

# LIVING LA PAZ

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## Celebrating Culture Day

By Bianca Javogue

The last minute students were hurrying to finish their final details while the 8th/9th graders brought up the tables and chairs. The gym's entrance was overflowing with shoes and inside with people. October 22, 2009 the La Paz Community School was celebrating Día de la Cultura. Every class, Kinder through 9th, brought in projects they have been working on or preformed representing a culture. Many students even brought in food from their country. The tables were piled with apple pies, Nutella crepes, empanadas, and all sorts of goods.

Each class was to do a project: Kinder made paper dolls and dressed them up cultural outfits; the 1st grade made "I am From" poems and sang "Hello, how are you" in three different languages, they also made portraits. The 2nd/3rd graders made family trees of their origins and a "We all come from different places" poster illustrating that. The 4th graders made maps of where the La Paz electricity comes from, and how Costa Rica adapted geologically; they also wrote poems of their origins and so did the 5th/6th graders.

The two older classes made timelines of the universe, galaxy or earth. They also made "rotafolios" of an origin of their choice in Spanish.

When the yoga bells rang in the gym everyone was called to sit. A group of Kindergarten children were performing "Samba Le-le", a Brazilian inspired song with instruments and little dance moves. Later the Hucas Dance group, represented by Yaritza Villegas in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade, presented a typical Guanacaste dance. The show ended with the oldest class of the school performing a Shakespearan sonnet acted out by sounds and movements.

"Día de la Cultura was super exciting and the food was delicious," noted a 4<sup>th</sup> grader of La Paz. All the parents donated their time and effort into helping the kids with their project. This annual festival is hosted here at La Paz so if you didn't stop by this year, next year you should. You can also click this link to see how our showcase went this year:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uryZOEa8m3E>



Above: Valerey and Ashley pose in front of their Cultural Day projects.



Right: Mackenzie, Bianca, and Storm display their Origins Rotafolios.

## What's Going on Around School?

a mini photo gallery



Left: Recess tetherball draws a crowd.

Below: Volunteer Mom Lizette gives the Parakeets a lunchtime etiquette lesson.



Above: A bike trip from La Paz to Playa Grande!



Right: La Paz students honor Dawn Scott, winner of the La Paz Ambassador Award.





Above: The runners proudly catch their breath when they arrive at La Paz.

Right: Konstantin, Jessy, and Nils with the torch at the end of the run.



## An Action with a Heart

By Camila Arguedas

There are many individuals who help to make our town be a better place to live. There are lots of people helping our community and towns for free or for a very low payment. And it is time to recognize them and their great work. Our school had created an award for these generous people called the La Paz Ambassador Award (LPAA).

Around the first trimester all the students from La Paz had to choose a person that demonstrated peaceful acts of service. From all the nominees each class had to decide together who helped the most and choose one or two nominees. The nominees chosen by the classes had to be the most outstanding helper. Some of the nominees were Laeticia DeWeer (main founder of C.E.P.I.A.); Dawn Scott (helps families in the surrounding area with her pet care); Tatiana Ortiz (a dentist in Tamarindo that does very cheap treatment or free); Patricia Sterman (founder of Salve Monos, an organization that builds monkey bridges); and others. Then the oldest classes (5th -9th grade) visited some of the nominees and others came to school to give us a small presentation about what they do.

After, the 5th - 9th graders had to discuss about the nominees, their jobs that help, why they do it, how they answered our interview questions, etc. "It was so hard to choose only one person because everybody does an outstanding job for our community," exclaimed Mrs. Kerry.

On Monday November 30th the winner was announced at a ceremony at La Paz. The students chose Dawn Scott as the winner because of her work with the animals and their owners in all of our local communities. The LPAA is not an ordinary certificate that someone hangs on the walls of their house; it's a prize that recognizes one person that does an action with his/ her heart to help to our town be a better place to live.



Above: Dawn Scott is presented with the first ever La Paz Ambassador Award!

Below: The Toucans visit their La Paz Ambassador Award nominee Barbara who rescues animals in danger.



