown once again their impressive performance in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Math and Science.

With numerous participants from different grade levels, most of them made it to the top. Here is the list of students who bagged awards in the said competition:

ICAS Science	Award
Cuadro, Jonathan Gabriel	High Distinction
Dela Rama, Katrina Isabelle	High Distinction
Cruz, Aleanah	Distinction
Mamawag, Rephael Viktor	Distinction
De Vera, Jellyn	Credit
Espejo, Leonabelle	Credit
Madayag, Claire	Credit
Pili, Kirsten	Credit
Razo, Julianne Samantha	Credit
Tabling, Trixie Lievn	Credit
Orpilla, Kelvin	Credit
Panizales, Florence	Merit
Rodriguez, Jhanella Catrie	Merit
ICAS Math	Award
London, Jarvey Meejel	Distinction
Valbuena, Alijah Dale	Credit
Cruz, Aleanah Chanel	Credit
Dela Rama, Katrina Isabelle	Credit
Lozada, Luc	Credit
Cuadro, Jonathan	Credit
Valbuena, Allen Benedict	Credit
Mamawag, Rephael Viktor	Merit
Aspuria, Mickaela Alejandro	Merit
Protasio, Elijah Gabriel	Merit
Torrato, Eritch Angela	Merit
Co, Samantha Illanz F.	Merit

This only proves that IMC pupils will always rise to the top no matter what.

THE 2016 PRESIDENTIABLES

TRISHA MAE O. PENULIAR

Today, the Philippines is already at risk of becoming a nation with no strong economy, a place of low security and a country of injustice.

We are an archipelago on distress. These reasons answer why it is very crucial to make the right choice on electing the future leader of our society. Every move this elected leader makes affects the future of the next generations. It is like how President Corazon Aquino created the Commission on Human Rights that is still active until today, protecting every Filipino from abuse and prejudice. One mistake the leader commits becomes a burden not only for him or her, but for the people who trust his or her governance.

The contenders for the presidential position are: Mar Roxas, Jejomar Binay, Grace Poe, Miriam Defensor-Santiago and Rodrigo Duterte. All of them are vying for the highest position in the country.

Part of the current administration's hierarchy, Mar Roxas, is a member of the Liberal Party and served as the former head of Department of Interior and Local Government. He is also known for the Yolanda Disaster, Zamboanga Siege and the Police operational integrity and lastly remembered for the lack of action in the Lumad killings. With this anonymity associated with his name, President Benigno Simeon Aquino III endorsed him despite those controversies.

Under the United Nationalist Alliance is the current Vice President, Jejomar Binay. While he was still the mayor of Makati City, he was accused of numerous plunder issues. He was questioned because of their family's wealth and concealed luxurious lifestyle but firmly denies all of them. His main programs and platforms are for the needy.


Grace Poe is the former head of MTRCB and was recently interrogated for her undetermined nationality. She faced disqualification cases by the Comelec but got through them anyway. Poe was elected as a sitting member of the senate but so far, she has no known records that helped the nation. She is a member of our current senate and has a fine reputation. She is quite pedantic when it comes to judicial matters.

Miriam Santiago stands firm for her decisions and is a very good public speaker. She believes that she can change the current structure of the Philippines "outstanding" government. She is being questioned with her capacity to rule the country in the next six years because of her drastic cancer record.

Lastly, we have Rodrigo Duterte who is known as the mayor of Davao City. With less crimes and less criminals in his domain, Mayor Duterte has indeed created a utopia. He ran for president because of the increasing demands of the citizens not only in Davao but also from other places. Many believe that his boldness and revolutionary approach can change our current government.

What should be our leader made of? Should he or she be made of sugar and spice? Or maybe, everything nice?





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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

JOHN BENJAMIN V. OSEO

Students nowadays will do anything just to finish homework, projects, and assigned tasks on time and we often seek the help of different search engines and sites like Google and Wikipedia. But do we really use them correctly and responsibly?

In a generation where students are accustomed to a culture of copy-paste, we have easy access to information and claiming others' ideas as one's own has now become rampant and normal. As a result, students have lost their sense of academic integrity.

What is academic integrity?

It is defined by The International Center for Academic Integrity as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to six fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action.

More than enhancing and perfecting one's knowledge and skills, every student should enrich the values that he or she must have in order to be successful in life.

Resorting to cheating, plagiarism, and academic dishonesty is never an option. We should always possess the values of a student who has a great sense of academic integrity because a student who has integrity is tantamount to a morally-upright and a responsible citizen of our nation.

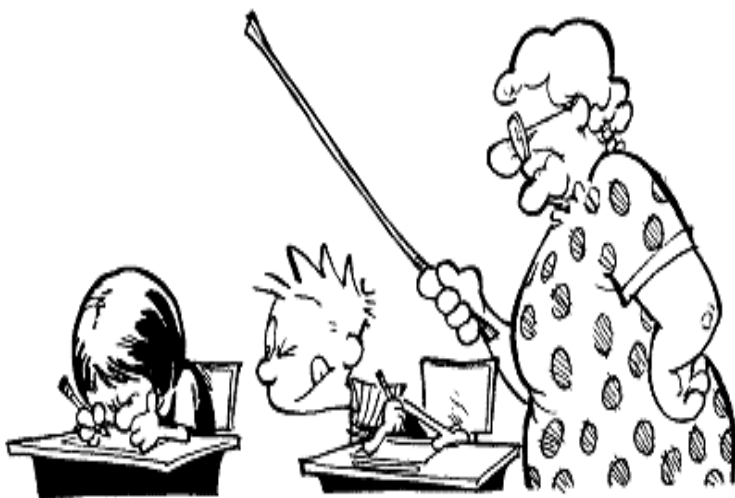


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ALL ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA

JELLYN L. DE VERA

In a world where almost everyone is a digital native, social media has become a pivotal tool of communication used by people from different parts of the globe.

