

# The Explorer Post

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## HAVE NO FEAR, THE FIELD IS HERE!

*By: Denise Cerna, Nicole Caban, Angelica Villamil, Azul Medina, and Lhasa Posada*

**T**he fantastic field is finally here! This report is based on the new artificial grass and what people think about it! The feedback is all from your fellow peers, and even teachers! So get ready for recess, because the long awaited grass is here!

To begin with, let's first introduce Ms. Clara Martinez, a middle school teacher. She was asked how she liked the field. She responded saying, "It's nice, I like seeing kids enjoying the park." She was also asked if she thought the field was safe. She answered saying, "Yes, I believe so." Ryan Duarte, sixth grade student, was asked how he felt about the field. He said, "It's giving students time to improve their physical fitness." Alejandro Laborde, a second grader, was asked what his favorite part of the field was. He quickly responded with an answer that we think was our personal favorite, "When I play soccer, I used to trip and fall. And sometimes, I would end up bleeding. But now, it is way safer. The soft, marshmallow-ey feel of the grass keeps me safe and my knees protected." Of course, when we heard this response, our jaws dropped considering that he was a second grader. There were of course many more comments about the field. And luckily, ALL positive!



To finalize, the field has made a big impact for the school. It looks clean, modern, and safe. All of us students enjoy the fresh air, the safety of the grass and the big wide area to play in! It sure was debatable on whether it was worth the wait, but the votes are in: IT TOTALLY WAS! Now, we can play soccer, tag, football and much more! Thank you to our administrators and staff for giving us a bigger, better and safer field for students here at Doral International Academy of Math and Science. We really appreciate it, you've given us a time to rest from learning and have a time to play!

## MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Principal**  
**Ms. Gomez**

Have you ever wondered how it feels like to be a principal? Well if you have, you will love this interview of our very own Ms. Victoria GOMEZ! First, I went ahead and asked a question that I think most of you also want to know, "What inspired you to be a principal?" Ms. Gomez said that she first wanted to be a lawyer. As a child, whenever the teacher said something or taught a lesson she always understood. Because of her academic excellence, she became a vice principal in 2013 and in only 1 year became a principal. Secondly, I asked her how she feels about the other staff members. She said that she loves them and feels like they give 150%. After, I asked what she likes and dislikes about being a principal. Her favorite part about being a principal is interacting with kids although, she dislikes some of the tedious paperwork.

*By: Christian Febres*



**Assistant Principal**  
**Mrs. Stuart**

Administering a school is no-easy job. Luckily, we have an amazing assistant principal who helps out with some of the issues. Mrs. Stuart is an amazing hard working assistant principal who is always happy to help out. Mrs. Stuart enjoys working at this school and loves spending time with kids, teachers and staff. She loves to help out around the school and she used to teach language arts and reading. She enjoys reading and one of her favorite hobbies is to cook. If she could be anything else in the world, she would be a chef. She loves the idea of having a journalism club and loves the fact that kids can talk to people they don't normally talk to. She also loves the fact that it improves kids writing skills and communication skills. She is one of the pioneers in our school and she deserves credit for some of the great things and events that go on at this wonderful school.

*By: Ignacio Cresmani*



**Dean of Students**  
**Ms. Ibanez**

Our dean, Ms. Ibanez, is working hard every day for our school. Have you ever wondered what that is like? Well, so did The Explorer Post! I've had the pleasure to interview her and I cannot wait to share it with our school. In her own words, her favorite part of the school is *"how diverse it is."* When she was in school her favorite subject was *reading* but she also enjoyed writing. When I asked her to describe her job in one word she said *"non-stop"* and it really is, from messy bathrooms to staff meetings! Talking about her job, her favorite part about it is that she gets to deal with kids. But one of the troubles of her job is the messy bathrooms. In conclusion, a day in the life of Ms. Ibanez is full of work and movement to help our school be the best it can be!

*By: Mercedes Pagan*

### NANTS INGONYAMA BAGITHI BABAI

This year, the spectacular *Ms. Franco* and her choir are going to host a show. The show is based on the one and only *Lion King*! The *Lion King* show is going to be a series of songs directed and chosen by Ms. Franco.

