



*Escuela
Las Morochas*



*Happy New Year
2018!*



**Panther Tracks
January 2018**



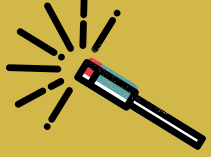


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Message from the Director

Dr. Alirio Romero

Dear Escuela Las Morochas Students, Parents and Families:

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2018, as well as to welcome back all of our returning ELM families, as well as those of you who are new to us this year! The staff members are thrilled and looking forward to continue an outstanding school year and we know it will be the best one yet! We are ready for the awesome task of preparing all students to be successful learners. Our school community is dedicated to providing our students with a well-rounded educational experience. While the core curriculum is provided for all students, we believe that it is critical to provide leadership opportunities, character education, and exposure to technology in order to prepare students to compete with their global counterparts.

This year will be filled with numerous learning opportunities for our students. ELM takes great pride in establishing an atmosphere that invites its valued stakeholders to be a part of the educational process. This year, parents will also be provided with many opportunities to participate in the education of their child. We welcome your attendance at school events and encourage your participation by volunteering in our school. You are a valued member of our team!

I am pleased to announce our new staff member who has joined our team this year:

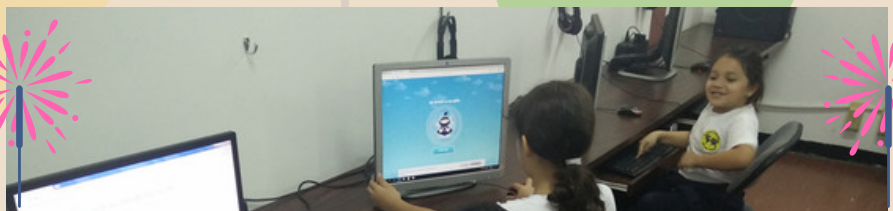
- English Teacher: Mr Bryan Medina
- Students' counselor: Ms Lilirox Hurtado

I am very pleased to announce that we have added our counselling service for all and music as a resource class to our upper school this year. In addition to this, upper school Students will also be provided with an extra hour of conversational English, given by one of our "native" English speakers to stimulate students' knowledge of current issues and topical life situations. This year we will also provide our high school students with college and career experiences that will support our school's mission and vision. We will provide high school students with insight knowledge on particular universities.

Finally, our talented and energetic staff members are ready to continue to work with students and their families, and we are looking forward to starting 2018 with a warm welcome and full of enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alirio JM Romero
Director de ELM



Message from the Director

Dr. Alirio Romero

Estimados estudiantes, padres y familias de la Escuela Las Morochas:

Me gustaría aprovechar la oportunidad para desearles un feliz y prospero 2018 así como también darle la bienvenida todas las familias ELM que regresan, así como a aquellos de ustedes que son nuevos para nosotros este año. Los miembros del personal de la escuela están deseosos por continuar un año escolar sobresaliente y sabemos que será el mejor hasta ahora. Estamos listos para la tarea de preparar a todos los estudiantes para que su proceso de aprendizaje sea exitoso. Nuestra comunidad escolar está dedicada a proporcionar a nuestros estudiantes una experiencia educativa completa. Si bien el plan de estudios básico se proporciona para todos los estudiantes, creemos que es fundamental proporcionar oportunidades de liderazgo, educación del carácter y exposición a la tecnología para preparar a los estudiantes para competir con sus contrapartes globales.

Este año estará lleno de numerosas oportunidades de aprendizaje para nuestros estudiantes. ELM se enorgullece de establecer una atmósfera que invite a sus valiosos interesados a formar parte del proceso educativo. Este año, los padres también tendrán muchas oportunidades de participar en la educación de sus hijos. Agradecemos su asistencia a eventos escolares y alentamos su participación como voluntario en nuestra escuela. ¡Ustedes son valiosos miembros de nuestro equipo!

