The PYP Exhibition
Grade 5 is buzzing with excitement about the PYP Exhibition, which will be held on May 10th and 11th, 2012 this year. We welcome all members of the community to come and celebrate with us!

The PYP exhibition has a number of key purposes:

- for students to engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry
- to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate independence and responsibility for your own learning
- for students to demonstrate the they can use what they have learned in their PYP journey to help you with their inquiry
- to provide students with an opportunity to explore multiple perspectives
- for students to demonstrate how they can take action as a result of what they have learned
- to unite students, teachers, parents and other members of the school community in a collaborative experience that incorporates the essential elements of the PYP
- to celebrate the transition of learners from primary to middle/secondary education.

How do we get started?

Students choose something that they are interested in learning more about and engage in an in-depth collaborative inquiry. This topic must be relevant to Tanzania and needs to relate to our central idea for Struggle to Share:
The way that living things share resources influences quality of life on Earth.

The Process

As we move through the process of inquiry, we need to record what we are doing and reflect upon it.

Students will keep a log of their progress by using the main questions that guide every unit of inquiry in the PYP:
What is our purpose?
What do we want to learn?
What resources will we use?
How best will we learn?
How will we know what we have learned?
To what extent did we achieve our purpose?
How will we take action?

The Product

In order to demonstrate what they have learned, students will have share their learning with the community on May 10th and 11th. Students will create a display that summarizes what they have learned over the past 6 weeks. They will also present their learning in at least on other medium of their choice. This may demonstrated through writing, speech, or the Arts. This presentation will provide the community with an in-depth understanding of their chosen project.

What will you see?

Expect to see lots of eager Grade 5 students around campus. Many teachers are also involved as mentors, with each group having a mentor in addition to their classroom teacher. You may be asked to take part in a questionnaire or survey to help inform student learning. And please be gentle and kind to the Grade 5 parents who are supporting their children through this process of inquiry. They are going to be busy too!
Late For School and Absence Reminders
We would like to remind students and parents about the procedures if your child is going to be late or absent from school. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

What do I do if I know that my child is going to be absent from school?
Please let your child’s teacher know, preferably in writing, if your child is going to be absent from school. Give the reason for the absence and the expected length of time. You can write in the link book, email the teacher or write a note.

When will my child be recorded as late for school?
The school day starts at 7.10am for Kindergarten to Grade 5. Attendance is taken and submitted to the office by 7.20am. If you child arrives after 7.20am your child will be recorded as ‘late’.

Early Childhood starts at 7.30am. Attendance is taken and submitted to the office by 7.40am. If your child arrives after 7.40am your child will be recorded as ‘late’.

What is the procedure if my child is late for school?
If your child is late for school he/she needs to report to the secretary Sarah Daniels, in the main Elementary School Office. Sarah will record your child’s arrival and then give your child a ‘late slip’ to give to his/her teacher. This ‘late slip’ lets the class teacher know that your child has reported to the front office and the register has been changed to show that your child is now in school. If your child goes straight to the classroom he/she will be sent back to the front office to let Sarah know that he/she is in school. It is vital that the school has an accurate record of who is in school at any given time.

What is the procedure for my child leaving school before the end of the school day?
If you need to take your child out of school early the procedure is as follows. Where possible, let the class teacher know that you are taking your child out in advance. It is preferable for you to do this in writing. To take a child out of school before the end of the school day you will need to go to the front office and ask Sarah Daniels to fill in a ‘gate pass’. This ‘gate pass’ is to hand to the guards at the gate to show that you have permission to take the child out of school, outside the regular pick up times.

Who do I inform if both my partner and myself are leaving Dar es Salaam and our child(ren) are being left in someone else’s care?
It is very important that the school is kept informed of who is responsible for a child in case of emergency. Therefore, if you are away from home and leaving your child in the care of another adult it is essential that you let the school know. Please inform your child’s class teacher in writing that you are leaving Dar and give the following information:

- The length of time you will be away.
- Contact details for you while you are away.
- The name and contact details (email and telephone number) of the responsible adult is in charge of your child.
- Please make sure that you leave contact details of an English speaking adult in case of emergencies.
How do I check if my contact details are correct?
Communication and contact details are very important. If you want to check the contact details that the school has for you, please go to the new IST website and look under the ‘quick links’. Under this menu you will find a direct link to the ‘Ed Admin- Parent Portal Login’ alternatively type in

https://ed-admin.istafrica.com/parentportal.cfm

Your Parent ID and password has been sent to you by email by Maureen Gideon.