Who doesn't use Facebook, Messenger, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, Snapchat, Viber, WeChat, Tumblr and Skype? These applications have been a necessity and people can't stand a day without accessing them for these social media apps allow them to connect with others in just a click.

Social media can also be used as a form of recreation and it makes information more and more accessible. But these apps also pose some risks to the users. Since everyone can post online, information is difficult to filter and assess which is true or otherwise. Children nowadays are being easily influenced by what they see while they surf the internet. Some inappropriate posts are being copied and shared by the young users for they think that it is okay for they get to access them easily.

It also provides a new setting for bullying known as cyber-bullying. Users can easily bash and say repulsive remarks over a post and things can get out of hand. Books in libraries are already neglected for people would prefer Google's assistance over a librarian's. Students tend to be less productive for the reason that they are distracted by most online applications. Eyes and fingers are glued on their laptops, tablets, and phones. Social media was purposively created and designed to connect people but in reality, it is "disconnecting" people. It has lessen meaningful relationships for now, talking and interacting equivocates to typing messages and clicking the post or sent button. Moreover, a user's privacy and security are also at risk since loads of students would reveal their current location, phone numbers, recent activities, and many more for opportunist thieves, hackers, and scammers take advantage of these pieces of information.

Inarguably, social media has a lot of pros but we also have to be aware and conscious of its threatening cons.

PUPILS FACE OFF ANEW IN BRAIN QUEST 2016

MICKAELA A. ASPURIA

Brainquesters coming from different branches and levels competed anew in Brain Quest 2016 on February 16 at the Multipurpose Hall (MPH) of IMC Diego Silang.

This annual quiz bee has been one of the most pivotal events in the IMC academic calendar in which pupils get to showcase their cerebral prowess and get the chance to compete among their contemporaries in a very healthy yet intellectually challenging milieu.

The following pupils emerged as this year's winners:

GRADE 1

1st Place Jia Ruth Lauren P. Condino (DS)

2nd Place Tyrone Lemuel V. Cabiao (DS)

3rd Place Precious Mia P. Peraren (DS)



GRADE 2

1st Place Armand Peter L. Rebenito (DS)

2nd Place James Ronald D. Ferrer (VAB)

3rd Place Rien Lewis Pecson (DS)

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IMC GUADALUPE TRIUMPHS IN PASIKLABAN SA PAARALAN 2015

KRIS CARL F. QUIRAPAS



IMC Guadalupe's Trisha Mae O. Penuliar was declared as Pasiklaban sa Paaralan 2015 Champion on December 15 held at St. Paul College Makati.

Pasiklaban sa Paaralan, the only ICT-Integrated Traveling Quiz show in the country, is organized by one of IMC's learning partners, Diwa Publishing, Inc. Among the 10 contestants coming from different private schools, Penuliar scored 170 points under the elementary category and finished as a qualifier for the Regional Finals.

Also victorious in the said competition is Vivienne Fellice F. Alamil who was the representative of the High School Department. Alamil bagged 2nd runner up.

A DAY IN THE OUTER SPACE

DEBORRAH M. ESTRELLA

In celebration of the Math and Science Month, IMCians became Zeteonauts or the latest recruits of Zeteo Academy on September 28 and 30, 2015 as they accepted the mission to save humanity.

Zeteo Academy is a 7D Edutainment (Education + Entertainment) Experience stimulating the minds of students and adults alike by targeting the 3 Senses -- seeing, hearing, and feeling. During the activity, IMC pupils took a ride inside Maharlika I which is a bus designed like a space vessel that digitally flies through the planets of our Solar System, warps to other Galaxies, and explores the Universe. With the Immersive and Interactive Environment inside Maharlika I, they took part in the experience of

Space Exploration by helping Captain Kuya fly and defend Maharlika I from the uncontrollable elements of Outer Space.

"The kids really enjoyed the whole Zeteo experience which is evident on our pupils' faces. Everyone was excited to participate and to do their mission and this experience has opened the gate of curiosity which is as vast as the immeasurable universe," Science Coordinator Teacher Pawlik told IP.

With the inclusion of lessons based on the K-12 Curriculum of the Philippines, the IMCians turned Zeteonauts learned and appreciated Earth and Space in a very fun-filled, futuristic, and meaningful activity.



DELA RAMA TOPS 2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)—ENGLISH IN THE PH

MARIA AMOR ECO

Katrina Isabelle Dela Rama, an IMC 4th grader, is one of the seven students from the Philippines who were awarded for their outstanding achievements and for being the top scorers among the 100 participants from New Zealand and the Pacific Region in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) – English conducted on July 2015.

The top scorers in each year level received their medals and certificates during the 10th Philippine Sudoku Super Challenge National Finals held at The Skydome, SM North EDSA, Quezon City on January 30, 2016.

ICAS is an independent skills-based assessment with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students.

Furthermore, the following pupils are also winners of ICAS-English: Jonathan Gabriel T. Cuadro, Grade 5 – Distinction Award; Samantha Illanz F. Co, Grade 6 – Credit Award; and Kurt Lancelot B. Badong, Grade 4 – Merit Award.

Indeed, these pupils of IMC have added another feather to its cap.



BRAIN QUEST...(Continued from page 6)

GRADE 3

- 1st Place Phoebe Elia A. Morales (DS)
- 2nd Place Ayessa Grinn A. Santos (CAL.)
- 3rd Place Samantha Mhykhyle S. Francisco (DS)

GRADE 4

- 1st Place Sophia Naomi F. Barredo (GUAD)
- 2nd Place Andrei M. Pabellano (DS)
- 3rd Place Katrina Isabelle P. Dela Rama (DS)

GRADE 5 English

- 1st Place Jonathan Gabriele T. Cuadro (DS)
- 2nd Place Mickaela A. Aspuria (DS)
- 3rd Place Gayle Izha C. Sison (GUAD)

GRADE 5 Math

- 1st Place Jonathan Gabriele T. Cuadro (DS)
- 2nd Place Allen Benedict S. Valbuena (GUAD)
- 3rd Place Mickaela A. Aspuria (DS)

GRADE 5 Science

- 1st Place Jasmine Claire F. Cagaoan (DS)
- 2nd Place Ethan Max B. Inciong (CAL.)
- 3rd Place Trisha Mae O. Penuliar (GUAD.)