## Running Independence

By Jackson Rothermel

On September 15th, 7-9th grade La Paz students waited in Brasilito from 11:40pm to 2:45am for the torch to be run to them by another group of kids. The torch represents how the news that Costa Rica was free was passed from town to town. The torch starts in Guatamala and is run all the way to Costa Rica. The 7-9th grade La Paz students' goal was to run from Brasilito to La Paz School in the middle of the night, after which the torch would be passed to the kids in Potrero, to be run to another town.

Oliver T. Vuley Conlon was one of the torch runners and quoted, "I didn't run the whole way but it was pretty fun when I did."

On September 15th, the night after the run, the Brasilito schools and La Paz went on the farole march. The faroles represent the candles that the people of Costa Rica carried around the town when they found out they were free from Spain.

Faroles are lanterns made from different objects such as cardboard, colored paper and other crafting materials, to resemble a house or something creative.

When the students arrived in Brasilito at 6:00pm everybody sang the national anthem and paraded around Brasilito while one of the school's bands was drumming. After a successful march, Martina Trimarchi stated, "I will do it again because it's fun!" So if you feel bad that you missed either of these events, it is an annual event for La Paz so you can do it the next September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



## Studying Outside of School

By Karla Carbaial

Most of the La Paz classes have been on fun and educative field trips. Let's start with the Periquitos. They have only been on one field trip; to clean up the Flamingo beach with their big buddies, the Pumas. Everybody enjoyed helping the environment on that day.

The Colibris will never forget all that music and entertainment at the Musical Festival they went to. Also they have in their memory when they went to Brasilito and marched with kids from different schools celebrating their Independence Day. The field trip they liked the most was when they got to make their own bread in a bakery in Villa Real.

"We saw pecos, giraffes, zebras and many other animals," Mia exclaimed with happiness when her class, the Tucanes, and the Chompipes came back from a memorable field trip to Africa Mia.

The Pumas is the class with the most field trips from the school this trimester. "I lasted four minutes on the mechanical bull!" Sofia reported when she was asked what was her favorite part of the trip to Country Day for an Independence Day party. The Pumas most memorable trip was when they got to put a smile on the elderly people at the nursing home. They danced and gave donations to them. They will not forget what they learned about the process of the trash when they went to the dump in Santa Cruz. Do you remember the turbine projects they did? The projects were so creative because of the field trip to Sandillal to see real turbines.

Volcan Tenorio went to interview Tatiana Ortiz, a nominated person for the La Paz Ambassador Award. They learned everything about what she does as a dentist. Volcan Tenorio also went on a trip to the beach. "It was fun learning about the water and the air on the beach," Swan Fravallo announced. The class loved to go to the beach and learn about it, not just looking at it in books.

The Cuzucos as well went to interview a La Paz Ambassador Award nominee at C.E.P.I.A. They went to ask some questions to Laetitia Deweer about what she does, also to other people that work there or that volunteer at C.E.P.I.A. The Cuzucos also went to see little turtles come out from their nests in Ostional. It was an overnight trip. Everybody had a really nice time looking at

turtles. The trip they are going to remember forever is when they went from the school to Playa Grande on bikes. The lesson that the Cuzucos gave to people from different towns when they marched in Villa Real against the violence to the woman, was memorable for everyone.

Thanks to the book Lord of the Flies, Playa Minas got to go to Playa Minas to experience what the lost kids of the book went through. Also the whole class went to the musical festival to cheer Oliver on when he played his guitar.

La Paz students get to go on field trips thanks to our parents and our teachers that plan and take us to do interesting things instead of just learning everything in a book. So we should thank the teachers each time they take us on field trips.



Above: Playa Minas reads Lord of the Flies at Playa Minas.

Above Right: The Pumas visit ICE.

Below Right: The Colibris visit a bakery in VillaReal.

## Reggae Fun Facts

By Yannick Dennison

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2009, there was a Reggae Concert in Tamarindo at the Babylon Bar. At the reggae concert many artists played such as: The Kingo Lovers from Costa Rica, and Mickey General and Luciano from Jamaica. The big artist that everyone was waiting for was Luciano. Luciano was the last artist to come on stage. The reggae concert was a success.

