

# Lisa's Kids News

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## A. C. Student Journalists Produce Their First Newspaper

Our first PYP Unit, "Being Media Smart" was educational and fun. The students learned a lot about advertising and journalism. This fabulous classroom newspaper is the result of their efforts as journalists.

In this newspaper you will find either a travel article or

an interview - style article written by your child. Please take the time to read the entire newspaper. You may learn something new about the school, and/or learn about a new place to visit in our exclusive "Travel Section!"

The students created their own cereal



boxes as the final product for advertising. Please, kids, always be aware of advertising tricks!

The editor apologizes for the lateness of the LKN. This was a learning experience for me as well!

## Our Trip to El Comercio by Melanie Izurieta

4<sup>th</sup> grade goes to awesome El Comercio on Thursday, October 8, the two fourth grade classes from Academia Cotopaxi went on a field trip by bus to "El Comercio" in Quito. We went to learn more about Media a part of our PYP unit. We took a tour to the offices where the reporters write the articles and take pictures. We also saw the "Familia" magazine that is coming out October 31, 2009. At the end we saw where the newspapers are put together and ready to be delivered. Did you know that every hour they print 45,000 copies at a time? They also told us about the ink they use it is made of soya ink and not petroleum! They also told us that El Comercio has been working in Ecuador for the last 103 years. Did you hear that our next unit will be about water and I heard we will go to "El Museo del Agua."

## H1N1 Around the School?

By : Elizabeth Flores

Academia Cotopaxi has many plans in case of an emergency. The administration uses the internet to monitor information on the progress of the flu around the world. The school has hand-sanitizer in every classroom and on every bus. A communication plan targeted to educate employees and students about their responsibility to keep themselves and others germ-free is in place and being implemented. The school has enough surgical masks for everyone at school if needed. There are notices to wash your hands and to cough and sneeze into your sleeve at all the entrances to the school. Students or employees who get flu like symptoms are immediately sent to the medical office for care.

In the month of September 717 people visited the medical office. 219 of them were because of an injury, 425 of them were because of illness, 3 of them were because of management and 90 because of other reasons like prescriptions.

## Space Fan!!!

### A space teacher in AC!!!

By Nicolas Semerene



**Ms. Margot Solberg**

A really cool teacher is in a really cool school!!! (Yesterday an interviewer called Nicolas Semerene went to interview a space fan called Margot Solberg .)

Margot said she likes space so much because it's exciting to learn new things!!! Her favorite astronaut is Barbara Morgan. Margot learned so much about space by taking advantage of opportunities. She became interested in space when she was a little girl but women couldn't be astronauts so she lost a little bit of interest. Then she went to the Aerospace Institute and learned from E.J. Lux who was a science teacher in Academia Cotopaxi. E.J. Lux tried to become an astronaut but he couldn't. Margot learned a lot about space from NASA, E.J. Lux, the Ecuadorian space agency, and researching on her own. Her two favorite planets are the Earth, because she loves it, and Mars because it will be fun when we get there.

## VISIT AMAZING JAPAN

By Miyako Tanaka

I went to Japan on summer vacation. I woke up at 4:00 in the morning and I went to the airport.

Japan is an island in the Pacific Ocean. People should go to Japan in spring because in spring you can see the beautiful pink flowers. You can also eat delicious foods, like sushi, and meet friendly people. You will always want to come back.

While in Japan, you should also visit the beautiful museums, the big towers and buildings. Also, you should go to the beaches, restaurants and hotels.

Don't forget to learn origami while you are there. Many people enjoy just walking around and looking at the flowers.



## My Trip to Chicago

By Joshua Mino

Chicago is a city in United States. It is the capital of the state of Illinois and is located in the Midwest.

People should travel there because Chicago has an interesting view and everything is beautiful.

I think people should visit Old Navy and Lego Store.

When I went to Chicago it smelled very good. It smelled like hot dogs. We ate a lot of bacon and pizza. I always rode the bike at 5:00 A.M. Next summer I want to go to New York.



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## An Amazing Trip to Miami

By: Nicolas Ayala

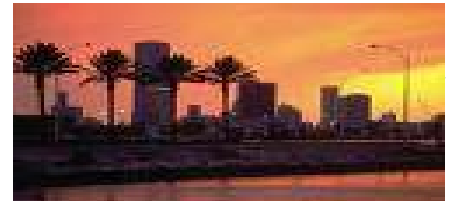
People should go to Miami because you can go to really fun places. There are many stores with very delicious candy that you won't be able to resist buying. You can buy lots of cheap things, like a hamster. They cost only \$4.00! NERDS are delicious candies that in other places are like \$7.00. In Miami, they cost \$1.00. You won't be able to resist buying lots of candy.

In Miami you can go to really fun water parks and you can go to Miami Beach. Miami Beach is very beautiful and relaxing.

You can buy a home that has many rooms. The houses there are very elegant and big. You can swim in giant pools and there you can buy a car. In Miami the cars are very cheap.

