

EAGLES NEWSLETTER



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SUB-15 FLAG FOOTBALL

CCA participated this year for the first time in the Girls' Kiwanis Flag Football league, and though the girls had never played before, they progressed quickly. As coach Pat Gunther says, "I compare it to learning a new language where they had no idea what I was saying at first, to now where we can fully communicate." Though the season began on a difficult note, the team ended the season strong, and will be ready for the Fall's SUB-17 league.



Led by coaches Pat Gunther, Minelva and Grant Miller the players were: Daniela Hau, Barbara Cedeño, Alexandra Bosquez, Adriana Lainez, Chandni Asnani, Isabella Elías, Christie Lam, Emily Chavez, Emmy Cotton, Eden Louderback, Eva Harrill, Anna Skinner, Ella Kelso, Rachel Almack, Leonela Bautista, Esti Peralta and Anna Sofia Garcia.



SUB-18 SOCCER

Both SUB-18 Boys and Girls teams had great fellowship as they grew in technique this season. There was not an organized league for the girls during this time of year so they developed their game by playing friendly games with ISP, MET, Javier and amongst themselves. Led by coach David Faroh, the players were: (12th) Keimi Chen, Morgan Hale, Fernanda Fuentes, Armani Cornwell, (10th) Maria Flavia Iñigo, Stefi Carrillo, (9th) Barbara Cedeño, Taira Hall, Isabella Elias, Nicole Ferguson, Chandni Asnani, (8th) Eva Harrill and (7th) Leonela Bautista.



The boys' team, coached by David Bueno, participated in the ADECOP league, where they showed excellent teamwork, giving their all in each game. The team players were: (12th) Lance Hall, Mauricio Pichon, (11th) Jacob Hall, Alfredo Amador, Emilio Baeza, Jesse Foster, (10th) Johnny Luo, AJ Hale, Diego Castillo and Samuel Hong.



SUB-10 BOYS SOCCER

CCA SUB-10 soccer team had an exiting season coached by FIFA certified coach Orlando Aguirre. Participating in the ADECOP league, the athletes learned and developed important skills as the CCA soccer program takes on a new and stronger direction.

The players were: (5th) Ben Chu, Tai Herrera, Josias Orozco, (4th) David Elias, Jean Omicil, Malachi Kenyon, Samuel Hinestrosa, Ty Sasso, (3rd) Ian Samaniego, Salvador Diaz, Tyson Ekenstam, (2nd) Caleb Herrera, Lucas Iñigo, (1st) Dani Bueno and Jacob Skinner.

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SUB-14 AND SUB-12 BASKETBALL

The SUB-14 team, led by coach Aaron Hultstrand and assisted by Alex Reyes and Caleb Pahl, played in both the ADECOP and LIDECOPA leagues this semester. The team had a lot of young players who had not played on SUB-14 before. Each game was a chance to gain more experience and get a little bit better. The team was able to find success and qualify for playoffs in the LIDECOPA league.



The SUB-12 team played in the ADECOP league. Once again this team was very young for its league, with two fourth graders and two fifth graders to play alongside our sixth graders. The excitement and energy that the SUB-12 team played with each game was inspiring. The team learned a lot throughout the season and have become better and smarter players because of it. The team qualified for the playoffs in the ADECOP league.

The SUB-12 players were: (6th) Joel Torres, Kaleb Ekenstam, Isabella Barrios, (5th) Peter Hedspeth, William van Belzen, (4th) Sampson Rook and Nora Skinner. SUB-14 players were: (8th) Gino Foster, Mark Tomlett, (7th) Edwin Garcia, Xavier Sumrall, Alejandro Diaz, (6th) Miguel Caceres, Micah Cotton, Andres Agüero, Joel Torres and Kaleb Ekenstam.



SUB-16 AND SUB-18 BOYS BASKETBALL

Second semester basketball began with the team winning the Canal Cup. "It is a blessing to continue to watch our basketball program grow this season in the SUB-16 Kiwanis league and in the SUB-18 LIDECOPA league," states coach Grant Miller. Competing in these leagues has been a tremendous opportunity to learn about perseverance, respect, and compassion, modeled by coaches Miller and Hultstrand.

SUB-16 players were: (8th) Asher Gunn, (9th) Josias Valenzuela, Edwin Cobham, David Loo, (10th) AJ Hale and Diego Castillo. SUB-18 players were: (10th) AJ Hale, (11th) Jacob Hall, Emilio Baeza, Jesse Foster, Jacob Harrill and (12th) Ramses Garibaldi.