Me complace anunciar a nuestro nuevo miembro del personal que se ha unido a nuestro equipo este año: • Profesor de inglés: Mr Bryan Medina • Psicopedagoga: Ms Lilirox Hurtado

También me complace anunciar que hemos agregado orientación para todos los estudiantes y música como una clase de recursos para nuestra "UpperSchool" este año. Además de esto, a los estudiantes del "UpperSchool" también se les proporcionará una hora adicional de inglés conversacional, impartida por uno de nuestros "nativos de lengua inglesa" para estimular el conocimiento de los estudiantes de sucesos actuales y situaciones de la vida cotidiana. Este año también proporcionaremos a nuestros estudiantes de secundaria experiencias universitarias y profesionales que respaldarán la misión y visión de nuestra escuela. Proporcionaremos a los estudiantes de secundaria un conocimiento puntual sobre algunas universidades de USA.

Finalmente, nuestros talentosos y enérgicos miembros del personal están listos para continuar trabajando con los estudiantes y sus familias, y estamos ansiosos por comenzar 2018 con una calurosa bienvenida llena de entusiasmo.

Sinceramente,
Dr. Alirio JM Romero
Director de ELM





ECE 1 and 2

Frances Cable



Welcome back parents and students. I hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing vacation. I was so happy to return and to see my student eager and ready to learn.

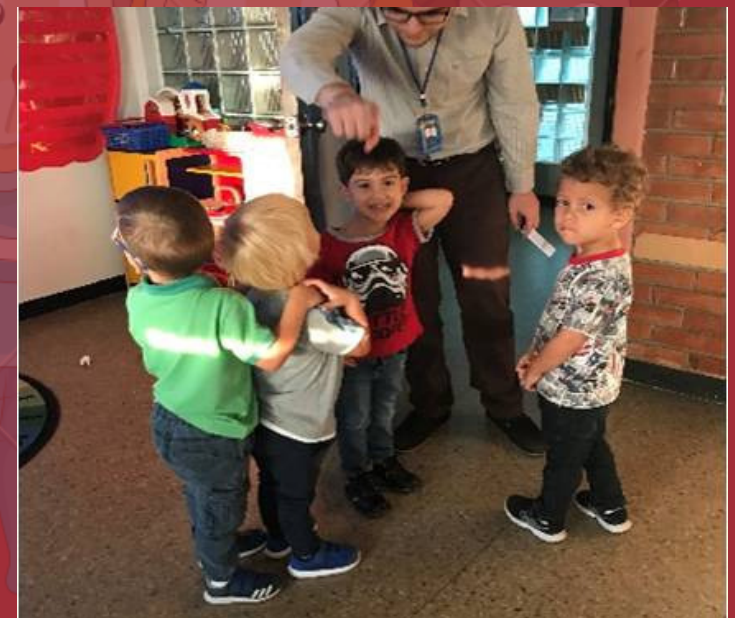
ECE 2 is excited about reading. They have begun recognizing basic sight words and the beginning and ending sounds of words. ECE 1 is excited about tracing and coloring. They have begun using different types of materials to color and to complete activities.

We were happy to welcome a new student to the ECE 1 program. He has begun to adjust, and he enjoyed our spider collection. Amanda was a great help to our new student and I am very proud of her. All the students are doing so great and have made progress.

Stavros started staying after lunch to join the ECE 3 program. He is working hard to develop his reading and writing skills.

I am very pleased with all the ECE students. Keep up the good work ECE!!!!

Love Ms. Frances and Ms. Soraya.



ECE 3

Stephanie Flores

Welcome back! It was a really excited month for ECE 3! They worked on their math skills practicing additions and subtractions with two numbers, they really love doing math activities.

They are reading small books by themselves and they're really happy about it, also they visited the fifth grade and watched some science experiments with ECE 1 and 2.



1st Grade

Lily Muñoz

Here we go again! After a well-deserved Christmas break, I can see that my students came back with lot of energy and great expectations to be accomplished.

I would like to inform you that in Language Arts, the students will be working in a writing process called 6 plus 1 Traits of writing.

It consists in 6 traits such as: IDEAS, ORGANIZATION, WORD CHOICE, SENTENCE FLUENCY, VOICE, CONVENTION, and PRESENTATION. This will help students to improve and develop their writing skills.



2nd Grade

Desired Fuentes



Welcoming a new year full of exciting learning experiences, second graders start their work by exercising their writing.

Here's a sample of their best creation. Student Valentina Fonseca proudly publishes her first paragraph of the year.



January 22, 2018

What would happen if animals could talk? What questions would you ask for me then?