### Fun Facts

- 1) Did you know that Bob Marley died in Miami? He became too sick on the flight back from Germany.
- 2) Reggae was invented in Jamaica's capital Kingston in the early 1960's.
- 3) Bob Marley was inducted to the Rock of Fame by U2 in 1994.
- 4) Did you know that last concert by Bob Marley and the Wailers was called 'Uprising'?
- 5) Bob Marley's first record came out in the early 1960's called 'Judge not'.

November was Service month at La Paz! See our Service Month Photo Gallery (right).

### SSS is Back

By Mackenzie Cramer

One of the unique aspects of La Paz Community School is our Students Sponsoring Students (SSS) program. This innovative project affords students at La Paz the opportunity to raise scholarship funds for deserving and talented local nationals in the area.

"Here is how it works," Storm Lawrence responded when questioned about the program. "The students at LA Paz who are involved with our program come together and discuss ideas to raise money to give students an education for those who cannot afford it. Our goal is to have all our students participating whether it is a kindergartener or a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. The more people we have involved the more successful Students Sponsoring Students will be." An important aspect of the program that is less obvious is that it teaches La Paz students to be a part of something larger than their own lives through being involved in a program that benefits the entire community.

Some examples of SSS fundraisers that have been organized are: the haunted house, where students created a spooky maze which took place at the Halloween part and made over \$100; and La Paz movie night, where local people from the community and members from the La Paz School community shared the experience of a movie that is appropriate for all ages.

In the future we would like to reach an even wider audience for qualified and deserving local students. There is a great need among the children in Guanacaste for the kind of education offered by La Paz. Thus the more successful our SSS scholarship program is, the greater impact our school can have on the larger community.



Left: Students perform a mimed skit at a community rally and march supporting No Violence Against Women.



Right: Miss Kyra helps the Pumas and Parakeets at a beach clean up in Flamingo.



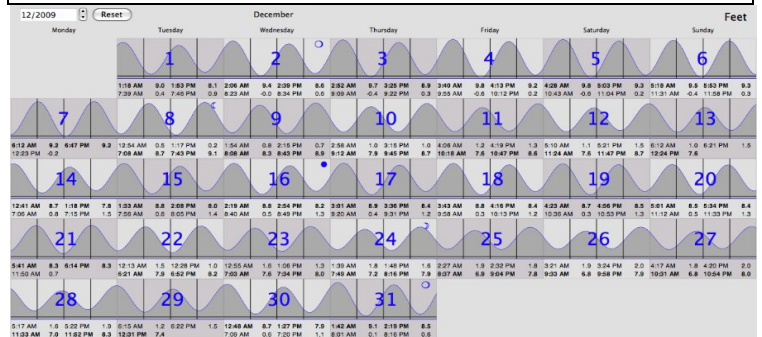
Left: The Volcan Tenorio class journals after a beach clean up.



Right: The Cusucos observe surfacing baby turtles during their Service study at Playa Ostional.

## December Tide Chart

By Saray Scheidt







## New Music Reviews

By Storm Lawrence

Fireflies - Owl City, found on new album Ocean Eyes

Ocean Eyes is an album filled with computerized pop music, and if you like sweet sounding melodies then this will be an all time favorite!

Replay - Iyaz

Catchy lyrics, and an addicting beat combined with Iyaz's distinct voice will get stuck in your head every time you listen to it, so it makes you want more!

Tik Tok - Ke\$ha

If you are planning to go to a party, this is the perfect song for getting in the right mood!

Party In The U.S.A. - Miley Cyrus

For you, and your kids! This is a Hip Hop/ Pop song and nobody can listen to it without being caught dancing!

The E.N.D. - Black Eyed Peas

The Black Eyed Peas are back! In this new album, "The Energy Never Dies". All of the songs are catchy, and you will always want more.

You Belong With Me - Taylor Swift found on new album Fearless

If you like mellow, country pop then this will be the download for you!

Never Say Never - The Fray found on album The Fray

If you are planning on going on a road trip anytime soon, you definitely will have to take this album along. The songs relax you, and really make you think about life and where you are.

## Do you Dare Read this Spooky Article?

By Jessy Hamonic

On the spooky night of October 30th, the day before Halloween, La Paz Community School members partied their hearts out at the Halloween event 2009. It had games candy, trick or treat, a haunted house, dance, and many activities including a fortune teller, musical chairs, etc. This event was held to celebrate Halloween, and to raise money. A good job was done of making \$1000 from the event.