Of course, it's a while away, but it will be fantastic because it is directed by *Ms. Franco*. With songs like *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* and *The Circle of Life*, it's going to be amazing! Taking songs from both the Broadway musical and the movie, the choir will be performing in acapella while the band plays some instrumentals. (Having some little dances and solos during the performance.) The choir will blow you away. **BE PREPARED!!!**

**By: Azul Medina and Lhasa Posada**





# The Choir Queen

**By: David Araujo**



Have you wondered what it feels like to be the choir teacher? Well if you have, then this is just for you! Ms. Franco is the talented choir director for DIAMS and she has been doing a royal job! I asked her what were some upcoming events, and she let me know that there is going to be a Lion King performance around May or June. I also asked her what inspired her to be the choir teacher. She said that she has been in choir for most of her life and there was no choir teacher so she volunteered. I know that many of you are dying to know what her favorite song is and her answer will shock you, or maybe not... it's the Pokémon theme song! The last question that I asked her was if she has ever felt nervous during a performance and if she has felt any other feelings? Her answer was that being nervous during a performance is normal and she has also felt excited.

## December Teacher of the Month: Mr. Milesis

**By: Desely Gaunna**

A teacher of the month has been selected! Mr. Milesis was chosen on December 6, 2017. I got the chance to interview him about what it meant to him. Mr. Milesis is a humble, inspiring, and caring teacher. He is honored, proud, and extremely happy. If you are wondering why he was elected, it's because he raised money and managed to buy instruments for the music program. "But most of all, I think it was because my students are extremely motivated to play and they enjoy music." Mr. Milesis teaches his students to be humble and gives his 100% for his students and the school.

Personally, I think he is an amazing teacher. To Ciara Smits, a student that was in the music program last year, "Mr. Milesis is an inspiration!" He is very happy that he was chosen to be the teacher of the month. He would also like to say something to the people that made him teacher of the month.

"I would like to tell them that I will keep trying to do my best and that I feel grateful to them. I appreciate their respect and recognition."

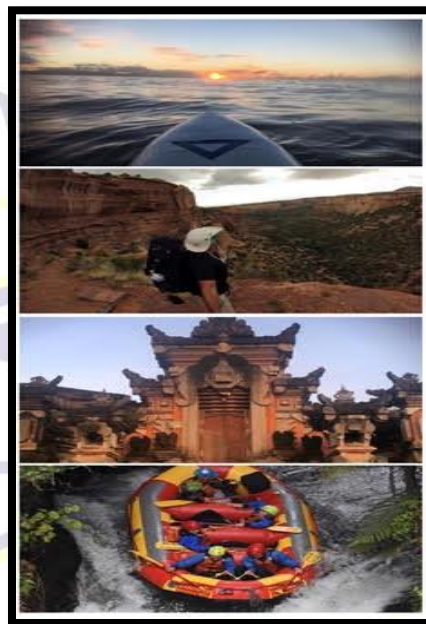
Overall, Mr. Milesis is a very inspiring teacher, he teaches his students to express their emotions and feelings, and LOVES teaching. I think he deserves teacher of the month because of the inspirational effect he has on his students. Do YOU think he deserves to be teacher of the month?



# Where in the WORLD is Mr. Alex?

**By: Matthew Hernandez, Marzialucia Guevara, Isabella Mazuera, and Mia Lugo**

Hello Explorers! Did you know that there's an actual Explorer traveling around the world right now? Today we are going to introduce you to the one and only Mr. Alex, an explorer, just like our school mascot! Why is he like our mascot? Because he's a real life EXPLORER who has travelled all around the world. Mr. Alex has been to Colorado, Montana, Texas, Bahamas, Trinidad y Tobago, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Mexico, Colombia, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Germany, and Spain! It must be exhausting traveling that much! The coolest things Mr. Alex has done are hiking and camping in remote locations and mountains. He also likes going to historical places like castles. Mr. Alex has also met many animals including Big Horn Sheep, Porcupines, Monkeys, Keas, Echidnas, Emus, Kangaroos, Snakes, Alligators, Crocodiles, Monitors (\*not computer monitors, HA!), Giant Iguanas, Seals, Manatees, Sharks, Eels, Squids, Turtles, and many other animals! When he is not travelling the world, he enjoys hobbies like football and basketball (which he loves), he also loves mountain hiking, camping and drawing. We hope you enjoyed this article about Mr. Alex! As you can see, there is a lot going on in our community and world, so go and EXPLORE, just like Mr. Alex did!



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## Winter Break Happenings ((BRR!!!))