If animals could talk, people would like to hear the animals. If I could talk to a dog, I would ask him what it was named? How old was you? Would you like to play with me? It would be very interesting because I enjoy playing with animals, and I want to be a vet. If animals could talk, it would be the best thing that can ever happen!

Author: Valentina Fonseca

3rd Grade

Mayerlin Briceño

The third grade students are exciting to learn new things. They like to know why things happen. We hope to have lots of fun activities and conduct experiments.





4th Grade

Jelimar Romney

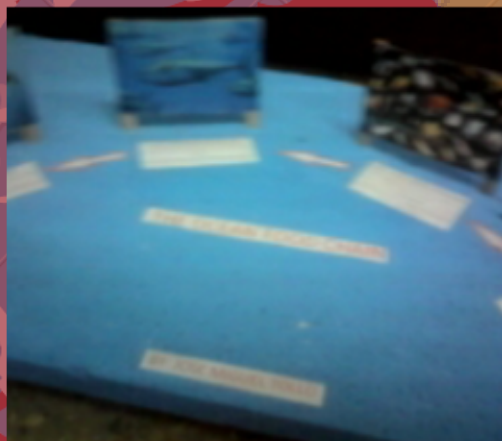


This 2018 4th Graders have many resolutions to reach. That's why they are back with a lot of energy and new challenges to accomplish...

We are ready for new things. Learning and fun is our best match in our classroom. We have a brand new Reading Center in our classroom with many books and games to enjoy.

Finally, we are having a blast doing many activities and projects

4th Grade wish you a HAPPY 2018!!!





5th Grade

Karen Gaddis



Fabulous Fifth Graders

Grade 5 students are ringing in the New Year!

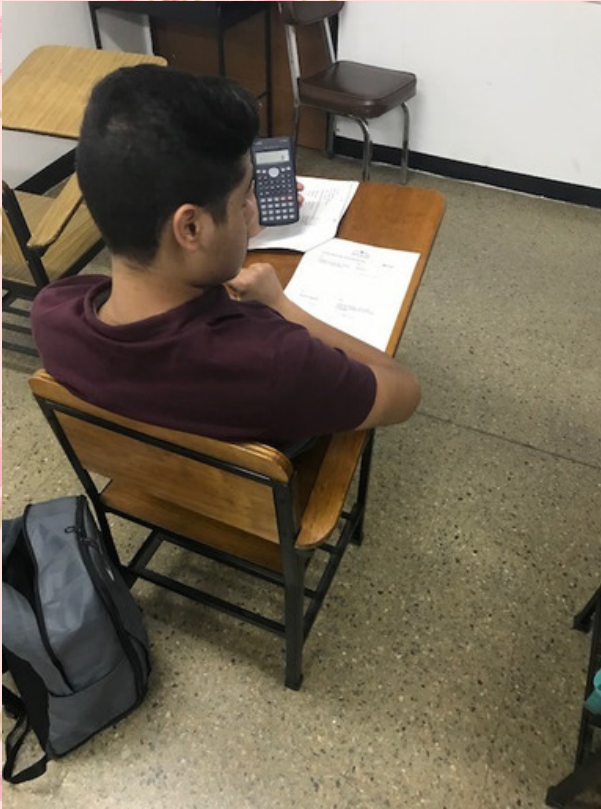
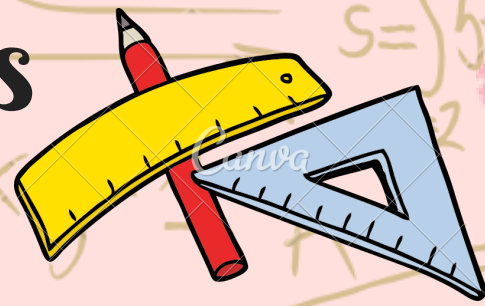
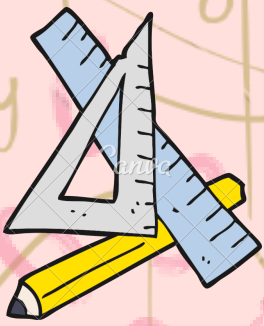
Students are really engaged with the reading of their new novel, Holes, by Louis Sachar. Students are classifying rocks in science.

Students presented a play, "Black Water Mystery", to the Grade 2 students. The setting was a camp and the students were campers.