"The haunted house was very freaky" said Marshall Hamonic, doorman of the haunted house. Many people came, the parking lot was full, tons of people wandered around. People walked around buying hot dogs, pizza, rummaging through their candy, and baked goods. Then, the trick or treat section opened; a large maze, freaking some kids out, others running through just for the candy. Then, the biggest part of the night; the Michael Jackson dance.

The dance was performed by all students and teachers, and Miss Kerry was the great director of it.

Many people just left after, but thanks to the few people who stayed and helped clean up, and to all who made the event a success!

## Movie Review

By Jonathan Beuthner

"The Purifiers": This movie takes place sometime in the near future, where an unnamed city is controlled by a couple of different "karate gangs". These karate gangs protect their turf from all of the other gangs, which try to take it over to gain more respect. The big evil guy in this movie is called "Mosis". He tries to unite all of the gangs to be part of his evil actions. All of them agree, except for one. The gang that disagrees are "The Purifiers". Watch the movie to see what happens... (The movie is recommended for people who like "martial arts" and violence).

Age: 12 and up. Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

"Poseidon": "Poseidon" is nothing more than a really action packed, full of OMG hold on to your chair moments movie... This movie is an action packed movie for the whole family on a Sunday night. The humongous cruise ship "Poseidon" gets hit by an enormous tidal wave, and tips over. Now the only way out is at the bottom of the ship. The ship is slowly filling with water so time is limited and valuable...

Age: 6 and up. Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

## Recycling and its Advantages

By Marcony Araya Aguilar

La Paz Community School started an initiative, with the purpose of preserving the environment. In other countries exists a good recycling system, but in Costa Rica no, so La Paz started one. The educational community has another important purpose for recycling; so the garbage on the ground does nothing bad for the environment.

The students at La Paz do three steps to know the weight and the volume of the recycling. First the students of the class need to collect the recycling, later they measure the recycling. The class takes the volume to find out the exact quantity. The other important thing we need to do is take the mass, to know the weight of the recycling.

Miss Cole the teacher of the class of Cuzucos, "said this is the best class, because "they work very fast and the area of recycling is very clean". The work of recycling is divided up by each class, and for each class is assigned one of the Cuzucos.

The recycling is brought from the houses of all students and some community members; one important thing is bringing the recycling clean and crushed. The recycling is taken by Jose Luis, he comes to the school every month in his truck. The collecting of recycling is every Wednesday, and remember the recycling is very important to help the environment so don't forget to bring recycling clean and crushed to the school.



Left: Students measure and weigh the recycling.

Below: Alessandro shows everyone how to compost at lunchtime.



Above: Jose Luis loads recycling onto his truck.

### Classified Ads by Mekaila Tyrrell

#### Animals:

We are looking for a FANTASTIC FAMILY home for "Bobby" Bobby is a rescued male dog - + - 3 - 4 years old medium size and very handsome. He has been neutered and had his shots. Loves playing with children but does not like sharing his food bowl with other animals although he is fine with our cats and dogs. We would not let him go to a home to be used as a guard dog and tied up. He deserves a great life after a bad start. email Hazel - [hdswart@hotmail.com](mailto:hdswart@hotmail.com). Call 2653 2510 8358 5237

#### Service:

Babysitting service by Mekaila and Storm, happy to babysit in your home or mine. We are both 14 years, and enjoy and have experience with children. With references if you wish. Contact us at: Mekaila: 8346-2524, Storm: 2652-9241

#### Sales:

Brand-new still in box, Poulan Pro 3 in one lawn mower, high rear wheels and mulch bag for sale! \$400 Contact Edward at: 8843-1771 or 8378-2966

#### Boss BR-1600CD Multitrack Digital Recorder

Full feature, all in one, complete start to finish recording studio. Take your songs from concept to professionally mastered CDs. Eight mic inputs, 16 tracks total, 40GB hard drive, CDRW drive. Full complement of effects, vocal pitch correction, 16 EQs, 8 compressors, mastering tool kit with multi-band compression. Create backing tracks quickly with built-in drum/bass and loop phrase tracks. Step and realtime sequencer. Near mint condition, light use, original owner. Retail: \$1400. Yours for \$850. Tom 2653-4382.

