



Newsletter

15 Years

Educating to change lives

Seventh Grader's field trip to Eskimo

Beginning in seventh grade our students receive five years of vocational career training, obtaining good computer skills including excel plus, along with accounting and administration at the technical level. After apprenticing with the private enterprise for 460 hours our students will receive certification for these careers along with their high school diplomas. To get a feel for the "real world" the class of 30 students were invited to visit the Eskimo Plant, which produces dairy products. They were tremendously impressed by the order, cleanliness and the great variety of products they saw in different stages of production, packaging and conservation in the cold rooms.

We are very grateful for the opportunity of visiting this very modern, busy production center and to Mr. Luis Herdez for his patience and interest in showing our students all the different aspects of the business and answering their many questions.



27 Miami high school students make up the June, Manos del Sur mission trip:

Pan y Amor students once again received with open arms the 27 high school students who made up the June, Manos del Sur mission trip. Some of the Miami students returned for the second time, however many came for the first time after having heard the experience of previous mission group members. They brought with them many wonderful donations (including over 120 pairs of sports shoes for our poorest students) however most importantly they brought their curiosity and enthusiasm and left having fallen in love with our students.



Many thanks to the adult chaperones, Paulina and Vicky, and to the two young students who came as group leaders, Zelmira and Juan Pablo. With their enormous energy and organizational skills they organized the mornings of individual tutoring for our most needy students and then helped prepare the afternoon events which included sports, arts and crafts or just joining our students in their regular extracurricular activities.

Three VIPs join the Manos del Sur trip:

Mariano Torres and Juan Chaustre:

We were delighted that **Mariano Torres** joined the mission trip bringing with him **Juan Chaustre**, a para-medic for Miami Dade; with the intention of offering three days of first aid courses including cardio pulmonary resuscitation classes with a portable de-fibrillator. This was a wonderful opportunity for all our teachers, administration staff and the older students to learn that in the case of an emergency, while waiting for the experts to arrive on the scene, one can and should initiate helping the victims. We were informed that in many cases, this help can make the difference between life and death for the victim. This was an especially timely preparatory course as Nicaragua very recently suffered three strong earth quakes.

A morning was set aside for the local Firemen and Red Cross staff, who showed up in force and left very satisfied with the course. Thank you Mariano and Juan, what a wonderful opportunity this was for us all.



Javier Cividini:

The Manos del Sur group also brought us **Javier Cividini** the manager and partner of Novecento Restaurant on Key Biscayne. Thank you Javier, for all your time and patience with our ninth graders, who are studying Accounting and Business Administration for their technical careers.



Javier got together with our students and formed a make believe restaurant, with Manos del Sur as the financial backer. With Javier’s help, the students planned and put together a menu, pricing and buying the ingredients. While some of the students prepared and cooked the meal, the others organized the dining area, printing out menus and inviting the lucky guests (teachers, staff and a few special guests), and then acted as the waiters/waitresses during the meal. It was very exciting and a great experience for our students as well as a delicious meal, well presented, for the guests. The financial backer did not do so well, however we know that all businesses take a time to get off the ground!!!

We would also like to thank Javier and his friends for 5 i pads and 3 tablets which were bought with funds raised during a previous event to benefit Pan y Amor, held at Novecento, on Key Biscayne. These will be used to help bring our teachers and students into this technological world.



100 students from primary school are invited to the Movies



Our thanks go out to Telecommunications Claro and the local “Spouses of the Diplomatic Corps” for inviting 100 of our primary school students to a viewing of “Rio 2”. Our students were spoiled with pop corn and soft drink and thoroughly enjoyed the movie. This type of event is always very special for our students and they behave very well!

Eighth graders from Lincoln School collect school supplies for Pan y Amor



The eighth graders from Lincoln school chose to help Pan y Amor's primary school students, as part of their community service. The best Pan y Amor students from each grade, first through sixth, were chosen to visit the Lincoln students and receive the school supplies that had been collected in their honor. Our students were received with many hugs and applause and had a lovely afternoon. Thank you Lincoln eighth graders, for remembering our students.

A Pan y Amor graduate:



Michael Leonel Moran Alvarado is 19 years old and he graduated from Colegio Pan y Amor, Batahola in 2012. Along with his high school diploma he received certification for three years of technical career training in administration. To achieve this certification he had to complete 460 hours as apprentice with a local Managua organization or business. Michael apprenticed at the local Police head quarters and after graduation he was invited to stay on and complete some additional police training. Today Michael spends his mornings in the administration offices and in the afternoons he functions as a Narcotics agent.

Today Maycol is able to help his family with expenses at home while also covering 50% of the cost of his studies at the University of Managua where he is studying Business Administration and receives a partial scholarship.

Well done Michael, we are proud of you!