MULTICULTURAL YOUTH CHOIR

On May 3rd, sixteen CCA students from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades joined students from five other international schools in the Panama City area to form the Multicultural Youth Choir of Panama. Since January, each school had been learning the same pieces and then came together at the International School of Panama for a day of rehearsing followed by an afternoon concert for parents. To emphasize all of the unique cultures represented by the students, the choir sang six pieces in six different languages.



Directed and lead by Miss Sara Vossler, the following students participated: (3rd) David Agüero, Valeria Garcia, (4th) Aaron Castellon, Ethan Ferreira, Aoife Fulton, Emma Peralta, Sampson Rook, Joshua Shenk, Nora Skinner, Sara Ugarte, Adriana Valedes, (5th) Cylia Baggett, Andrea Garcia, Sara Guarisma, Tai Herrera, and Lucas Ombler.



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The CCA family celebrated the school's 20th anniversary on Saturday, April 14, at the Hacienda Country Club. A great time was had by all playing soccer, horseback riding, ziplining over a lake, hiking through the woods, swimming in the pool and working on their balance on the rope course. Special recognitions were made and testimonies were heard as all enjoyed the day of warm fellowship.



FIELD TRIPS

CCA students had the opportunity to visit and learn about a variety of panamanian landmarks, institutions, and organizations.

Middle School Social Studies teacher Caleb Pahl took the 6th grade to the Panama Maritime Authority and learned about how and why ships are registered and “Flagged,” as well as about the different types of boats that go through the canal. On May 3rd, Mr. Pahl took 7th & 8th grade students to visit the ruins of Panama Viejo to learn about the history of Panama.

On February 8th, second grade helped pastor Bill Wilbur from Gamboa Union Church record a radio show. They recited verses and shared some of their Bible knowledge with everyone who tunes into the Panama Today Radio Show. On May 8th, Miss Renee Williams and Mrs. Jennifer Morales accompanied 2nd grade to the children science museum *Explora*, where they expanded their knowledge on force and motion. They especially enjoyed the robotics lab where they created and programmed a lego robot.



K4 students have been learning about animal habitats all year so on April 27th Mrs. Jamie Herrera took them to visit Punta Culebra to provide them the opportunity to see and touch some of the animals found in the ocean habitat. During the tour of the museum, students were able to touch a starfish, a sea cucumber and pieces of dead coral, as well as see many tropical fish and frogs native to Panama.



On Friday, May 18th, Mrs. Diane Forture, Mrs. Jessica Rook and 1st grade students had an amazing time during their field trip to the Summit Zoo. While there, they learned about some of the animals found in Panama and especially about the Harpy Eagle, Panama’s national bird.



CCA’s 5th through 8th grade students had the wonderful opportunity to see the musical *Annie* on May 20th. This Broadway musical was performed in Panama by Balboa Academy.



DR. SEUSS DAY



On March 2nd, Mr. Hulstrand (HS Math) visited the K5 classroom dressed as the character *Cat in the Hat* to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. He read the story “Green Eggs and Ham” to K5 and 2nd grade students and then the classes sampled green eggs and ham. Many of the students found out that they love green eggs and ham!

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“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

... Alessia Gonzales (K5) who participated in the *Desfile de las Mil Polleras* held every year in Las Tablas. She was featured on the cover of the magazine *Tu Canal* produced by the Panama Canal administration.



... Keimi Chen Huang (12th) for participating, as a model and representative of the Chinese community in Panama, in Chinese Associations celebration of the New Year held February 16-17th.

... Miguel Angel Machaj (10th) who has been accepted to attend the Oxford Royale Academy 2018 Summer School Program.

... Ian Lam (2nd) and Roy Krum (2nd) whose baseball team won their championship game on May 12th.



...8th grader Asher Gunn, Middle School student of the month for Jan/Feb.



...12th grader Morgan Hale, High School student of the month for Jan/Feb.



...7th grader Ella Kelso, Middle School student of the month for March.



... 11th grader Mateo Betancur, High School student of the month for March.



... Jazmin Garibaldi (9th) for being chosen as a member of the Selección de Panamá SUB-15 Basketball team which came in 4th place April 11-15 at Camino al Centro Basket, and later played on the SUB-15 Panama Centro team that won the National Juvenile Games on May 17.



... Ethan Ferreira (4th) who participated in National Juvenile Chess Tournament achieving 4 wins out of 6 games, placing him in 1st place in the national SUB-12 category, out of a group of 42 players.

... Ramses Garibaldi (12th) for playing on the SUB-18 Men's Panama Centro Basketball team that won the National Juvenile Games on May 17.

... 3rd grade Battle of the Books team which won third place in this years' contest on May 23rd, and to all 4th and 5th graders who will participate in their contest on June 6th.

... Middle School Honor Roll 1st Semester 2017-2018



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