#### Rentals:

Furnished 1 Bedroom Apt., with full kitchen and a small living room, A/C, ceiling fan, telephone, wireless internet, TV, Stove, Refrigerator, fully barred and security, \$400 per month. Interested persons can inquire at the Jungle Gym office at 2-654-4686 or e-mail me at [ruetzd@yahoo.com](mailto:ruetzd@yahoo.com).

#### Events:

Fund raising Fiesta for La Paz, all the money goes to this non-profit school and educating the students. Hosted by La Paz school, and located in the Flamingo Marina Resort on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at about 6:00 pm. There will be snacks, a silent auction, pool, a bar, a raffle, and it's guaranteed you'll have a great time!

#### Cars & Vehicles:

1978 Orange Land Cruiser for sale, in very good condition, and runs well.

Email Kerry or Abel for details and a price.

[mrabel@lapazschool.org](mailto:mrabel@lapazschool.org) or [misskerry@lapazschool.org](mailto:misskerry@lapazschool.org)

1999 Trooper For Sale; tel. 2654.4301; email:

[misskyra@lapazschool.org](mailto:misskyra@lapazschool.org)

## HOROSCOPES

By Brandy Renalde

- Aries:  
•The sign of Aries means that you are brave and ready to face new ideas.
- Taurus:  
•You are creative, and set goals for yourself. You are an open-minded person and are not held back by traditional ways.
- Gemini:  
•As a Gemini you have an amazing ability to see the ups and downs of different situations. You can quickly sort through situations instead of just acting before thinking.
- Cancer:  
•You are ready to receive special blessings such as improvement in communication and relationships. You will also be strongly motivated to change especially in romantic situations.
- Leo:  
•You are connecting to people like never before! You're warm-hearted actions this month are being acknowledged, and are coming back to you in a way you have never experienced before.
- Virgo:  
•Wonderful things are in store for you this month. As you release your old ways of expressing yourself you will be walking into all kinds of new experiences.
- Libra:  
•You are a smart thinker; you trust your inner self and are open to new thoughts and possibilities that will make good changes in your life.
- Scorpio:  
•As a Scorpio you have a passionate awareness of the world. Speak your beliefs to move the planet forward to a spiritual and thoughtful reality.
- Sagittarius:  
•You have a warm and a very magnetic personality: by allowing this to flow you will achieve your goals.
- Capricorn:  
•You find your friends a source of inspiration and that satisfies your mind. You like to brainstorm a lot!
- Aquarius:  
•You are very in touch with the world and its energy inspires you to create structure and value in people's lives.



Left: Students make Israeli food with the Korens.



Right: Carlos teaches the students how to salsa dance.



The Colibris and 9<sup>th</sup> grader Oliver Vuley perform at a local Music Festival in Cartagena..



## Ask Marshalize; An Advice Column

by Marshall Hamonic

Dear Marshalize,

Some students in my class keep calling me Dexter. I don't really like this so how can I get them to stop calling me that?

Thanks.

-Pinky

Dear Pinky,

You should sit down and talk with your classmates at recess and tell them how you feel. Then they should say sorry and work it out.

Dear Marshalize,

I have not been getting my homework done lately and it is starting to affect my grade. How could I improve my grade and get my homework done on time?

-Soccernic20

Dear Soccernic20,

You should visit H2C once in a while or visit a teacher any day after school. They would be happy to help you! Maybe go to an older kid's house after school for help.

Dear Marshalize,

I have been riding the school bus lately and no one likes to sit next to me. I pretend like I don't care but I can see they are having a lot of fun. This makes all my days sad, because my bus friends are the first ones I see. Do you think maybe I smell bad?

-Love, Smelly Sally

Dear Smelly Sally,

I think you should ask your friends on the bus why they will not sit next to you. Then whatever they say the problem is you can try to fix it. I don't think it's because you smell bad but if it is, I highly suggest taking a shower every morning!

