

# The Explorer Post



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## Izabella Sanchez: The FIRST Lady Explorer on the Basketball Team!

**By: Alessandra Riccio**

**I**zabella Sanchez is not only a breakthrough athlete, playing center position on our basketball team, she is the first female player on the team. She was not only the first female basketball player but she made all of this change possible. When I interviewed her, she told me that when she

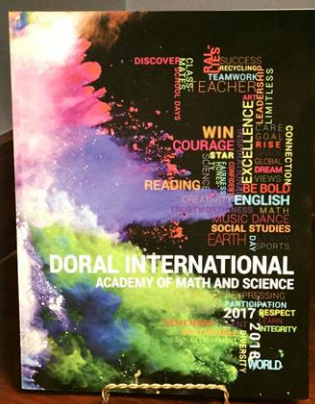


heard that there was going to be a basketball team last year she was very ecstatic to join it. But when she saw that it was only for boys she was disappointed. In order to spark the change, Izabella wrote a letter with signatures to our principal, Ms. Gomez saying that females should also play on the team. Our administration team was very happy to make these changes, and because of it, both genders were allowed to play in the team including Izabella.

All this work must have paid off because Coach Olga the basketball coach had this to say about her, "I was very proud of her being the first girl Explorer on the team, she was very good in the season and she made impressive improvements in her skills. Her teammates have always expressed great joy with her being on the

team!" Furthermore, some of her teammates like Lucas Martinez said that he was very happy because there was a girl on the team and last year they did not have females playing. In addition, I also asked him that if he thinks that this action improves female empowerment and he responded, "Yes... not only boys should play the game! Talk about some lady power!" I asked Izabella's teammates if they think that "Izzy" impacted the team, and many said, "Yes, without question!" Mateo Serna from 7th grade, Alex Villamil, and Malakai Roberts from 6th grade all think that she's truly an inspiration. They hope that other girls will be inspired to play and Izabella made her teammates more confident and less selfish. All in all, while being with Izabella Sanchez I asked her if she had any challenges when being the only female of the team and she replied that she had to adapt because since she was playing with boys the game became rougher and the drills became more challenging but after all of this, she always had fun and learned more than she could have imagined from the sport. In conclusion, Izabella Sanchez is an outstanding basketball player and a b-ball star, but most importantly the game changer of the team!





### *Memorable Moments and Special Memories*

By: Alessandra Riccio

This 2017-2018 school year has been filled with many special moments and memories... many like the one that Anabella from 6th grade lived. She told me "the most memorable moment would either be the times in lunch or when we are in recess and we sit down in the grass and talk." Isabella from 4th grade told me that her most special memories were created when she got honor roll. We all have special memories and special moments that we will never forget, what is your most memorable moment? Make sure you get your 2017-2018 yearbook!

## **DIAMS 6th & 7th Grade END OF YEAR Field Trip**

**By: Nicole Caban**

On Friday, June 1st, the sixth and seventh graders went on a field trip to a place where dreams come true. I'm sure you've guessed by now... we went to Disney World! We took a trip to everyone's favorite theme park, Magic Kingdom! We arrived to school at 3:30 a.m. to get an early start to our magical day. Upon arrival at Disney World, we boarded the ferry and got a firsthand look at all the dazzling attractions upon the wondrous boat. Each group was taken to an interactive attraction with our own personal Disney guide! The Disney guides gave us an exclusive peek around the park. We learned about the sounds and lights that Disney uses to wow the crowd. It was very educational to learn that Disney is not just magic, it's also science! We got to ride the Haunted Mansion and learn how Imagineers project the ghosts through lights on the fabrics to give it a haunted effect! These effects are sure to give you goosebumps and a big fright. But not to worry, the tour we were given showed us not to be scared, as we saw how the effect of light and fabric projected a extraordinary effect, that will sure amaze you! Then, of course, we got to ride breathtaking attractions like Splash, Space, and Big Thunder Mountain, we went "Under the Sea" with Ariel, and had some "HUNNY" with Winnie the Pooh. This was truly a MAGICAL field trip to perfectly end this MAGICAL year!





# Mommy and Me ZUMBA

By: Mercedes Pagan



Who knew our cafeteria could turn into a latin beats cardio class? Our PTSO organized an incredible ZUMBA class in celebration of Mother's Day! The ZUMBA instructor was the amazing Janettsy Chiszar! She inspired the mommies and the daughters to move their feet and be positive about their healthy journey! On May 19, people went to our school cafeteria to bust a move! Mommy and Me Zumba was held and Explorers came with their moms to dance. Sofia Aguila's favorite part was the food and the awesome moves that the instructor taught, "There was a delectable sugar free cake which was surprisingly delicious!"

People also enjoyed the dance moves and techniques. They also did stretches and even did exercise with balloons! Since it was a high intensity workout, some of the moms felt like they were about to faint. They also enjoyed watching the kids dance and have fun while still getting exercise. After this exciting opportunity at DIAMS, many moms and daughters said that they would even start taking Zumba classes after school and work! From what I've heard, the next morning the girls and their moms felt very sore due to the quick pace! Nonetheless, they still had fun dancing with their moms. I can't wait to join the next one!





# Our Performing Arts Showcase

By: Azul Medina

On June 4, 2018, there was an eye-catching, toe-tapping performance including band, choir, and dance. This showcase included an instrumental and cover of well-known songs from the Disney movie, The Lion King, such as *The Circle of Life*, *Be Prepared*, and *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*?

Afterwards, there were performances by our dance teams, Mr. Milesis' music classes, and the band before the choir was back onstage, singing covers of popular songs like *Stereo Hearts* and *This is Me* from the movie The Greatest Showman. The band did instrumental versions of famous movie soundtracks, and dance wowed us when they took the stage for their jazz and hip-hop routines. Overall the experience was great and worth watching!