Grade 6 English

- 1st Gia Ibby C. Sison (GUAD.)
- 2nd Josh V. Anunciacion (DS)
- 3rd Christ Joi U. Gloria (DS)

GRADE 6 MATH

- 1st Pia Elaine A. Morales (DS)
- 2nd Samantha Illanz F. Co (VAB)
- 3rd Kris Carl F. Quirapas (GUAD)

GRADE 6 SCIENCE

- 1st Jellyn L. De Vera (VAB)
- 2nd Carl Miguel Y. Rambaud (DS)
- 3rd Arwen Gertrude L. Musngi (DS)

Teachers Laurence, Lara, and Derry served as the quizmasters, Teacher Artie as the host of the competition, and Teacher Ivy, with the assistance of Teacher Sheila, as this year's event coordinator.

"This year's Brain Quest has proven once again how intelligent IMC pupils are," Teacher Ivy shared IP. "With the concerted efforts of the participants, parents, and the entire IMC faculty, the event was indeed a success."

After answering all the tough questions, the tallying of scores, and declaration of the winners, the IMC pupils are already looking forward for another challenging and thought-provoking Brain Quest next school year.



NUTRITION MONTH: TOWARDS A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

MICHAL SOFIA LUA

A lot of kids nowadays would rather play all day with their gadgets instead of getting into fun physical activities. Gadgets have awesome games and they can be very addicting. Aside from that, they also prefer to eat junk foods for they are tasty, savory and not to mention cheap. Unfortunately, these choices are bad for the body because they do not provide the right nourishment for the body.

In order to educate the students about healthy living through proper nutrition and regular physical exercises, IMC celebrated Nutrition month in the whole month of July with the theme, "Timbang Iwasto sa Tamang Nutrisyon at Ehersisyo."

IMC students engaged in different activities to promote healthy lifestyle. From July 13-14, Classroom Campaign to Promote Good Health Habits was launched for all grade levels. Film showing for Grades 1 and 2 featured the movie, Heavy Weights, which ran from July 15-16. Students also participated in several competitions that tested their awareness and understanding of Nutrition Month's importance. Here are the contests' results:



July 17- Slogan Making Contest
(Grade 3)

1st Place- Juliana Sabina V.Salcedo
(Mercury)

2nd Place- Lindsay Angela F. Azura
(Silver)

3rd Place- John Michael C. Torres
(Silver)

July 20 - Fruit Salad Making Contest
(Grade 5)

1st Place- Chromium

2nd Place- Chromium

3rd Place- Copper

July 28 – Shake It Off/ Vegetable
Shake Making Contest (Grade 6)

1st Place– Nickel

2nd Place – Cobalt

3rd Place – Tungsten

The winners were awarded with certificates on July 31 which was the culminating day. IMC students surely learned a lot about proper nutrition and regular exercise through the fun activities prepared for them. Teacher Valen B. Calayan chaired this year's celebration of Nutrition Month.



PUPILS BID GOODBYE TO MANUAL SPG ELECTIONS

JOHN BENJAMIN V. OSEO

Pupils from Grade 4 to 6 voted for their desired candidates that completed the roster of student leaders known as Supreme Pupils Government or SPG in an automated elections for the second time around via Genyo e-Learning Management System.

Instead of using the usual ballots used in a manual election, pupils headed to the Computer Laboratory and hovered over the mouse of the computers and clicked the names of their candidates of choice.

Aaron Magpantay's Y.A.H.O.O. Party went up against Leonabelle Espejo's U.S. Party. Instantaneously, the following pupils were declared as winners:

President: Aaron Drin S. Magpantay

Vice President: Shekinah Deborah Santos

Secretary: Roanne Kristel Rimas

Treasurer: Althea Dane Gregorio

Auditor: Danielle Agatha Barinque

P.R.O.: John Benjamin V. Oseo

Sgt. at Arms: Christi Joi Gloria

Representatives:

Grade 6: Hasmin De Vera

Grade 5: Jasmin Claire Cagaoan

Grade 4: Skyler Edwards

KIDS AND TEACHERS DRESS UP FOR HALLOWEEN 2015

It has been a tradition in IMC that pupils, teachers, administrators, and staff dress up their best during Halloween which also signals the first break for the school year.

On the month of October, the classrooms and hallways were filled with bats, pumpkins, spider webs, and other scary decorations. Pupils from lower levels visited the classroom and had trick or treat filling their baskets with chocolates, candies, and other treats. Each class also prepared games and gimmicks to heighten the spooky feeling brought forth by Halloween.





SCHOOL CONDUCTS FIRE AND EARTHQUAKE DRILLS

NAOMI F. NIVERA

The IMC pupils seriously participated in the Fire and Earthquake Drill held on July 30, 2015. IMC conducts fire and earthquake drills at least once a year to be sure everyone in the school knows how to get outside quickly and calmly in case of a disaster.

These drills and exercises are extremely important part of the students', teachers' and staff's preparedness plan because they teach them how to respond to the complications of an actual fire or earthquake, and they help them evaluate how well all parts of the emergency plan work together, and how well the staff and students of IMC have been trained.

BOOK FAIR ADVENTURES

MAXINE MORGAN UNSON and MICHAL SOFIA LUA

Ernest Hemingway said that there is no friend as loyal as a book. A book can be a constant companion, always there like a loyal friend ready to have adventures.