Dear Marshalize,

I don't know what to do and I need desperate help. So there's this girl I really like, she's gorgeous, but ignores me and when she does acknowledge me she calls me names and tells me I'm weird. What bothers me the most is that she's best friends with my sister and they always go through my clothes. They take my boxers, put them on a stick and hang it to the back of our car! I usually never notice till we get to school. What can I do?

-Helpless Harry

Dear Helpless Harry,

For starters, I think she likes you. Usually when a girl pesters a guy it means she likes you. If you don't want to go the romantic way you can also talk with your parents about your problems and they will be able to help. Although the best way would be to go up to the girls and talk to them yourself!



## What is Creative Block?

By Elisa Bortaluzzi

Kids of every age gather together and spend time with their little buddies or big buddies, or do an activity with another class, and that period is called CREATIVE BLOCK. Creative Block happens every Friday of each week, and it lasts about an hour. Sometimes we do projects such as the Problem Solving Wheel.

The Problem Solving Wheel is a big round circle that the whole school made to tell people what they should do whenever they have a problem with their friends or while they are playing. We also represented some of the parts of the Problem Solving Wheel, because it was divided so that each class could do a skit, so everybody could understand through seeing the plays.

Another example of a project we did during Creative Block was the ORIGINS month. The Origins project was that parents had to come to school and teach the students something about their respective culture. Some taught how to cook, others taught typical songs and dances, others taught arts and crafts, and one even taught about their history and culture. "It was so fun and interesting!" commented the 2/3 graders.

Other Creative Block activities are about SERVICE during our service month. One Friday, every class collected garbage to make the school look more clean. We also did one act of service each week in outside of school to make our community more clean or a better place to live in. During service month with our buddies we created books for kids that want to learn English. "Those books were full of drawings and also very pretty!" exclaimed the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders. The books will be donated to local school and libraries.

These activities happen at La Paz Community School, and only La Paz students and also teachers can participate in these events. Teachers decided to

## Riddles

By Konstantin Beuthner

Hard:

1. If I say "Everything I tell you is a lie," am I telling you the truth or a lie?

Answer: A lie. It can't be the truth without contradicting itself (and therefore being a lie), but some of my statements can be lies, and this is one of those statements.

2. If there are three cups of sugar and you take one away, how many do you have?

Answer: You have just one - the one you took away.

Medium:

1. I arrive once in every second, once in every minute and once in every year. What am I?

Answer: The letter "e" (sEcond, minutE, yEar).

organize these activities, so we can work with kids of other classes or ages. To form this Creative Block period we gather together and participate in activities with others. Most of the people that I interviewed exclaimed, "WE HAD LOTS OF FUN DOING THESE ACTIVITIES!"



Simona Trimarchi educates students on ancient Rome.

## Kick, Shoot, Learn, Dive

By Nils Fravalo

In Flamingo, Costa Rica La Paz Community School has decided to integrate after school activities. Teachers from La Paz have donated more of their time after school to teach after school activities.

Basketball and Soccer are two of the teams, but there is much more such as Club Blue, which is ocean activities such as surfing, kayaking, snorkelling, sailing, etc. Then we have H2C, Homework Help Club, which is two times a week, and any kid can go.

Mr. Jon is the basketball coach. Mr. Kral and Mr. Dodge help in H2C. Miss Kyra, Miss Cole, and Brian from Kinder's dad Kim coach soccer.

"Any students are invited after school on different days to have some fun, and study!" explained a La Paz student.

These activities are every day but Friday from 3:15 to 4:15. Basketball players who were here last year are invited from 3:15 to 5:00.

Over the years the soccer and basketball teams have formed. The basketball players have played in several games against other schools in the community and are planning to keep on going. These after school activities don't look like they're going to stop soon, which means more fun for every one!!!

Medium Continued:

2. What always ends everything?

Answer: The letter "g".

Easy:

1. Can you name five days of the week without saying (or writing) Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday?

Answer: The day before yesterday, yesterday, today, tomorrow, the day after tomorrow.

2. How can you cut a cake into eight parts with just three cuts?

Answer: Cut it as you normally cut a cake, in half with one cut, and again with another, resulting in four pieces. Then cut it horizontally in half. This third cut creates eight pieces total.