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MEETING PROM AUREUS 2025

This new year, the graduating class dazzles us with the reveal of their Aureus class. Aureus is governed by the motto: **"Shining into the Future."** Its name highlights the importance of each graduating student for their achievements, talents, and contributions.

The main symbol is the **"Pegasus"**, which represents freedom, unity, and strength. Surrounding its head, a laurel wreath reflects triumph. Finally, the four-pointed star guides them with wisdom, giving them integrity.

This class unveils a board of directors with new faces and great potential.

Leading the class is President Lauren Sabogal. Gratitude for her classmates and emotion dominated Lauren when she was elected president. She emphasized that, for her, the importance of this role requires impartiality, dedication, and patience, always giving her best in every action she takes.

"We are a diverse class, but with a common heart, and understanding that makes us truly united."





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Lauren is followed by the vice president, Alexa González, and her secretaries, Vivianne Barranco and Ana Escobar. Being vice president is just as important as being president, since it is a role that supports and complements the president's work, ensuring that plans and activities are carried out in the most organized and effective way possible.

On the other hand, Vivianne and Ana have many responsibilities; however, one of their main duties is to maintain good documentation—either digital or physical—of any written document that needs to be submitted or created.

Lastly, the treasurer, Juan Esteban Pérez, is in charge of managing the class funds, which are used for various activities. In Juan's own words:

"It's worth emphasizing that I won't let any personal thoughts cloud my judgment. Everything we do has to be as fair and neutral as possible."





"CBP MAKES STRIDES TOWARD VICTORY IN CALI, COLOMBIA"

"Students from CBP participated in the XLII Tournament in Cali, Colombia, a high-level sports competition that brings together school teams from different regions of the country, representing Panama. Among them, students Lucas Torres (8-B) and Christopher Ramírez (10-E), both from CBP, competed and demonstrated their skill and performance in swimming."

"The competition took place from March 20 to 26, spanning a duration of 6 days. The students mentioned that on the day of the tournament, they were very excited because Panamanians were cheering them on. Over these six days, they were able to improve their techniques, learning from other competitors and teammates. Although the tournament was challenging, students Lucas Torres and Christopher Ramírez successfully advanced their learning and discipline in swimming, achieving notable success."





FRC SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Eighth-Grade Students Represent the Bilingual School of Panama in Regional Robotics Competition in Miami.

Colegio Bilingüe Panamá, represented by eighth-grade students **Sebastián Díaz and Juan Polo**, achieved an outstanding performance at the **FRC South Florida Regional** and the **FRC World Championship in Houston**, becoming the **first Panamanian team** to reach this level. Despite being a **rookie team** and facing challenges such as limited time to assemble their robot ("**Everybot**"—inspired by a NASA robot) and delays in receiving parts, they demonstrated **effort, dedication, and teamwork**, earning the **All-Rookie Star Award** in the **Curie Division**. This experience allowed them to develop skills in **mechanics, programming, and problem-solving under pressure**, while fostering **leadership** and motivation for future careers in **engineering and technology**. Their story is an **inspiring example** of overcoming obstacles, believing in oneself, and growing with every challenge.





APOLLO KIDS - WRO 2024



Once again, we can be amazed by the talent present in this school community when observing the performance of three students in the World Robot Olympiad, a renowned international robotics competition, which was held this past year 2024 in Izmir, Turkey. The 2024 edition brought together the best teams worldwide to solve challenges through robot design and programming. Panama participated in this event with several teams, including Apollo Kids, made up of students Alanna Broce, Álvaro Aguilar, and Erica Quiroz, guided by their dedicated coach Mileika Gómez. The Apollo Kids team participated in the Future Innovators Elementary category, where they presented a project based on the design of a robot meant for rescue missions during natural disasters, which uses motion sensors, autonomous technology, and rapid assistance solutions for victims.



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Their participation highlighted the advancement of STEM education in Panama and the commitment of young people to global technological evolution, placing the country's name on one of the most important stages of global robotics.

Guided by their coach, the kids worked with great dedication on their project. Alanna Broce was in charge of programming, Álvaro Aguilar acted as the mechanic, and Erica Quiroz was the engineer. Each team member played a crucial role, leading them to achieve sixth place in their category, a great and admirable success in a global competition where thousands of teams participated.

Despite the nerves and challenges that came with developing the project, what stands out most in these students' memories is the enthusiasm and pride of representing their country in such a large competition, where they were able to share with other nations and learn from each challenge. Their participation in WRO 2024 is proof of the importance of young people in innovation to ensure a better future that knows how to manage the conflicts of the present.



