

VIC BEE

Holiday Edition '08

Halloween Scream!!!

October 31, 2008
Guadalajara, Jalisco

Calling all ghouls, goblins, witches, werewolves, Jedi and jack-o-lanterns; we summon you to the VIC patio for a monster of a mash!!!

As the first chords of Michael Jackson's Thriller blared, we suddenly realized the air was different that Friday afternoon. This was to be no ordinary Friday at VIC... for it was Halloween! As tickets were dispersed, kids rushed off to one of numerous fun-stations put to together by the VIC staff and students. Kids looking for a spook went to the 6th grade haunted house upstairs. Others flashed their goblin grins at Mr. Charlie's picture booth. Those who wanted a glimpse into their future had their palms read by VIC's own soothsayer, Ms. Gala. If you wanted to learn the unsolved mysteries of the stars, Sign Sister Ms. Rachel was there to share here galaxy of knowledge. Some tried their luck at Ms. Amy's bean bag toss, while the more adventurous VIC students found their way down to Mr. Clark at the donut eating competition. After several spooky hours, the little monsters went back home to await a full moon of festivities.

Esbeidy from 3rd Grade was one of many witches seen lurking around VIC.



Mitzy from 3rd Grade dominated that donut.

Kreepy Kinder!



6th Grade takes a time out from the spooks to pose for a picture.

Science Flash:

In the lab we learned how to use microscopes. We saw animal and plant cells, we mixed iodine with water and diffusion occurred. We put corn oil in water and it stayed on top of the water. We heated alcohol with a Bunsen burner, by igniting it with a match. We looked at a dissected moth with a magnifying glass.

Sarah, Grade Four



GRAPE APE '08



December 5, 2008
Guadalajara, Jalisco

Apes were aplenty as we made our way to the zoo a few Fridays ago. Along with apes, orangutans, gorillas and conventional monkeys, we perused the aquarium and went on a traditional African safari. One of the most amazing things we saw had to be the white Bengal tiger, straight out of Asia.

"I couldn't take my eyes of the baby orangutan, it was so beautiful!" - Sophie, 5th grade.

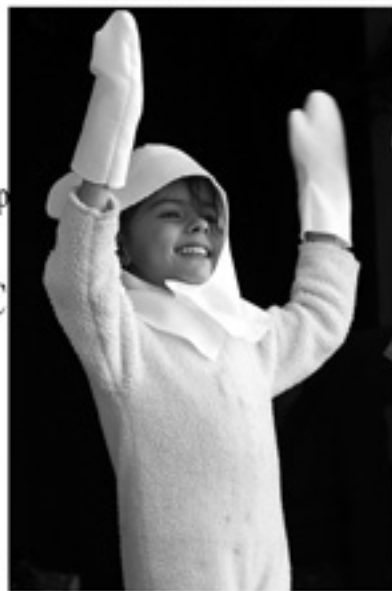


A Partridge in a VIC!

December 12, 2008
Guadalajara, Jalisco

Although a spectacular Scrooge was played by Saul in grade 3, the Christmas spirit of VIC could not be held down. Friday December 12 was a joy filled day of singing, dancing, prancing, and theater. Starting it off was a Tony-nominated rendition of A Christmas Carol starring VIC's very own, grade 3 and 6. Grade 5 spread the peace and love by singing Peace on Earth. The party was taken up a notch with an explosive performance by Ms. Maggie's dance team, sending out an S.O.S. to all those Christmas Scrooges. VIC music students rocked-out hard on Jingle Bells, while grades 4 and 1 challenged our math skills, as they sang The 12 Days of Christmas. Kinder broke it down legit with their up-beat urban dance routine, led by Ms. Amy and Ms. Maggie. Bringing it together again, the entire student body united in harmony to sing Frosty the Snowman. Closing down the party was a group effort as the classes joined forces again to jam a modern-metal version of Los peces en el rio, led by rock star David of Second Grade. After atole and tamales (cooked up by the lovely VIC kitchen staff) the kids were excused and this party came to an end. Thanks to all, and.....

TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!!



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Hello, and welcome to this school year's first edition of the VIC Bee. The primary objective of this newsletter is to review significant happening at our school. Furthermore, it will be a medium for students and faculty to communicate with the families of the VIC students.

In just two months so much has happened at VIC. This edition will cover the recycling project and our Independence Day celebration. Before we expand on those happenings, who are these new teachers? VIC welcomes five fresh faces this school year. Here's a bit of information on them.



Mr. Charlie
1st grade teacher
Born: Oakland, California, USA
Education: Northern Arizona University
Hobbies: Everything basketball, soccer, and traveling. Charlie also shreds the guitar.
Favorite subject: Art



Mr. Clark
2nd grade teacher
Born: Santa Clara, California, USA
Education: California State University Chico
Hobbies: Writing music, rock climbing, and drawing.
Favorite subject: Drama



Ms. Rachael
5th grade teacher
Born: Grande Cache, Alberta, Canada.
Education: University of Victoria (among many).
Hobbies: Dancing, skiing, and singing.
Favorite subject: English



Ms. Maggie
6th grade teacher
Born: Denver, Colorado, USA
Education: Seattle University
Hobbies: Dancing, painting, and cooking.
Favorite subject: Foreign languages



Mr. Tyler
Middle school teacher
Born: Des Moines, Iowa, USA
School: University of Colorado
Hobbies: Playing noisy music on his guitar, watching old movies, and losing at chess.
Favorite subject: Film history

"We used boxes, bottles, an egg carton, recycled paper, tape, old satin material, and twine." Explains grade 4.



Art for the Earth

September, 2008 Guadalajara, Jalisco

This school year's first project that involved the entire student body was the recycling project. Ms. Amy, recycling fan, instructed all grades to construct something using 90% recyclable materials. Student were given one month to complete the project. The project allowed students the opportunity to recognize recycled materials and be creative to put them together. The results were impressive. All grades expressed much enthusiasm for the project.

The creations were varied. Some were to communicate a global message and some were simply fun to look at. Regardless, students had a good time working together and learned about the importance of recycling.

Diego from sixth grade explained the importance of recycling. "We have to save the Earth. If we don't recycle, we'll have to cut down too many trees. If we lose our trees, there will be no oxygen for us. Then the world will come to an end. A lot of people don't recycle because they don't know that there are many things that you can recycle; but there are! We need to all recycle."