I went to all those places and all those water parks, and it was really fun. I really had a lot of fun in Miami, and I ate really delicious candy.

I highly recommend a trip Miami for everyone!



## A Visit to My Grandparent's House

By Caitlin Carrington Fair

My grandparents live in Washington D.C. I love to visit them because there's lots of stuff to do.

There is a park and you can play there. You can also play on the swing and slide on the slide. And you can go to the bowling alley and bowl.

I would recommend visiting Washington D.C. because there is so much to do!



# AC Improved Classrooms

By Ana Lucia Gremes

We think that classrooms are so much better looking now because they are bigger now and more things fit inside.

“I think the classrooms have been improved because before they were too small before. There are more students coming to Cotopaxi, and now we have space for more desks,” said Victoria Reddy, grade 4 student. Now we may move around more, we won’t feel so closed in because these improved classrooms are more spacious, comfortable and very good looking,” she added.

## A Giant Rabbit in Quito

By Gabriela van Bergen Gonzalez-Bueno

A big and wonderful event took place Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at Academia Cotopaxi. The students with their parents joined on the lower field of the school for the PTO brunch. The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) invited them so that the new students’ parents could spend some time together to make friends. They would also have time to ask about the school.

A lot of people helped make the brunch fantastic. The Cafe Mosaico brought some food, the Cookie Box donated cookies, Energizer lent them the inflated, giant rabbit, the muffins were from the Alamo and the invitations were made by the Hospital De Los Valles and the Medihome. The rabbit was pink with black sandals and sunglasses. It had a battery with a hole in it on its back where you could climb up and slide down its tummy. There were also two ponies, a brown one and a white one, for the children to ride on.

There were also a few older students who painted faces. They were making very nice spider webs, butterflies and much more. All these activities were on the field and the food was on the other side of the playground. They served pancakes with syrup, eggs, potatoes and a few more delicious things. The parents were sitting, talking and listening to the fantastic High School Jazz playing on the rabbit, the ponies. Everybody had a brilliant time.



# TRAVEL SECTION

## My Wonderful Trip to Greece

By: Melanie Izurieta

Greece is a wonderful place to visit because there are wonderful islands and amazing views. You will feel very relaxed when you see the ocean. Some places to visit in Greece are: (1) Calambaca. It is a wonderful town full of mountains. (2) Athens. It is an awesome place to go shopping and relax. (3) The beach. It is very hot and the blue ocean is cold, and there are rocks instead of the nice smooth sand you find in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, but it's worth a visit. When you go to the ocean and jump in, little fishes jump in the air and they look as if they are flying.

When I went to Greece I went to many places like little islands and churches. Some of the churches were very nice and small but some were old and big. This summer I might go to the U.S.A or I might go to Casa Blanca.

I recommend a trip to Greece for everyone!

## A Beautiful Waterfall

By Victoria Reddy

The most beautiful waterfall I have ever seen is located in Ecuador in a place called Arasha. People should go to Arasha because you can go rafting, horse back riding, and make chocolate rings. You can also go on a trip into the rainforest to the waterfall. Moms can go to the spa; families can play mini-golf and go to a little beach. There is also fishing and a swimming pool. They even have a little movie theatre. I recommend that you go there because it was the best trip ever.

For my future trip I would like to go to France.

## P.E. for Fourth Graders

By Johann Saravia

Ms. Jenny said that the P.E. activities for fourth grade are going to be progressively more difficult as the year goes by.

Right now we are playing different jumping games. In November we are going to do track and field. In March we will be swimming and the entire class will move up one level.

During the summer there were a lot of improvements made in the P.E. area but some have not taken place yet. The climbing wall will be taken out of the exercise room so it can be a weight room.

Ms. Jenny's favorite activities are track and field and netball.

P.E. is awesome!!!

## AC Best School in Quito

By Felipe Calero

Ms. Sally has worked at A.C. for a long time. Here she tells us about the school.

“The school has had many changes since I started working here. There have been changes in the school building. There have also been changes in the school location. Before, the school was in the Naciones Unidas, near Qui-centro. My favorite change is the bigger and improved classrooms.

The school has also adopted the PYP (**P**rietary **Y**ear **P**rogram). The school opened in 1959. I started working here 1978. When I came here the school director was Donald Fournier and the lower school principal was Esther Preyl. Today the lower school principal is Patricia Angoy and the director is Bill Johnston. The school moved here because the other school was

## A Reading Fan!!!

By Raphael Aleman

Mrs. Ana Soria is the head librarian in the library in AC. She writes a lot of fascinating books. My favorite book is called, “Toti y Arnolfo”. During the summer the library got lots of new books about animals, the world and books in Spanish. Mrs. Ana loves to work in the library and she loves children. That's why she chose to be a librarian. Did you know that they put some of the books on the internet by hand and some the computer did? Mrs. Ana was born in Chile and she has worked in AC since she finished college. That's 29 years ago now!! She is a very, very good librarian.