Mathematics

Naira Trolle



January has marked the halfway point of the school year, and it also means new beginnings, goals, however in math class we continue with the same high expectations as we did for the first semester. During the first week of school, classes went over their final exams and we started our new sections.

Math I (6th grade) is currently deepening their knowledge on fractions. Math II (7th grade) is solving problems related to percent equation and change. The eight graders, (Math III) have been working with unit scale, scale factor, 2-D and 3-D drawings.



In Algebra I, students have been working on dividing polynomials and adding and subtracting rational expressions. The Statistics and Probability class is currently on their unit about central tendency. As I stated earlier, we continue to work hard to complete our math curriculum with the highest expectations.

English

Bryan Medina

January was the beginning of a new year and as it usually happens, many new challenges and opportunities came with it. I am pleased to come back as an English teacher and also as a Librarian. I have been able to get to know better the amazing staff I get to work with every day, as well as many of the students from both upper school and lower school.

All students from different grades were deeply involved in choosing a book from a shortlist; this made them feel encouraged to keep them reading for pleasure while learning as well.

May January be the start of an amazing year for everybody at ELM!

Bryan Medina.





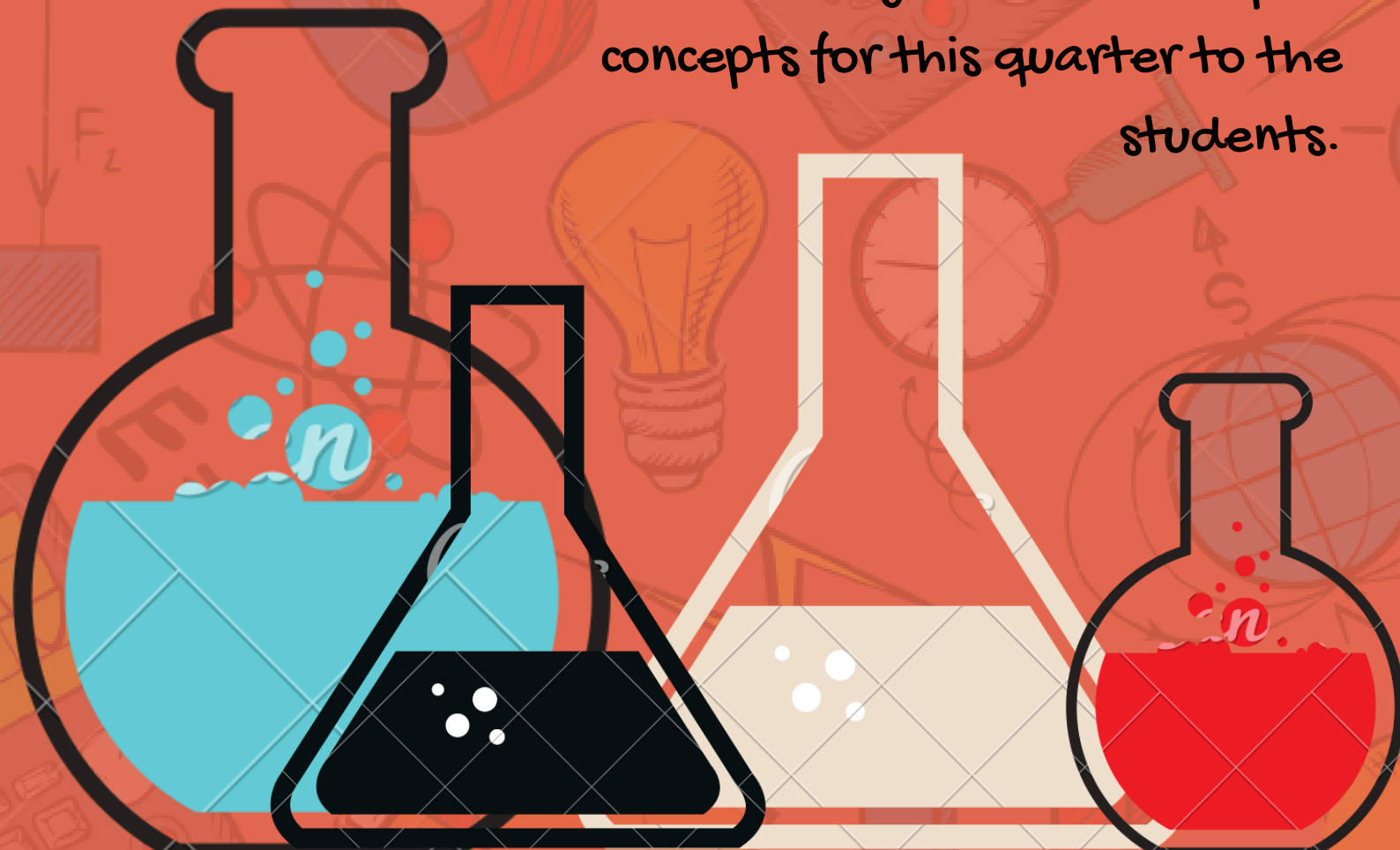
Science

Mlungisi Zikode



Welcome back, it's a new year with new great possibilities. The students were still in the holiday mood for the first week of school, excited to see each other after the Christmas break.

These two weeks of the January month have been about introducing the Science topics/ concepts for this quarter to the students.



Social Studies

Roger Brady

My background is diverse. I grew up in a military family. We moved often. Over the years, I've lived in places like Germany and Hawaii as well as many states in the US.

Most of my teaching career is in Arizona and Colorado. In 2011, I began to teach at international schools in Nicaragua. Teaching has brought me to Venezuela. I enjoy both living and working here.

