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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: PROFESSOR ÁLVARO DE LEÓN CRUZ

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WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE ACHIEVED ANOTHER MILESTONE, AND WE ARE EVEN MORE EXCITED TO SHARE IT WITH OUR READERS.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS SCHOOL HAVE SPARKED SO MUCH PRIDE IN THE HEARTS OF LAVOSI. THE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE UP AND RUNNING STRONG, AND THE VERY PROGRAMS SERVE NOT ONLY OUR STUDENTS BUT OUR FORMER STUDENTS AS WELL. THE INSTRUCTORS HAVE PUT FORTH THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE STUDENTS.

THE DEAF CLUB THAT WAS RECENTLY FOUNDED HAS SHOWN AN EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS. ALVARO JR. CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR THE STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE AND FRAMEWORK OF HOW A CLUB IS BEING RUN. WITHIN THE LEARNED FRAMEWORK, THE STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT BY MANAGING THEIR OWN FUNDS AS WELL AS FIGURING OUT THE OPTIONS TO GENERATE THE FUNDING.

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR FEMALE VOLUNTEER, CJ HIRSCH, WHO CAME FROM GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY TO DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR HER INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS SCHOOL.

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, WE CELEBRATED THE LAVOSI'S NINTH ANNIVERSARY. ADMITTEDLY, WE EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT MISHAP WHEN THE VOLCANO FUEGO ERUPTED DURING THE BIRTHDAY WEEK. IT CERTAINLY DID NOT DIM OUR SPIRITS AS WE POSTPONED OUR BIG CELEBRATION ON THE WEEK AFTER. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND EXHILARATED TO BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL YEAR AND SOON CELEBRATE OUR FIRST DECADE!

WE AND THE LAVOSI COMMUNITY ARE ENTERING INTO ANOTHER MEANINGFUL YEAR. DESPITE MANY CHALLENGES, WE ARE MORE HOPEFUL THAN EVER. THE POSITIVITY IS EFFORTLESSLY NATURAL AMONG THE COMMUNITY, AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE EVER GROWING.

FINALLY, WE WANT TO GIVE A SINCERE THANKS TO ONE OF OUR DONORS, JOHN SWINMURN, WHO HAS EXHIBITED GENUINE AND UNDERSTANDING HEART FOR OUR SCHOOL. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND INTEREST IN THIS SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME READING THIS, UNTIL NEXT TIME.

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First Grade:
Teacher Adriana Morales



We have learned about the families of our students through the social media.



During the process, we learned many new words and practiced them.



We all learn new things everyday, especially about important values and practices like friendship and sharing knowledge and experiences, which is a value that we hold dear in our hearts.



Our students were immensely fascinated to see and learn about Starfishes.



The new words weren't the only thing we learned! We also practiced on counting and memorizing numbers up to ten.

2: Teacher Maria Lourdes Romero

In the past few months, the teachers have noticed a positive growth in our students. It affirms that the little things we do everyday with our students do make a difference. I can personally notice how our students are improving in the areas like mathematics. The students are able to comprehend mathematics like addition, subtraction, and even multiplication because they have a fruitful language as a learning tool. The sign language gives them a higher linguistic capacity to absorb more vocabularies that helps them to learn different subjects.



We broadened our knowledge and understanding on the subject of farm and aquatic animals in their natural environment such as where they live, what kind of foods they eat and their individual characteristics.



We worked hard to make a garden flourish and harvested vegetables to make a salad that was enjoyed by the students afterwards.

Little by little, those interactive learning activities help us to get know each other better.





My group has demonstrated an increased interest in participating in more activities that led to their admirable bond and support system.



Sign Language.

As for math subject, we have jumped into multiplications while reviewing additions and subtractions.

We explored the phenomenon of how our body functions including its own system, locations, and most importantly, what their scientific names are. We have covered many fascinating topics regarding the body. Currently, we have been focusing on the new subject of Excretory System, where the body eliminates its own wastes.



I would like to point out that my students have not only gained academic knowledge but artistic skills too. They took the opportunity to express their artistic side when they made gifts for the beloved Mother's Day celebration on May 9th.



We are proud to say that our garden has flourished under the care of our students as well as careful guidance from our teachers. The seeds we have sown have finally come to fruition.