This school year, IMC treated its students again to a wonderful world of adventures through the Scholastics Book Fairs. The first book fair ran from July 20 to 24, and was set up inside the Audio Visual Room (AVR). Teacher Karen May Lagumbay led the ribbon cutting ceremony on the first day which signaled the start of the event. Students from the gradeschool department bolted towards the bookshelves and became busy listing down the books they wanted on their wish lists. This is a common practice during Scholastics Book Fairs, the wish list will be brought home and shown to the parents. The first graders were also given a chance to meet Thea Stilton, the star guest for this year. Thea Stilton is one of the many characters from the famous Geronimo Stilton book series by Elisabetta Dami. IMC students, especially bookworms had a blast

as they eagerly participated in this year's *Under the Sea*-themed book fair. They excitedly went to the AVR and returned to their classrooms happy with plenty of books to read, to draw in, or even fun toys to play with.

The AVR was packed with students during breaks and dismissal time. Most of the students looked for books they needed for their assignments or book reports while others searched for their favorite book series. Some parents also came to participate in the book fair.

The Scholastics Book Fair made a return on January 11 to 15, 2016 with the theme, "Sir Readalot's Castle". This time it was held at the waiting area near the school canteen. At the opening ceremony, Grades 1-3 got to meet the big red dog Clifford, one of the children's well-loved Scholastics book characters. And once again, students invaded the book fair armed with pens, wish list, and passion for reading and they were all excited for another round of adventure!



Scimalympics... (Continued from page 2)

Second Place – Team Pascal

Grade One
Ysha P. Joson
David Alejandro B. Uy
Andrei A. Andaya

Grade Two
Reign Aljean F. Somera
Eileen Louise D. Vicedor
Jeeogn Dlein Ruiz

Grade Three
Curt Matthew L. Maderse
Alijah Dale S. Valbuena
Miguel M. Mojica

Third Place – Team Ampere

Grade One
Djiren Riel Abdao
Dana D.S. Moya
Sophia Elyse R. Bolanos

Grade Two
Mara Stephanie Y. Remonte
Kim Rose N. Vasquez
Caridee Colleen D. Caindoc

Grade Three
Sebastian Conrad C. Silvederio
AlexaLouise A. Timbang
Julia Sabina V. Salcedo

First Place – Team Pascal

Grade Four
Katrina Dela Rama
Kurt Lancelot Badong
Paul Michael De Jesus

Grade Five
Aaron David Thomas Amor
Mickaela Aspuria
Julienne Samantha K. Razo

Grade Six
Aikra Oleta
Aaron Magpantay
Kirtsen Y. Pili

Second Place – Team Ampere

Grade Four
Andrei Pabellano
Marynette Angel Muñoz
Ryza Abadier

Grade Five
Jonathan Gabriel Cuadro
Elijah Protasio
Maria Amor Eco

Grade Six
Arwen Musñigi
Carl Miguel Rambaud
Leonabelle Espejo

Third Place – Team Einstein

Grade Four

Ryza Mae A. Bacudo
Micaiah Shaina R. Bernardo
John Vincent O. Suñas

Grade Five
Eritch Angela T. Toratto
Darlene Chandler S. Gloria
Sophia Clara C. Cayan

Grade Six
Jellyn L. De Vera
Samantha Illanz F. Co
Rianne Mae A. Manuel

It was indeed an entertaining and enjoyable experience to all who joined the event. More exciting mental and physical challenges await the new set of teams in the next Scimalympics.



BUWAN NG WIKANG PAMBANSA 2016



CARLA JACQUELINE A. LIMJAP

Ang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa ay pagpapatunay at pagpapahalaga sa pagmamahal natin sa ating wikang pambansa.

Ang Integrated Montessori Center ay taon-taong nakikiisa sa pagdiriwang na ito. Naniniwala silang ang pagsuporta sa programang ito ay nakapagpapataas ng pagka-Pilipino ng bawat isa sa atin. Dahil dito, hindi nawawalan ng mga palatuntunang nagpapahalaga sa ating kultura at pagiging Pilipino sa nasabing paaralan.

Bahagi ng pagdiriwang ay ang mga patimpalak sa pagbigkas ng tula, deklamasyon, malikhaing pagkukuwento at iba pa. Itinatanghal din sa palatuntunan ang iba't-ibang kasuotan at diyalekto sa iba't-ibang rehiyon sa bansa.

Ang mga nagwagi sa mga patimpalak:

Unang Baitang – Pagbigkas ng Tula

- 1st - Ysha Joson at Eion Jae Uggadan
- 2nd - Arianna Lane Aparicio at Djiren Riel Abdao
- 3rd - Andrei James Taberdo at Clarence Joy Manipon

Ikalawang Baitang – Malikhaing Pagkukuwento

- 1st - Pangkat Villamor
- 2nd - Pangkat Iodine
- 3rd - Pangkat Guadalupe

Ikatlong Baitang – Sabayang Bigkas

- 1st - Pangkat Silver
- 2nd - Pangkat Iron at Aluminum
- 3rd - Pangkat Mercury

Ikaapat na Baitang – Pagtatalumpati

- 1st - Precious Tolentino
- 2nd - Riz Althea Buen
- 3rd - Ryza Abadier

Ikalimang Baitang – Deklamasyon

- 1st - Trisha Mae Penuliar
- 2nd - Carla Jacqueline Limjap
- 3rd - Maxene Wamelda

Ikaanim na Baitang – Madulang Interpretasyon

- 1st - Pangkat Nickel at Villamor
- 2nd - Pangkat Cobalt
- 3rd - Pangkat Tungsten at Guadalupe

Ang mga nasabing pagtatanghal ng mga mag-aaral ay nagpapakita ng kanilang pagmamahal, pagpapahalaga at pagmamalaking sila ay tunay na Pilipino!

A LANGUAGE OF ELOQUENCE TOWARDS A STURDY FUTURE

SAMANTHA ILLANZ F. CO

Integrated Montessori Center had a month-long celebration of English Festival in January which was concluded by a very festive and futuristic culminating program on February 2, 2016.

