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# Friend, Amigo, Amis

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## Special points of interest:

- 10/17 End of 1st QTR-No Students
- 10/20 Professional Development-No Students
- 10/21 PTO 6-7 p.m.
- 10/24 Hispanic Heritage Program 2 p.m.
- 10/24 Report Cards go home

## AMIS Awarded Grant Two Years In A Row!

Last year, AMIS was awarded a \$10,000 grant to participate in the Young Readers program which is sponsored by League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and Procter and Gamble. The purpose of the program is to instill a love of reading and promote communication skills. On October 3rd, AMIS was awarded the grant again!

During an awards ceremony held at Northern Kentucky University, our own Sra. Lang provided background information about our school and how students benefit in participating in the after school program.

Our young readers not only partici-

pate during the school year, but continue to develop their reading skills over the summer too.

Also, Sis. Marguerita Brewer, who has been a contributor to AMIS was recognized for her efforts in education.

The Young Readers program is sponsored by Mrs. Lea Mason.



## Mexican Students Discover AMIS

Several students from Mexico were able to visit the AMIS campus late last month as a part of their foreign exchange program. The students are part of PICO, which is a pro-

gram of Northern Kentucky University's exchange program. Each year two students from NKU visit Mexico to observe, compare and contrast education

systems.

## Mme. Barrett's First Graders Can Be Counted On

The first graders in Mme. Barrett's class are working with numbers in Math right now. They are using cubes and counters to add with instead of using their fingers. They have learned how to write addition sentences in a horizontal fashion. Also, the children are learning how to write the same sen-

tences in vertical fashion. (This is hard to do!)

Check your child's mid-term report to see what your child has or will be learning specifically during this quarter.

## What's Going On in Room 15?

What do you get when you combine second graders, eight basins of water, a bag full of "empty" test tubes, and paper towels? You get a science experiment, of course! You get bubbles, you get a little wet, and you get a room full of VERY excited kids! Why are second graders playing with water in class? They are learning about air.

Air exploration will launch us into our unit on weather, and it will give my students an exciting look into the life of a scientist!. There will be many more science explorations to come. Watch out-here comes future doctors, NASA employees, zoologists, meteorologists, botanist, and more! To put it in the words of a second grader, "...science ROCKS!"

-Miss Glass



## Magnet School Application Cycle Begins Soon!

Cincinnati Public Schools will be starting the 2009-10 application cycle for magnet schools in November this year. Normally, the cycle begins in January.

"We hope these changes help make the magnet application process easier for our parents and staff, and better assure that all parents interested in applying to magnet schools are able to do so", said Interim Superintendent Mary Ronan.

Please note the following dates for family and friends:

**October 30, 2008-** Magnet School Showcase, 4-7 p.m. CPS Education Center

**November 3-14-** Early Application Period (for siblings of students already enrolled in magnet schools)

**November 15-** Regular Application Period

## How Can You Support Your PTO?

Look immediately to your right when you enter AMIS. What do you see? You may see your name missing from our **shamrock** wall which denotes you are a member of our PTO. It is only \$3! Also, you can go beyond the ranks of

the PTO and join the AMIS nation by purchasing a **car magnet** for \$5! Not only are you showing off your school spirit but you are helping to get the word out about your child's great school. All proceeds go to the AMIS PTO to

purchase a laminator for the staff. The cost is little expensive but with the support of everyone, the cost will be minimal.

Please Show Your School Spirit!

## AMIS Teacher Enhances Her Skills With District Initiative

The call for math teachers to better themselves was sent out to the masses and kindergarten teacher, Martine Verbesselt, answered. She elected to join the Vermont Math initiative. The Vermont Mathematics Initiative (VMI) was developed nearly 10 years ago to support math instruction across the state of Vermont. Well, the proven results of this initiative has trickled down the state of Ohio and a large cohort from our district decided to improve themselves and others.

As VMI participants develop their competence in math, their confidence in delivering the instruction should increase. Madam Martine will be used as a school-wide resource for mathematics once she completes the program.