3rd & 4th Grade:
Teacher Nelson Vivar Catavi

I really admire my students' desire and motivation to learn about every subject. We have discussed the synonyms, antonyms, and other words that may appear to be homogenous between Spanish and

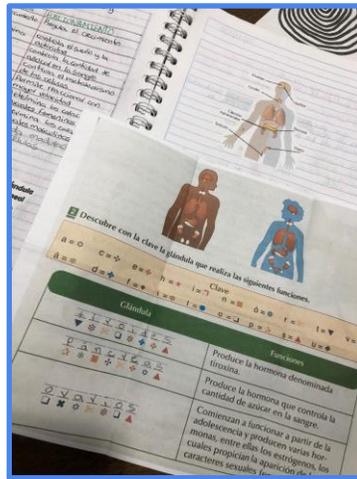


The local fruits and vegetables we have harvested in our garden are also proudly found in other parts of Sacatepéquez and other municipalities.

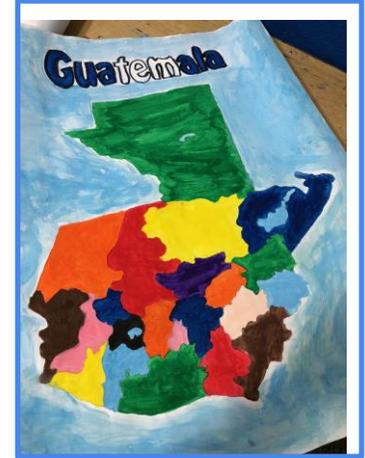
5th & 6th: Teacher Alvaro De Leon Espinoza

Hello everyone! I can not believe how much time has passed. The three past wonderful months, we have rolled up our sleeves and worked hard in various subjects. My fifth and sixth grade students have learned about mathematics and language arts; they scored on learning certain rules in mathematics, and they also understood the grammar works of Spanish as a language. We ensured that the students understood the habit of capitalizing the letters when it comes to countries/places, and person's names. We practiced on putting the letters in correct order, otherwise the word would not be comprehensible. We also enjoyed discussing about linguistic accents and dialects because it is worth to be attentive of.

In the Science class, we learned about the nervous system, endocrine system, and the functions of endocrine system and the excretion.



In the Social Studies class, we learned a lot about the customs, archaeology, ethnology, and the overall culture of our beautiful country, Guatemala. We also practiced on memorizing the departments and regions of our country as well.



Vocational Classes

The students are thrilled to have completed the first course of Bakery. We are now excitedly moving to the second course. So far, the students have made champurradas, banana breads, goblets, shortbreads, quesadillas, and so much more. It is hard not to be excited to be moving onto second course because of how much delicacies we have baked and savoured!





Sewing

The stitching skills of our students are beginning to advance. They have made purses, front and back pockets for trousers, and creating spaces for button placements. Some of students have mastered the skill of hand sewing and/or operated on a sewing machine.



Blacksmith

The blacksmith taught the students how to manipulate the metal through the welding techniques for 100% handmade metal art. The pictures below is a metal art of a cat that can be used as an ornament or for functional purposes.





The Highlights of April, May, and June

In this quarter, our beloved volunteer named Jeremy has completed his time in this school. We had a heartfelt farewell party for Jeremy, and to express our appreciation for his great work supporting our Lavosi community. Jeremy, you will always be in our hearts.



We want to give a special thanks to Glide Dental Clinic for their willingness to provide a routine clean-up for all of our students.

We also would like to give our thanks to the Tridentine school for accepting our invitation to participate a sports match with our students.



After we bid Jeremy a farewell, a new volunteer has arrived shortly after Jeremy's departure. The new volunteer is named Carol, also known as Cj, whom is ready to join the Lavosi family, and give all the possible support she can.

As for the rest of June, we gave our all in Lavosi's birthday celebration through our memorable activities that will forever be cherished. The Lavosi foundation saw many great moments during the celebration through the activities, competitions, sports matches, and so much more.

In addition, we proudly present our scintillating candidates who participated in Lavosi Dance and Dress competition.



Here we present our champions, Wendy Paola Xar Coroy and David Chingo who were elected and crowned as Mr. and Miss. LAVOSI 2018-2019. Congratulations to our finalists!



As a part of our work as a team, the board of directors, teachers and other staff organized a team working day, in which we reflected on our future and ways to become more professional as a team and organization.



Upcoming Events:

- September 14th, we will participate in a parade as a part of Independence Day of our beloved Guatemala country.
- November 19th till 21st, Lavosi Camp.

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