In my teaching, I use a lot of PowerPoint presentations to help students understand the material better.

Technology-Material




- Physical objects and the rules for using them
- Skills necessary for use of technology
- Cultural literacy includes the ability to use technology

Figure 4: Overview of the Sunway TaihuLight System

Sunway TaihuLight - 93 PFLOPS

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The Albany Plan of Union



- Aware of the hard times that war could put on the colonies, English officials suggested a **"union between ye Royal, Proprietary & Charter Governments."**
 - June 1754 delegates from most of the northern colonies and representatives from the Six Iroquois Nations met in Albany, New York.
 - They decided on a "plan of union" drafted by Benjamin Franklin.
 - Under this plan each colonial legislature would elect delegates to an American continental assembly presided over by a royal governor.

Early Development of Greek Society

- Minoan Society
 - Island of Crete
 - Major city: Knossos
- C. 2200 BCE center of maritime trade
- Undeciphered syllabic alphabet (Linear A)



Where People Live



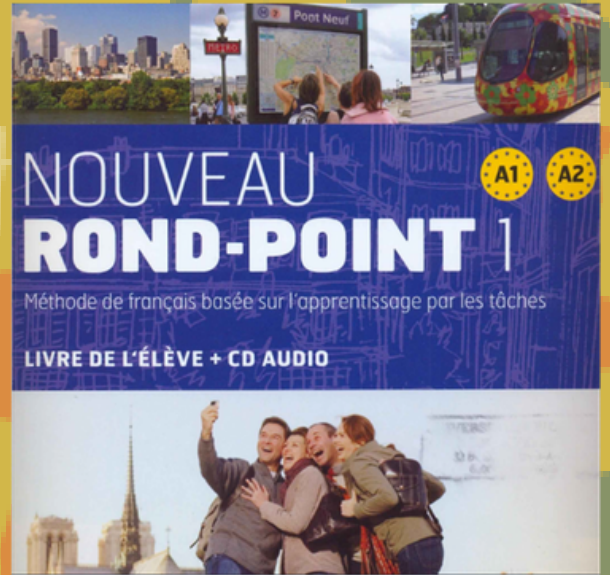
- Culture - the language, beliefs, values, norms, behaviors, and material objects that are passed from one generation to the next.
 - Material Culture - the material objects that distinguish a group of people.
 - Non-material Culture - a group's way of thinking and doing.
- The current world's population is 7.6 billion people
- Population growth

French

Alfredo Oquendo

For the first weeks of the year, and the second semester of the school year, we have started using new strategies that will help us achieving our goals in French.

Using the app Duolingo as part of our homework assignment, and the method Nouveau Rond Point I, we have new tools that will make our classes more interactive and fun.



Informational Technology



Alejandro Florian



This new semester students are really excited for the activities that we are going to develop together. Upper Schoolers will learn more about programming using the tool called Scratch, an educational programming software in which animations and games can be created.



