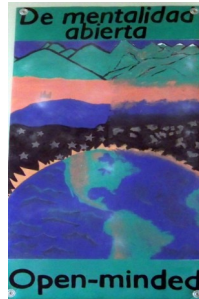


EXPANDING PERSPECTIVES



*"You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist." ~ Friedrich Nietzsche*

You have all heard about the *IB Learner Profile*- you know, those words we talk about all the time at MIS- Caring, Balanced, Principled, Knowledgeable, Risk-Taker, Thinker, Open-Minded, Reflective, Communicator, Inquirer. Maybe you've even heard our song for the profile. The IB Learner Profile as a whole defines the qualities of a global citizen and forms the framework for our students to grow into the principled global citizens and lifelong learners who can make the world a better place.

As an IB World School, MIS embraces the challenge to develop international mindedness in our students. Sometimes this is a bigger challenge for us living in Missoula where international influences are not always predominant. Therefore, we must seek opportunities for our students to develop greater understanding of a broad range of perspectives.

This October presents an authentic opportunity to expand our students' perspectives and BE OPEN-MINDED with a shift in emphasis on a fall cultural tradition. MIS will spend the full week of October 25 - October 29 learning about and celebrating the Latin American tradition of El Día de los Muertos- The Day of the Dead. Día de los Muertos is a cousin to the American tradition of Halloween, and provides our students the opportunity to broaden their perspective and explore how another culture honors life and death (as well as ghouls and

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Julie Lennox,  
Head of School

ghosts). The Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead stems from ancient Aztec traditions and offers us a glimpse into both the Native American and Hispanic Mexican cultures.

The rituals associated with Día de los Muertos are rich in the arts- visual, performing, musical, culinary and more. While MIS has a long-time tradition of celebrating the Day of the Dead as a Weekend School Day, the more in-depth study of the tradition often gets lost in the exuberance of Halloween parties. This year, the Day of the Dead celebration will replace school-day Halloween parties at MIS.

MIS welcomes Penelope Baquero as a guest artist for the week to guide the whole school through a study of the artistic traditions of the Day of the Dead. Penelope has worked at MIS in past years as a preschool and art teacher. She is originally from Bogota, Colombia and has travelled extensively through Latin America performing and producing educational and community theatre about cultural diversity and ecology.

We invite and encourage all MIS families and friends to attend the Day of the Dead celebration at MIS on Friday, October 29 from 3:45 - 6:00 p.m. The celebration will include student presentations and performances and a Mexican food potluck. Look for more information coming soon about the potluck and how you can contribute to our Day of the Dead celebration.

Join us...in celebration and remembrance

**Día de los Muertos**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**3:45-6:00 P.M.**

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NOTE...THIS REPLACES THE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 FAMILY SCHOOL DAY ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR!

## Día de los Muertos

### Favorite Traditions Explained



**D**ía de los Muertos is traditionally a joyous occasion when families gather to remember their ancestors and the continuity of life on November 1st and 2nd. The traditions date back to ancient Mexico and the Aztecs, but today it is also celebrated in many North, Central, and South American countries.

Although the skeleton is a common symbol for both Halloween and the Day of the Dead, the meaning is very different. For Día de Los Muertos, the skeleton represents the dead playfully mimicking the living and is not a frightening symbol at all.

Preparations begin weeks in advance with the selling of statues, candies, breads and other items in the markets. Families make pan de muerto, a sweet bread, with decorations representing bones of the deceased, and calaveras, or sugar skulls.

An ofrenda, or altar, decorates each home with offerings of the favorite foods and beverages of the deceased. The ofrenda may be decorated with brightly-colored papel picado, or paper cuts, and yellow marigolds, also a symbol of death.

The evening is sometimes called la Noche de Duelo, the Night of Mourning, marked by a candlelight procession to the cemetery. Entire families visit the graves of their ancestors, bringing favorite foods and beverages to the deceased as well as food for themselves. The ancient celebration preserves the memories of the departed and gladdens the spirits of the living.



## Spanish Language Corner



Volando sobre Bella Vista, Beni, Bolivia.

### Reflexiones del “Wild East,” Episodio I

*Journey to the Amazon, episode I, by Ted Muhs*

El Oriente de Bolivia se ha llamado “El Wild East” desde hace más de un siglo cuando los bosques y sabanas desconocidos de la Amazonía se abrían por los pioneros que siguieron a los misioneros Jesuitas. Poco conocida también es la historia y las culturas de la región.

Bolivia ha tenido su propia versión de vaqueros e indios. Hoy en día las poblaciones nativas han sido cambiadas por las influencias europeas y católicas, pero aún mantienen muchas costumbres tradicionales. Hasta hoy en día se dice que en las regiones remotas se resuelven los desacuerdos con la ayuda de una pistola. Pero, yo conozco a otra Bolivia.