You can always visit our front office and check your details with Sarah Daniels or another member of the front office staff who would be glad to help you.

Jess Tweedie
Vice Principal ES

Activity News

Session 3 Activities start – Monday 16th April

Activity Session Three

The third session of activities will start on Monday 16th April and run for seven weeks. Parents of children who applied for activities should have received an email from school to confirm your child’s allotted activities. Please check your junk/spam folders as it may be lurking there! Contact me if you haven’t received this email.

Here are a few reminders for parents and students:

- Most activities run from 1.55pm to 2.40pm. Please be on time to collect your child from their activity location.
- Make sure your child has everything they need for their activity – PE kit for sports activities etc
- Pack extra snacks and drinks as activity days can be long!

The schedule for activities is available in the right hand column of the activities blogsite: http://istesactivities.wordpress.com/ Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Taekwondo Exhibition

On Saturday 14th April a Taekwondo Exhibition will be taking place in the hall here at IST Elementary School. For more information about how to take part in this event, please contact Abdulla – 0767011859 or 0786011859.

Neil Cook
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PE Department News

IST Swimmers Shine in Nairobi

A group of IST students, parents and teachers gave up the first few days of their Easter holiday to fly to Nairobi for a swim gala at the International School of Kenya. This event involved ten international schools from Nairobi and gave our swimmers the chance to test themselves against some of the best swimmers in East Africa. Conditions in Kenya were much cooler than here in Dar and it took our swimmers a little while to get used to the cold (freezing to use their words!) water.

Resplendent in team uniforms and t-shirts the swimmers swam their hearts out and were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school. Team spirit shone through and it was noticeable how our swimmers supported each other and worked together in the relays. There were some amazing individual and team performances and these will be highlighted in the assembly on Friday.

I would particularly like to thank a few people - Vicki de Bruyn and Manju Sreekumar who spent a tremendous amount of their own time organizing the logistics of the trip. Jessica Albrent and Alex Mwaipasi who spent time in the run up to the gala making sure our swimmers were well prepared and also kept them focused and organized during the event itself. The gala was a great learning opportunity for all concerned and something we hope to do more of in the future.

100 Days to London Olympics 2012
The British High Commission in partnership with IST will be celebrating this landmark date by running 100m races on Wednesday 18th April at 3pm here at the Elementary School. This event will be mirrored around the world in many countries. All students in Grade 3, 4 and 5 are invited to take part and the event should finish at around 3.30pm. Parents are welcome to support.

Basketball League Finals
Schools around Dar are returning form their Easter breaks and soon dates will be set for Basketball League finals. More information soon.

Neil Cook
PE Coordinator
IST Elementary School
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Deforestation Expert Needed!

We are a grade 5 exhibition group wanting to know more about deforestation in Tanzania. If you can help us with our research, please email our mentor (Mr Neil) to arrange a time to meet: ncook@istafrica.com.

Thanks!

Shime, Mathilde and Matthew

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Hello IST parents and students,

Thank you so much for your interest in IST’s Got Talent 2012: A Night with the Stars.

We had our first practice on March 27th and it went well. We are getting closer to our final performance on Saturday, May 5th.

We now have 185 students signed up to perform with 39 group acts and 36 solo acts. A group of 23 students have signed up to help with crew for the show also.

Our second practice will be THURSDAY, April 19th from 2-4:30 p.m.

All performers need to have their music turned in by Monday, April 16th.

MUSIC DEADLINE for IST’s Got Talent 2012

If your act requires recorded accompanying music, the music MUST be provided to the Talent Show committee on Monday, April 16th, 3 days before our second rehearsal. We need to make sure that we have everyone’s music and that it plays. Many people were without their music at our first practice.

How to hand it in?

- Provide it on a labeled CD with the participants name and their song title.
- Hand it to a person on the committee.
- Put it in the box marked IST’s Got Talent 2012 in the front office.

- Email this music in mp3 or mp4 format to robainslie@yahoo.com with the participants name and song title information included in the email.

Remember: there is no lip synching, the music and the act along with it must be appropriate for an elementary school audience, and it must only be 2 minutes long.

Questions? Please call Rob Ainslie 0783555634 or Becky McElroy 0754788952

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The book club catalogue and order form will be circulated this week to all IST elementary students. It has a wide range of books, resources & gifts for all ages to learn & enjoy.

Kindly read the instructions before filling in the order form. Order form and exact amount of money should to be placed in an envelope & submitted to Book Club Coordinator Ms. Rashmi Udeshi in the Library at the following times only:

Time: 7.15 to 7.45am & 12.45 to 2pm

Days: Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April.