In a world digital literacy and global competitiveness is a requisite, the English language has become a pivotal tool of people from different parts of the globe and it is indeed a language worth celebrating.

Scholastics Book Fair was with us for the festival's opening activity and it was followed by the spelling bee held simultaneously in all IMC branches. We also had Doodle Art, Essay Writing and Poem Writing Contest using Genyo from Diwa Learning Systems. This festival is not just a celebration of the English language but also a display of talent, ingenuity, passion, and above all—hardwork. This year's theme is "English: A Language of Eloquence Towards a Sturdy Future".

The following students shone in this year's festival and declared as winners:

Spelling Bee:

Grade 1

Calamba- Vincenzia G. Bartolome
DS - Jia Ruth Lauren P. Condino
Guada- Andrei A. Andaya
Villamor- Clarence Joy T. Manipon

Grade 2

Calamba-Alfonso Simon O. Alegre
DS - Mara Stephanie Y. Remonte
Guadalupe- Jeeogn Dlein I. Ruiz
Villamor- Ayame M. Suzuki

Grade 3

Calamba- Ayessa Grinn A. Santos
DS - Claire N. Madayag
Guadalupe- Alijah Dale S. Valbuena
Villamor- Persius Rey Terrenal Jr.

Doodle Art Making Contest

Grade 4

Calamba- Louiebelle Maxime B. Briz
DS - Precious Anne B. Tolentino
Guadalupe-Sophia Naomi F. Barredo
Villamor-Micaiah Shaina R. Bernardo

Essay Writing Contests

Grade 5

Calamba-Mauray Matthew Q. Llenado
DS- Carla Jacqueline A. Limjap
Guada- Allen Benedict S. Valbuena
Villamor- Sophia Clara C. Cayanan

Poem Writing Contest

Grade 6

Calamba- Justin Vernor R. Oronce
DS - John Benjamin V. Oseo
Guadalupe- Marhea Joyce G. Miguel
Villamor- Jellyn L. De Vera

Culminating Program Winners:

Grade 1 Choral Poem Recitation

1st place- Calamba
2nd place- Guadalupe
3rd place- Bismuth

Grade 2 Creative Storytelling

1st place- Guadalupe
2nd place- Chlorine
3rd place- Villamor

Grade 3 Jazz Chant

1st place- Iron
2nd place- Silver
3rd place- Aluminum

Grade 4 Readers Theatre

1st place- Calcium and Cesium
2nd place- Potassium and Guadalupe
3rd place- Sodium

Grade 5 Rap Poem Interpretation

1st place- Chromium
2nd place- Villamor
3rd place- Calamba

Grade 6 Dramatic Speech Choir

1st place-Tungsten
2nd place- Cobalt
3rd place- Guadalupe

The English Language plays an important role in bridging the gap, in uniting different nations, in opening doors of possibilities — leading us all towards a luminescent future.



IT'S MORE FUN IN IMC!

"For me, what's most fun about IMC is everything about it. Yes, EVERYTHING! I love my classmates, my teachers, and the fun activities in school. So what makes IMC really fun? The answer is EVERYTHING ABOUT IT."

- Aisha Dawn Lumio, Grade 4

"IMC and its teachers have different exciting activities such as games, game quizzes, FID play, and many more. The school even has a computer lab! In Science, you can have lots of experiments. We also have a learning site called Genyo where we can check our assignments and projects. It is really more fun in IMC and that is a promise!"

- Malachai P. Hernandez, Grade 4

"IMC is really unique and it is fun to be in this school. It gets better and better every year! It is truly memorable and fun to be here. It is such a pleasure that I get to study here."

- Zelia Leinj Padua, Grade 4

"Some of the activities we have here are the competitions like Brain Quest, Theatrical Plays, Scimlympics, and a lot more! Our teachers provide us proper education. Whether they are strict or nice, still, they give you quality education."

- Paul Michael De Jesus, Grade 4

"It is more fun in IMC because it has nice classrooms, fantastic events, and a wider multipurpose hall. You can learn fun stuff at IMC including sports and news writing. It also has amazing and smart teachers."

- Kyla Nicole C. Ibarra, Grade 5

"IMC gives every student a chance to participate even in just a little part of an activity. In almost every event, the students are given the chance to show their talents."

- Yohanna Czanel Narciso, Grade 5

STUDENTS' NOOK

"Even as a grade four pupil like me, I think having a program for girl scouts and boy scouts is a good idea. Everyone of us should have an idea about leadership and survival skills."

- Aisha Dawn Lumio

"I hope that there will be field trips in IMC. I also suggest having elevators, clubrooms, more emergency drills, new doors and windows, and some new games in Sports Fest."

- Malachai P. Hernandez

"I suggest that the school should have girl scouts and boy scouts because I want myself and the others to be much more exposed to nature and to help plant more trees. I also hope we have lockers so that we can put our books, bags, and other important things in it. Field trips let us explore and see the importance of nature instead of staying at home, and watching T.V. So I also suggest having it in IMC. And one more thing, I wish we have a bigger library so that every time the Intrepid Pen holds a meeting, there will be more space and we can scan and read books more often."

- Zelia Leinj Padua

"I think there should be a field trip every year. I have been schooling IMC for three years and I still haven't experienced a field trip."

- Nathan Raleigh Matias

"Well, for one thing, there should be something for disabled students/old women/men. The stairs are too steep that after three flights of stairs, your lungs are on fire. Perhaps, an elevator may do. And an actual gym may also be of good help for PE activities."

- Maxine Morgan Unson

"I suggest that there should be gymnasium, larger classrooms, bigger library, better bathrooms, larger science lab, lockers, and the use of Kindle instead of books."