**By: Alessandra Riccio and Mercedes Pagan**

Winter Break is sadly over and throughout it, people in our school did different things like visiting a foreign country or just eating chips on the couch. We picked some students that had quite an adventure like Mia Varela. She is a 6th grader and she visited Colombia throughout the vacation. Sounds pretty cool, one of her favorite places was the city of Medellin. One thing that she did most often in Colombia was going to malls and visiting a mountain called **Chicamocha** which actually had rides on the top. Another student in our school visited Europe throughout the winter. He visited places like London, Paris, Portugal and finally Spain! Imagine visiting the Eiffel Tower, walking in front of Big Ben, and exploring new cultures and countries. Well, that is what 7th grader Fabio Nardi did! Sounds pretty fun, why don't you guys take your fellow journalism club members next time???



# Are you a FUTURE EDUCATOR of AMERICA?

By: Iulia Bianchi

Have you ever heard of F.E.A.? I didn't know until **Ms. Rodriguez** told me about this awesome program. F.E.A. stands for **Future Educators of America** and the purpose is to interest children who want to be, or want to see what the field of education is like. In order to participate in this program, kids who are interested fill out an application where your teacher recommends you. Depending on what the teacher writes and says about you, you get chosen to join this awesome club.

When you are in the club the club members elect a president,

vice-president, and secretary of the club. Members do what is called **"adopt a teacher"** which is choosing the teacher you want to help, when you choose your teacher you stay after-school the first Friday of the month and the last Friday of the month to help the teachers with specific tasks, and also organizing specific activities. At this point, students learn how the field of education is like. Perhaps you may not want to be in the field of education BUT you should join anyways because you will have an idea of what the field of education is really like and you'll be able to develop teamwork skills and help others!



# Getting Fit with Coach Olga

By: Denise Cerna, Desely Gaunna, and Ignacio Cresmani

Let's get moving! Are you looking to reach your fitness goals for 2018? Well, if you are in Coach Olga's P.E. class, then you are one STEP closer to accomplishing just that! Coach Olga is our middle school physical education teacher and she is passionate about making sure that students are physically fit.

Here are some questions we asked Coach Olga:

1. What inspired you to do step aerobics?  
"Step Aerobics was famous in the 1990's, so I thought it would be really fun to keep the dancing spirit of Step Aerobics alive in Doral."
2. What days do you do this activity?  
"Everyday! If I were to make a club, Tuesdays and Thursdays."
3. What is your goal when doing step aerobics?  
"I want to show people how my students are cool and skilled."
4. What grades are able to participate in this activity?  
"6th and 7th because if I do all grades it will be hard managing the schedule."

We also interviewed students to see if they knew anything about this type of dance. Some knew what step aerobics was and some didn't. Let's see what some of our fellow peers had to say about what they know about this awesome dance from the 1990's. We interviewed Anabella Feo to see what knowledge she knows about step aerobics. Check it out:

Interviewee:  
Anabella Feo  
6th grade

1. Do you know anything about step aerobics?  
"Well, I guess -maybe- I think, I think I know."
2. What do you know?  
"I know... that they step on a box and they get physical exercise and that it's a type of dance :)."
3. Can this help students with their physical exercise?  
"I guess so. If I stand corrected, it is a type of choreography and it takes time, hard work and dedication."

***We love that Coach Olga is always going above and beyond to make sure that we are physically fit!***





# The Journalism Club

By: Valeria Alvarez

If you like writing and interviewing, you should join the Journalism Club! The Journalism Club is a great opportunity for students to inform others about all the awesome things going on in our school. The following students are members of the journalism club and are giving their opinion about it.

Nicholas Prada (6th) says, "I really enjoy being in the journalism club because it is fun going to talk to people and interviewing, and we even get our own name tags, I also think that it looks good on college applications."

Isabella Mazuera (5th) says, "It is fun and we get to interact with our friends and with other people, I really wanted to join any club that had to do with writing because I love writing."

Ms. Perez, the club sponsor and director of the journalism club, mentions: "I love being the director of the club because ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to be a reporter and it allows me to do the things that I love the most which are teaching and reporting. I felt like students needed to be informed about all the things happening in our school and it is a great opportunity for students who love to write."

The newspaper will be seen virtually and it will be sent out to all parents and students for everyone to be informed about what is going on at our school.

We will be meeting every 2nd and 3rd Friday of each month from 3:30pm to 4:45pm and we get new and exciting topics every month. Spots are filled for this school year, but you should definitely sign up next year!