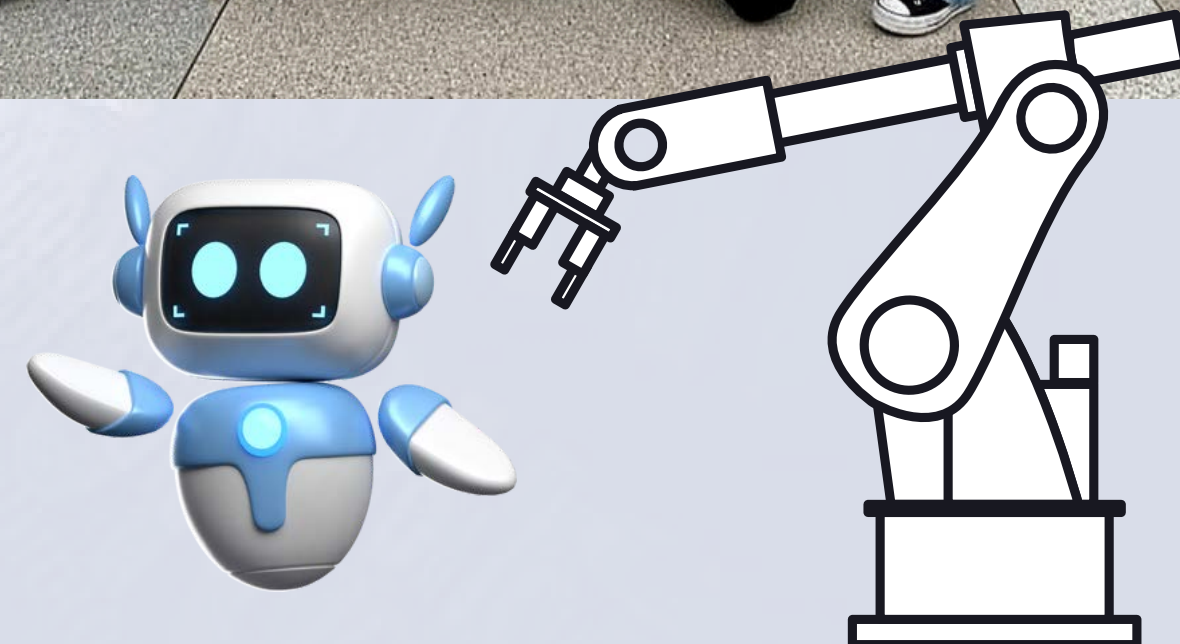
In the end, Apollo Kids has demonstrated that teamwork and perseverance have no limits. They are a source of pride and an example for everyone!



FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION 2025

The Panamanian team made an outstanding debut at the **FIRST Robotics Competition 2025** in Orlando, Florida, where they earned the prestigious **Rookie All-Star Award**. Their robot, inspired by underwater algae-collecting units, showcased exceptional preparation and teamwork.

Gothen Loaiza, a 12th-grade student who specialized in mechanics, highlighted the invaluable lessons learned through collaboration at this high-level event. The experience deepened his passion for robotics and proved that Panama has **untapped talent ready to excel on the global stage**.





THE YOUTH SHAPING OUR FUTURE: LLAC 2025

The Latin American Laboratory for Citizen Action (LLAC) is a valuable Panamanian initiative led by Jóvenes Unidos por la Educación and the Panama Canal Authority. Its primary goal is to foster **critical thinking, sustainability, and civic engagement** among youth aged 15 to 24. This space empowers the next generation by strengthening their commitment to social responsibility.

Within LLAC, the "**Muteando**" initiative was born—a proposal aimed at **transforming noisy spaces into peaceful, healthy, and mindful environments**. Through sound awareness and small daily actions, it promotes harmonious coexistence, benefiting entire communities.



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In the words of Vivianne Barranco, a young leader who participated in this initiative:

"As a young Panamanian, I'm deeply concerned about our country's current economic, political, and social challenges. That's why I joined LLAC – to educate myself, develop critical perspectives, and actively contribute to building a better Panama. We youth have a duty to learn from past generations while innovating with creative solutions. The future is in our hands, and we must responsibly embrace our role as citizens committed to collective well-being."



"PANAMA MAKES ITS VOICE HEARD AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEBATE TOURNAMENT!"

Panamanian students prepare to represent the country in the World Schools Debating Championship 2025, to be held for the first time in Panama.

For the first time in history, Panama will host the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC), an international competition in English where high school students from more than 70 countries debate on social, political and ethical issues.

Representing the country, young people like Julio Aizprúa and Gabriela Castillero are preparing with enthusiasm and discipline to leave the name of Panama on high. "It has been a life lesson," said Julio, telling how debate has helped him grow as a person and learn to see different points of view.