- Yesha Fadriquela

For a better IMC, I suggest maybe having a detention session so if students disobey, they will not just be sent to the guidance office. I am thinking of a "read the whole book" punishment. If we do this, we will have more behaved students."

- Yohanna Czanel S. Narciso

AN ART RE-EMERGES

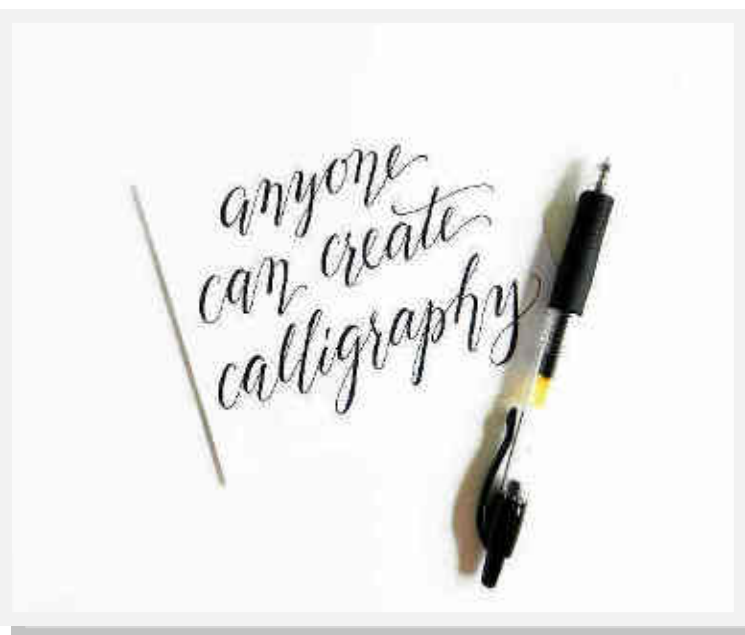
LYSSA JENNIFER RAE M. GARCIA

Calligraphy is making a great comeback and it's never been this cool and easy.

For those who have been living under a rock lately and do not know what calligraphy is, it is defined by Wikipedia as a visual art related to writing and it is the design and execution of lettering with a broad tip instrument, dip pen, or brush, among other writing instruments.

To make the summer break more productive and artsy, why not grab a calligraphy starter kit which includes paper, ink, nibs, and guide sheets? Lots of guides and tutorials are available on the web in just one click.

Calligraphy is no difficult but just like any other form of art, it requires practice. And with a little amount of patience and creativity, it will eventually be as easy as one, two, three.



MUST-VISIT PLACES NEAR IMC

NAOMI F. NIVERA

Most of the time, going to school consumes energy and there are times that we feel that stress is taking its toll on us. Whenever we feel this, we need to breathe in air and exhale the negativity out of our system. And one way to do this is to go to places that we can enjoy and temporarily forget our school obligations. Here are five places adjacent to IMC that can give us a doze of relaxation after school.

First on our list is Terra 28th located on 28th Street in BGC. Built and designed as a playground for kids and kids at heart to enjoy. With fun and exciting seesaw, slides and swings to relish, it gives a sweet déjà vu of our childhood. It also offers traditional Pinoy games like Patintero, Piko and a lawn built for Luksong Baka. Moreover, it has a 310 meter jogging path frequented by runners and health-conscious peeps.

For the sporty ones out there, this one is dedicated for you! A park called Track 30th which is composed of different platforms and areas for work-outs and other fitness activities. Some slanting posts are not just a public artwork, but they are stations for push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and other forms of workouts. Unfortunately, wheeled vehicles are not allowed inside the track. Both Track 30th and Terra 28th are open from 6 am to 10 pm.

Third on the list is Kidzania which is an extraordinary amusement park where children get to try doing different jobs and experi-

ence spending money with the park's own currency. This is a role playing realm for kids out there which provides them understandings of future career choices, socialization, and financial literacy. Don't worry about your hungry tummy after that role playing game inside. There are restaurants and coffee shops located in the area. Kidzania is in close proximity to STI and Market! Market! in BGC.

Next is The Mind Museum, a well-anticipated, world class Science museum in the Philippines, nestled in the heart of BGC. It's the biggest and most impressive with 250 hands-on, minds-on interactive exhibits in a 5, 000 sqm exhibit area. This museum is dedicated to providing an extraordinary learning experience that inspires its visitors' understanding of science.

Lastly, if you want a foreign flavor and a taste of Italy, here is a great place for you! Just around the corner is The Venice Grand Canal Mall located in Mckinley Hill. It is inspired by the famous and uniquely luxurious Venetian architecture and is surrounded by a variety of restaurants that offers sumptuous local and foreign menus. It is a sure attraction for young travellers and food enthusiasts.

There is really no need for you to go far, because some of the good stuff might just be right across the street. Indeed, IMC is strategically located for its awesome and adorable students.



#HUGOT

ADRIA EMANUELLE CUSTODIO

Ang buhay ay punong puno ng suliranin na nagpapabigat sa ating nararamdaman. Iyong tipong susuko ka dahil sa pakiramdam mo ay parang fairytale na lamang ang may happy ending.

Pero bilang isang Pinoy, hindi tayo nagpapalamon sa masalimuot na mga pangyayari sa ating buhay. Lahat ng bagay ay naidadaan sa ngiti, tawa, bungisngis o maging halakhak man. Sabi nga nila ipinanganak tayung "baliw" sa kasiyahan at kalokohan.

Ganyan tayong mga Pinoy. Lahat ng bagay na ating nararamdaman ay naihalalintulad natin sa iba. Lahat ng bagay pakiramdam natin "relate" na "relate" tayo.

HUGOT!!!

Sa paraang ito, naibubulalas natin ang ating nararamdaman. Ang mahalaga kahit gaano kabisig ang lahat ng problema, napapagana pa rin natin ang ating pagiging malikhain.

Gusto mong makarelate?

