



Building Social Networks!

The International Charter School was awarded a grant by the Rhode Island Foundation to design a new social studies curriculum that will incorporate the languages and cultures we share at ICS. A Leadership Team is meeting weekly to create this unique curriculum that incorporates national and local standards while reflecting ICS's unique and special community. Director Julie Nora, Assistant Director Emilys Peña, Visual Arts Teacher Alison Plump, Fifth Grade English Teacher Connie Walinski, Fifth Grade Spanish Teacher Yasmin Peña, Second/Third Grade English Teacher Michael Hayes, Fourth/Fifth Grade English Teacher Jim Raisch, First Grade English Teacher Mary-Ann Rinaldi, First Grade Spanish Teacher Rosa DeVarona, and Second/Third Grade Portuguese Teacher Silvia Lima, are working together throughout the school year on this exciting project.

**Thanks Rhode Island Foundation and the ICS Leadership Team!
We couldn't have done it without your help!**



Next?

With Spring in the air, our thoughts have turned to our very own garden and the hopes that we can raise funds to cover the expense of construction and installation of a bench and iron bollards (posts used to separate the garden from the street) to be fabricated by the Steelyard to mesh with ICS's very own "golden arch".



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Learn

**About Creative Ways
That Members of the
ICS Community are
Giving and Getting**

*"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."*

Winston Churchill



Insect Invasion!

ICS Art Teacher Alison Plump had a good idea! She thought about an exciting way for our Second Graders to join their artistic talents, curious minds, and keen observation skills with an upcoming science project. And so, the "Insect Invasion" was born.

Ms. Plump prepared a request to the Rhode Island Foundation's Arts in Academics program and ICS was awarded a grant that will pay for the art journals, clay, watercolors, scientific illustrations, magnifying glasses, and other materials that focus on insects and their life cycles.

Students will sketch insects, make notes about the changes they observe, create a 3-D model of their favorite bug, and create a biosphere that shows it in its natural habitat. At the end of this project students will create an Entomology Museum to share what they have learned with ICS students and faculty.

**Thanks Alison and Rhode Island Foundation!
We couldn't have done it without your help!**

Happy Birthday!

Cano Morales's (SE2) father William invited friends and family to celebrate his birthday with him. Instead of bringing gifts, he asked his friends and family to donate books to the ICS library!

His generosity enabled us to place several new Spanish language books in our library.

**Thanks
William Morales!
We couldn't have done it without your help!**

Board Reaches It's Goal!

Each member of the Board of Trustees not only donates their time and their expertise to insure that ICS has what it needs to fulfill its mission and run smoothly, but every member has also made a commitment to financially support the school. Yes, 100% Board participation - another group of people who value our school and go the extra mile so that our students have all the educational tools they need to be engaged and successful learners.

**Thanks
Board of Trustees!
We couldn't have done it without your help!**

Stop! Shop! And Give It Up!

Clifton Laurence, Adrian's (SEK) dad, works at Stop 'N Shop and with his quick thinking and desire to help he came upon a wonderful way to benefit the students at ICS. Stop 'N Shop has a program that looks for worthy organizations to donate many overstocked items. Mr. Laurence arranged for a wide variety of office and school supplies, worth \$2,600, to be donated to our school.

**Thanks Clifton Laurence!
We couldn't have done it without your help!**

What Goes Around Comes Around!

With kind and generous hearts ICS students families, and staff, collected over 450 personal items (toothpaste, soaps, deoderant, shaving cream, etc.) in response to special education teacher Katie Nerstheimer's desire to have ICS help Crossroads Rhode Island, an organization dedicated to providing help to those members of our community in need.

**Thanks ICS students, families, and staff!
We couldn't have done it without you!**

If you have creative ideas for ways to benefit our school, please contact Julie Nora before you begin. This will insure that your ideas are in keeping with our general philosophy and do not duplicate programs already taking place.

Giving and Getting: Please remember that contributions to International Charter School are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.