Last day for handing over the order is Monday, 24th April 2012.

This may be a good time to pick up few books for your holidays & travel. We hope all will enjoy and benefit from the success of this book club.

All purchases benefit IST Elementary Library.

Any questions please contact Rashmi Udeshi at educrafttz@
Good Goodbyes

A workshop for families moving away from Dar es Salaam and IST.

Monday, April 23rd
7:15 in the Elementary Staff Room

This workshop is presented by the IST Elementary School Counseling Department.

Come if you are interested in:
- exploring the benefits and challenges of moving and starting again.
- learning strategies about how to help your child (and you!) say goodbye.
- tips for activities to do with your child to help during the transition.

Next Parent Workshop...
Second Step Curriculum Anger Management: Monday May 14th

Call for Donations!
The students at the cancer institute have worked hard this year to raise money for a variety of cancer causes. 20 women in Dar es Salaam have had biopsies in relation to their treatment cervical cancer thanks to your support our causes. Now they are hoping to help 11 women who need treatment for cervical cancer. Just under 1,000,000TZS will cover the costs which include travel to hospitals and biopsies. If you can donate to this cause - please contact members of the cancer institute or Annie Sproston, Adam Batty or Wendy Silberberg. Many thanks

Cancer Institute
On Tuesday March 6th the members of the Cancer Institute community and service club welcomed Linda Andrews (ICAP), Redempta Mbatia, CEO of the new Local NGO, THPS (Tanzania Health Promotion Support) and Pendo Bukori, the Cervical Cancer Screening Field Officer for Pwani. They told us more about cervical cancer and the cervical cancer screening projects that they are involved with and how we will be helping with the 1,000,000TZS donation that we gave.

By soliciting donations, washing cars and organising a themed dress day we raised 1,000,000 shillings which will be used to provide biopsies for 20 women who will be having LEEP surgery at the end of March. The LEEP surgery is provided by ICAP. The biopsy will detect if further medication or surgery is needed.

Ocean Road Cancer Institute community and service club thanks you for your continued support – your money really is helping to save lives.
Above is Linda Andrews (ICAP), Redempta Mbatia, CEO of the new Local NGO, THPS (Tanzania Health Promotion Support) and Pendo Bukori, the Cervical Cancer Screening Field Officer; when visiting members of the Cancer Institute community and service club @ SS

Class of 2012-Scholarships For Academic Excellence

The graduating class of IST has been fortunate enough to earn much scholarship money to universities in Canada and the US. The scholarships range from $1000 up to full cost of the university! We are proud of all our students, but would like to acknowledge some of the recipients of special scholarships.
DAVID ORR has received the "Principal's Scholarship" to Queen's University in Canada. This scholarship covers the full cost of university and is given to students with exceptional IB scores (39 or higher).

ALIA ESSAK has received a full scholarship to Mt. Holyoke College in the United States and New York University in Abu Dhabi and the US. These were earned for academic achievement and extra-curricular involvement.

MALAIKA KAPUR has been named as the recipient of the International Leader of Tomorrow (ILOT) award from University of British Columbia in Canada. This prestigious honor is given to only 20 students worldwide for excellence in academics and demonstrated leadership abilities and potential. Malaiika will receive a substantial scholarship and partake in special programming at the university.

WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OR HONORED THAT YOU ARE REPRESENTING IST!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!

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**EPN MONTHLY MEETING**

When:  **Tuesday 17th April 2012**  
@ 7.20am  
Where:  **Elementary School Staffroom**

The Elementary Parent Network (EPN) is the IST’s network for parents by parents! The agenda is OPEN for a robust discussion. Bring anything to the table....be it our kids’ social calendar, to get an update of the Board Open Forum or simply to have a coffee and chat amongst parents.

*The EPN is looking for parents to become part of the Coordinating Committee of the EPN. It requires a small commitment, initiative and an active interest in what’s happening in the school. It is a great place to meet other parents and make a positive contribution to the school. Email us at: epn@istafrica.com*

We look forward to seeing you!
EPN meeting next Tuesday 17th April
7:20am IST Elementary staffroom

A range of solar products will be available
to purchase from 50,000TSH to 200,000TSH
Genuine quality products provided by Appropriate
Rural Technology Institute http://arti-africa.org/

Buy a present for
someone you know who
has no electricity at
home.

Raise money for Final X
solar group – Lynn, Salah,
Yumeka and Stephanie.
All proceeds will go
toward funding a project
to help Tanzanian
students have solar light
in their homes so they can
do their homework at
night.

Change someone’s life today!