- Paano "manligaw"? Simple lang! Dalhin mo sa isang lugar na 'di niya alam tapos iwanan mo.
- Oo mahal mo sya, mahal ka niya pero mas mahal ang iyong matrikula. Gumising ka! Mag-aral ka muna.
- Huwag na huwag mong ikakahiya ang eyebags mo! Pinagpuyatan mo 'yan. Be proud!
- Ang paghihintay ay okay lamang, basta may "WI-FI"!
- Kostumer: Pabili po ng Chichirya!
Tindera: Anong Chichirya?
Kostumer: Yung walang "Tear Here" sa gilid.
Nakakapagod na po kasing umiyak.
- Ang ugali ng tao, ay parang libro. Marami ang nakakabasa ngunit konti lang ang nakakaintindi.
- Yung papasok ka, mukha kang prinsesa, pag-uwi mo mukha kang mangkukulam.

Dahil na rin sa makabagong panahon, mas napapadali ang pagpapahayag ng saloobin sa modernong paraan, mas napapagaan ang sitwasyong pinagdadaan at higit sa lahat, nailalabas ang likas na pagiging makata ng bawat Pilipinong mahilig humugot.

THE SILVER POCKET WATCH

(A Short Story)

MAXINE MORGAN L. UNSON

The streets of London were wet with fresh morning rain. Victoria Park was almost entirely empty, except for a girl named Catherine Ivory, who was sitting down on a bench and was engrossed in a newspaper. Its headline read: *"British Passenger Liner, the RMS Titanic, sunken in the North Atlantic!"*

Catherine closed the paper and looked at her surroundings. She was almost sure she was the only one in the park that day. Then, looking at her side, she saw a man. Catherine jumped in surprise causing her newspaper to fall on the ground. The man looked at her. He was a very strange looking man. Bronze goggles rested on his head and his coat was incredibly dirty, stained with what looked like spilled tea and ashes from a cigar. The man stood up and offered a hand to Catherine. She took it and stood up, dusting the dirt off her dress.

"I'm very sorry for scaring you Catherine," the man said, smiling. Catherine stared at the man as though he was demented. How could this stranger possibly know her name? The stranger continued.

"I told them it was going to happen, but they thought I was lunatic, like you do right now."

"What?" Catherine questioned. She realized the stranger was glancing at her fallen newspaper. "Oh do you mean the sinking of the-"

"RMS Titanic of April 15, 1912, yes. It's very well-known where I came from," he interrupted. "Oh, by the way, my name is Alexander Ackerman. Catherine Ivory, right?"

Catherine nodded, shocked with her mouth agape. Alexander was still smiling at her. His smile only turned into a frown when he took out an intricately designed silver pocket watch from his coat pocket. He opened it, looked at the time, and closed it with a snap. "I'm very sorry Miss Catherine, but I'm afraid I must leave you now." Alexander apologized to the lady who was still staring at him. He took out his pocket watch again and...

"Wait! Before you go, who are you really?" Catherine asked curiously. He must have thought this was funny, surprising a lady and running off.

Alexander smiled again. "It's simple, Miss," The very strange clothed man put his goggles on and glanced through its orange colored lens at her. "I am a Time Traveller. We've met once before." Then, with the smell of tobacco tea, and the smile still on her lips, Alexander Ackerman was gone.



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TRENDS AND FRIENDS

PAUL MICHAEL M. DE JESUS

Long ago, I didn't have a life
It started, I became alive
When I met friends,
I also met trends.

Trends about learning, I knew
Trends about change, came true
Through you, I have socialized with friends
Through you, my dreams won't ever end.

In life, one always needs a friend
For friendships never go out of trend.

MY VALENTINES POEM

CELESTINE JANNE F. SALIMBANGON

Daisies are yellow,
Tulips are white
With a single hello,
Makes me think of you day and night.

The first time I saw you,
'Twas love at first sight
I appreciate everything that you do,
And have I mentioned? You have a smile very bright.

I really admire thee,
Do you even have any clue?
Though no one can see,
Nothing's bigger than my love for you.

When you're lost in the dark
I'll be the light
Nothing can demark,
For me to hold you tight.

I will love you forever and more
Will you do the same for me?
If I am a locked door,
Then you are my key.

INSPIRATIONAL TRIO

JOHN BENJAMIN V. OSEO

Every success has a different story to tell but one thing is for sure, it doesn't happen overnight. So if you feel like giving up 'cause things don't go the way you want them to be, just shake it off and take inspiration from the following who are perfect examples of individuals who never gave up and who stuck to their dreams until they get them.

Malala Yousafzai

Known as the youngest Noble Prize Laureate, Yousafzai is a young activist for women's education. She bravely fights for education and human rights in her hometown in Pakistan. Despite the great danger from Taliban with their belief that girls should be banned from attending school, she stood up and proved to the world that education is for everyone who seeks for it. Her name skyrocketed from being a typical Pakistani to one of Time Magazine's most influential people in the world. She is recognized by multiple leaders in her belief and stand against discrimination from attaining education in the modern world, as she was once quoted "One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."



Leonardo DiCaprio

After playing Jack Dawson in the classic film "Titanic", DiCaprio has become a household name and one of the most talented actors in Hollywood. Since then, he has been nominated to numerous award



-giving bodies and after decades of making movies and six previous Academy Award nominations, he finally joined the ranks of Oscar winners and took home his first ever Oscar Award as 2016 Best Actor in a Lead Role via the film "The Revenant". His Oscar acceptance speech was certainly historical in which he thanked the people behind his strongly willed win and at the same time addressed an issue that he is most passionate about: climate change. He concluded his speech by saying, "Let us not take this planet for granted. I do not take tonight for granted." He waited. He persevered. He succeeded.

Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach

After 42 long years of waiting, the entire Filipino nation is very celebratory for another Filipina by the name of Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach conquered the universe by bringing home the Miss Universe 2015 crown. Her controversial winning moment due to the host's announcement hullabaloo contributed to her fame and more than two million followers which made her as the most followed Miss Universe. Pia is an epitome of strong will and determination for it took her three attempts before earning her sash to the international pageant. In her Instagram post, she quoted, "When you want something; the universe conspires in helping you achieve it." At the moment, she is now savoring the fruits of her hardwork and never-say-die attitude as she continues to show the world or the universe rather that she is confidently beautiful with a heart.



This trio reminds us that when we fail once, we have to rise up twice. Just hold on to your dreams and who knows, you might be the next source of inspiration to other people. With a heart and mind aiming for a single goal, nothing is impossible.

SIX APPS TO PUMP UP THE SUMMER

One of the best times of the year is within everyone's reach! The sudden rise in the temperature signals the end of the school year and the start of the summer vacation! Everyone wants to escape the city's sweltering heat and stress and beyond the urban walls awaits an adventure. As a young adventurer, you must have a travel buddy and you should gear yourself up with essential items and travel must-haves. One of those is your smartphone. With the right apps on your smartphone, moments spent together with your family will be more fun, memorable, and meaningful. But what apps are those? Here's a list on what apps can pump up your summer adventure! With these apps, your summer will surely be taken to a whole new level.

While heading to your destination, traveling can be tiresome most of the time even just by sitting in your car. One way to enjoy the travel time is to have Spotify on your phone. Spotify is a music streaming app which enables you to listen to your favorite tracks of your favorite artists. Just connect your smartphone to the bluetooth dashboard of your car so that others can also listen to the music your listening to.

When traveling, you have to anticipate heavy traffic and to avoid boredom while braving it, here's a fun game app that you can try. Color Switch is a visually entertaining game where it tests your patience in passing through multiple moving obstacles while the ball switches color every time it touches the star. There are many levels to choose from to draw out the boredom and to entertain you as you head to your destination.

Yes! Now, you've finally reached your destination with your family! What now? So many beautiful sceneries to choose from! So many ideas to consider! Cluttered mind? Organize those ideas with Evernote.

Evernote is a productivity app which you get to create your entire itinerary or your what-to-do list for your escapade. With its features, it can be a great help in making the most out of your vacation.

You have your plans with you, but how will you get to that jawdropping beautiful scenery you're eyeing for? Google Map is the solution for that. This navigation app gives you information about your destination, traffic, routes to take and GPS all in one. This app will maximize the time you're about to spend with your family. With the help of this app, you can get to your destination in no time!

Now that you have arrived in the place that quenches your thirst this summer, taking pictures and selfies is obligatory and moments should be documented. VSCO is the perfect app for this! VSCO is a photography app where you can take pictures and edit them at the same time. Try their wide selection of filters and editing features. With this app, you can intensify the beauty and serene splendor of the vista. Pictures become more artsy and as if they were taken by a pro.

You got the perfect picture to show and a story to tell the world, this app is the perfect one for you. Last on our list is Instagram which is a photo-sharing app that can be linked with other social media apps such as Facebook and Twitter. You can also capture moments and edit photos here. You can also follow celebrities and famous IG users and get a glimpse of their lives. Post a photo and share your story to the world and earn as many followers and hearts as you can.

With these amazing apps, your summer experience will never be the same again.

CARANDANG SWIMS TO VICTORY

LYSSA JENNIFER RAE M. GARCIA



Rafaelle Joelle Carandang, a Grade 5 student, has been on a winning streak with a number of swimming competitions she has been joining.

During the Athletic Meet on November 6, 2015 at the Army Gym in Taguig, she earned multiple number of medals and they are as follows:

50m Breaststroke— Silver
50m Freestyle—Silver
400m Freestyle— Gold
100m Freestyle—Silver
100m Butterfly— Gold
200m Freestyle— Gold
50m Backstroke— Gold
200m Breaststroke—Gold

Furthermore, she was also the official delegate of the Division of Taguig and Pateros in the National Capital Region Athletic Meet on February 6 at Rizal Stadium, Manila.

IMCIANS CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN SPORTS

LUIS DIONISIO SANTOS

IMC pupils have proven once again that they don't just excel in academics but are also competitive in sports.

During the Batang Pinoy 2015 last July 6, 2015 in Malolos, Bulacan, Francis Leo Mananquil bagged 5th place in Karatedo while his brother Franco Luis Mananquil was also among the participants. James Isaac C. Calisaan participated in Taekwondo while Rafaella Joelle Carandang represented IMC in the swimming competition.

Meanwhile in the 2nd Taekwondo Friendship Game held at St. Francis of Assisi College on October 10, 2015, Javier Dexter Macasaet won a Silver Medal in Poomsae Category and Gold Medal in Kyurugi Category.

Moreover, Margareth Velonzona won a bronze medal in Kata during the 2016 Ozari

Cup on February 20 at Fisher Mall in Quezon City.

Furthermore, the following students were victorious during the 3rd Taekwondo Friendship Game last March 12 held at St. Francis of Assisi College in Taguig:

Paolo Navallo
(Poomsae— Silver)
Adin Apuad
(Poomsae— Silver)
Lawryn Jada Aranas
(Kyurugi—Silver)
Andrei Andaya
(Pomsae—Gold)
Keith Benidict Sison
(Kyurugi—Bronze)
Charlize Tancinco
(Poomsae— Silver)



IMC FIRST GRADER TRIUMPHS IN A TAEKWONDO EVENT

Andrei Andaya, a Grade 1 pupil of IMC Guadalupe Branch in Makati brought home the bacon as he earned a bronze medal in the Poomsae event during the 4th Taguig Taekwondo Gym Interchapter Taekwondo Championship on November 21, 2015.

The championship was held in the Cong. Jun Duenas Gymnasium. Among the pupils who fought and competed, Andrei was hailed as the Youngest Winner in Taekwondo during the said event. Despite his young age and little physique, this boy can really kick big.