Let's all program our way to Quarter 3! Welcome back to everyone!





Spanish



Jesuhane Tovar

Los estudiantes este mes de enero comenzaron a trabajar con una variedad de contenidos que son de vital importancia para el desarrollo del idioma Español, es importante hacer mención de algunos, como por ejemplo: el acento ortográfico y diacrítico, las sílabas y su separación, diptongo, triptongo e hiato, normas de acentuación, prefijos y sufijos, toda esta miscelánea de temas acompañado del diccionario ya que es un recurso necesario para la adquisición del lenguaje.



Physical Education

Alexandra Pereda



El deporte y la actividad física son fundamentales en la vida, en Escuelas Las Morochas le damos la bienvenida al año 2018, cargados de energía para la iniciación deportiva en baloncesto y de forma recreativa involucramos la actividad física para el disfrute y desarrollo de destrezas de los estudiantes.





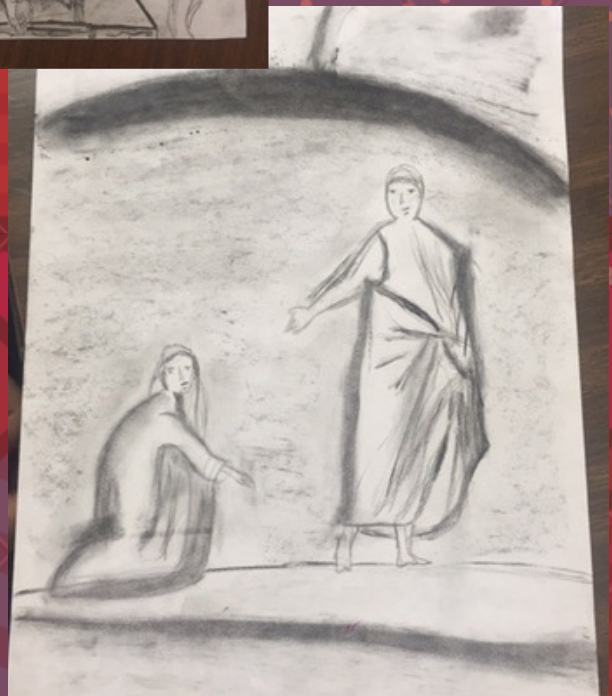
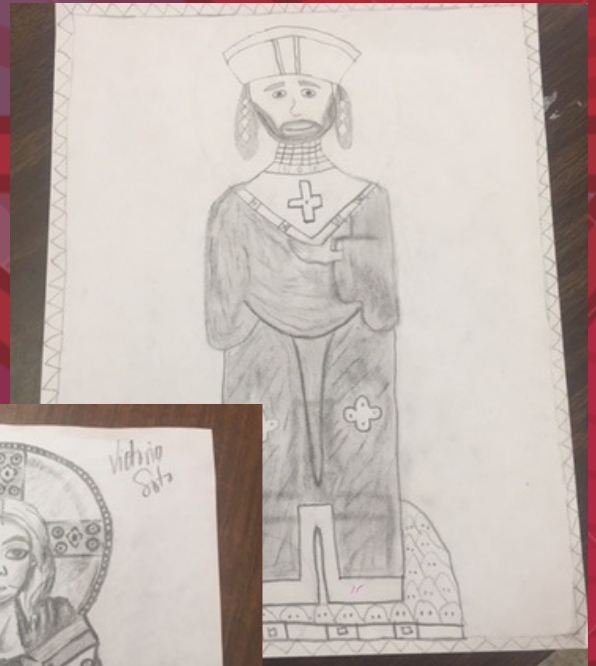
Arts

Miguel Rivero



El trabajo de Artes en Lower School durante este mes consistió en la realización de ejercicios con la línea como elemento constructivo y expresivo en las Artes, mientras que en la Escuela Media, los estudiantes analizaron el Arte en la Historia, indagando el Arte en la antigua Mesopotamia (actual Irak) y los saqueos que se realizaron en sus museos más importantes.

También fue motivo de análisis el Arte Paleocristiano y Bizantino en High School mediante la realización de informes y ejercicios prácticos que permitieron establecer comparaciones interesantes.





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See you next month!