Estar allí de nuevo este verano me recordó otra vez de que por qué se llama el “Wild East”. Desde Santa Cruz llegamos a Trinidad, la capital del departamento del Beni. Este pueblo fronterizo está lleno de polvo, motocicletas y calles medio construidas. Mis compañeros, Jolyn, Jack y Dustin Montgomery y yo nos dirigimos al Hangar B-8 donde subimos a una avioneta antigua que evidentemente había visto mejores días hace años. Ya los cielos se habían oscurecido por el chaqueo, la temporada de los incendios cuando los campesinos prenden fuego a sus campos a la esperanza de que traigan las lluvias...*A continuar en noviembre.*

Oriente- eastern region

Ha llamado- called

Sabanas- savannas

Conocida- to know

Ha tenido- had

Vaquero- cowboy

Costumbre- costume

Desacuerdo- disagreement

Avioneta- small, single engine plane

Chaqueo- burning season

Temporada- season

Despegar- to take off(plane)

**MISsion Forward Fund  
2010-2011:  
Full Circle and Beyond**

Your gift to the MISsion Forward Fund 2010-2011 brings MIS Full Circle. Why go beyond? You join a circle of giving as we celebrate 15 years of inspiring principled global citizens and lifelong learners. When you give beyond last year's gift or when you pledge beyond 2010-2011, you understand how the *Mission, Vision, and Values* of the Missoula International School impact the world beyond our small school campus, preparing future generations of global leaders. The goals of the Strategic Plan become a reality for MIS as you join a dedicated circle of supporters. This year, consider the impact of giving beyond. Consider the future of the Missoula International School, celebrating fifteen years and *beyond*.

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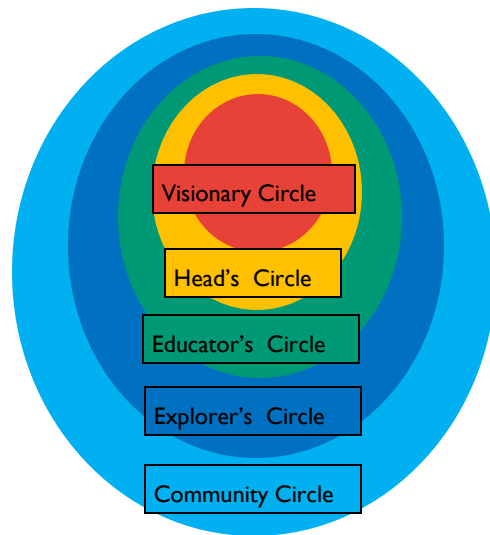
**Thank you for Supporting  
The MIS Spring Challenge 2010!**

The MIS Community set new records for the MISsion Forward fund during the Spring Challenge of 2010, raising \$36,548 and record parent participation levels within four weeks! Together, total giving to MIS in 2009-2010 was \$243,737. Your gifts supported financial aid, classrooms and teachers, the arts, the library, and the long-term growth of the Missoula International School. As MIS celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we aim to go full circle and beyond in 2010-2011!

Join us in giving to the future of  
MIS  
Full Circle and Beyond

Visionary Circle: \$25,000 +  
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**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

Monthly Parent education workshops sponsored by the PA Council will be scheduled each month on the THIRD FRIDAY from 11:30-12:30 p.m. Bring a lunch and join us to learn about a variety of topics about MIS and parenting.

**SCHEDULE OF TOPICS:**

October 15, 2010	<i>Bringing the IB Learner Profile Home</i> presented by Julie Lennox and Jeff Kessler What is the IB Learner Profile and how can we all help our children learn strategies to use the profile beyond school walls?
November 19, 2010	<i>Raising Peacemakers at MIS</i> Presented by MIS teachers and parents who attended the Families First workshop in October. How can we work together to raise our children to be peacemakers both at school and beyond?
December 17, 2010	<i>PIZZA FRIDAY</i> Join your child for Pizza on the last day of school before the holidays. Contact the office in advance to RSVP and order your slice.
Winter and Spring Topics To Be announced	

We believe our community of learners will **impact the world** in positive ways as we **embrace international friendships**, share **information and ideas** in **multiple languages** and forge **creative solutions** through **cross-cultural dialogue**.

**COMING SOON**

**GDay 2010:** Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

A day to honor our Grandparents and Grand Friends is an evolving tradition at MIS that provides a grand opportunity for an exchange of perspectives and experiences across generations. Our students enjoy hosting their Grandparents and Grand friends for a morning to share their MIS experience. Consider joining us and getting an inside glimpse into what your grandchild gains through an MIS education. Please RSVP by October 15 to office@mismt.org or (406)542-9924.

**Professional Development Day-No School:** Friday, October 22, 2010.

**MIS Family School Day– Day of the Dead:** Friday, October 29, 2010 from 3:45-6:00p.m. 2010. Join us for a celebration and potluck. \*\*\*Note that this day replaces Sunday, October 31 as a family day event.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School:** Friday, November 12, 2010.

**MCT (Missoula Children’s Theater) Casting Day:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 at MIS.

**Thanksgiving Break-No School:** Wednesday, November 24– Friday, November 26, 2010.

**MCT Week at MIS:** Monday, November 29-Friday, December 3, 2010.

**MIS/MCT Performance of *La Princesa y el guisante (the Princess and the Pea)*:** Friday, December 3, 2010.

**Winter Break–** Monday, December 20-Friday, December 31, 2010.

**K-8th Grade Assemblies–** Feel free to join us in the gym every other Friday beginning September 10.

**Salsa Ball–** Saturday, February 26, 2011. MIS will be celebrating its *Fiesta Quinceañera*, or 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Field Trip Highlight: Risk-Takers Work Together**

Students in the Middle School visited the Ropes Course in Kiwanis Park on September 14 to test their courage and learn important team-building skills .