Gabriela, for her part, confessed: “What I enjoy most is refuting. I love it when I get to defend my point strongly,” demonstrating that a passion for debate can be born out of even simple curiosity.

Both agreed that the most valuable thing has been learning to defend ideas even when they disagree with them, which has taught them empathy, tolerance and critical thinking.

This tournament is much more than just a competition: it is a true celebration of the youth's voice, cultural diversity, and the transformative power of ideas. Each participant, with their words, contributes to building a more thoughtful and just future.

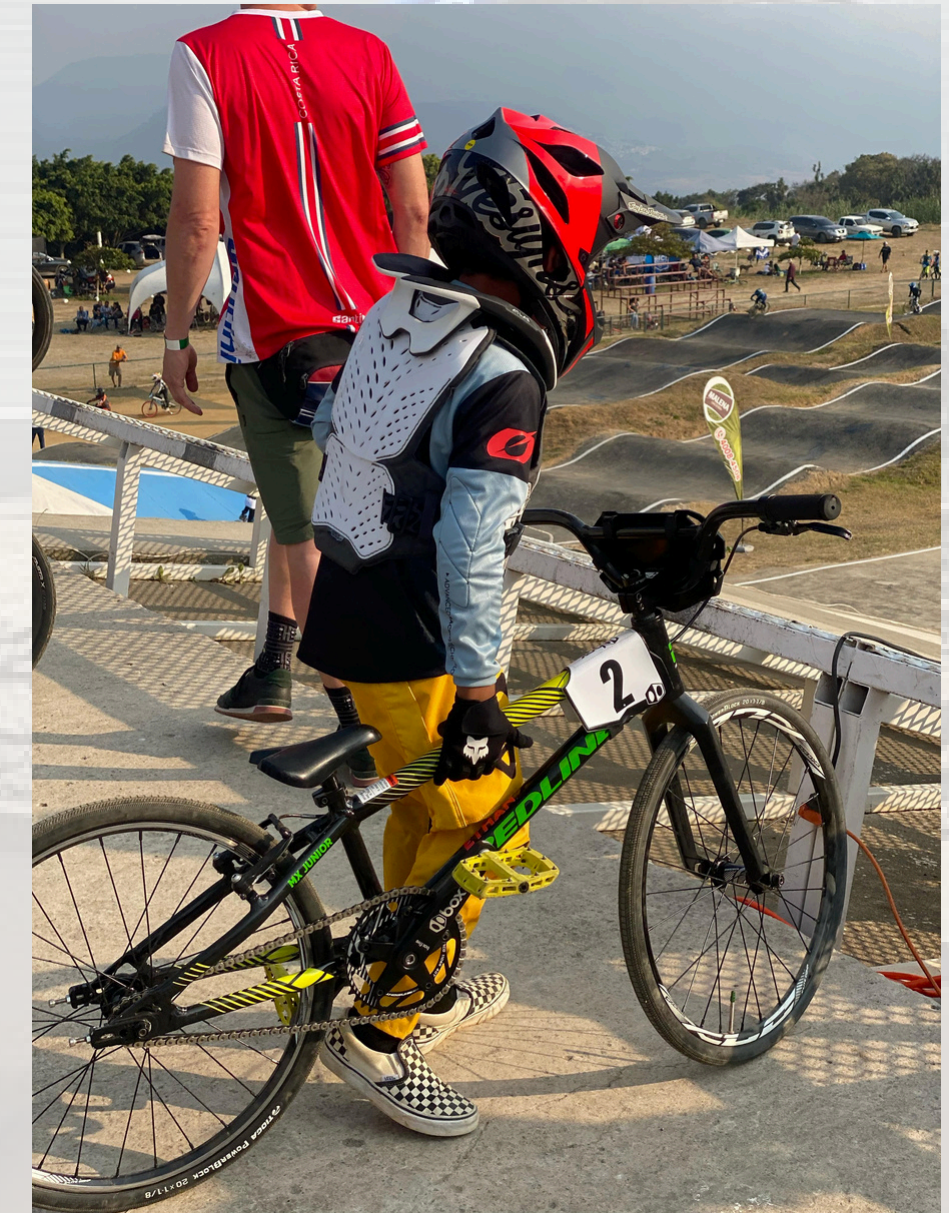


ETHAN AMAYA: THE LITTLE GIANT OF BMX WHO PUT PANAMA ON THE PODIUM

With just a few years of experience and a bike full of dreams, young **Ethan Amaya** achieved what many only imagine: representing **Panama** in a Central American BMX competition and securing a **third-place podium finish** for his country.

Though younger than most competitors, Ethan refused to be intimidated. Helmet on, gaze steady, and facing an unfamiliar track, surrounded by cheers, excitement, and adrenaline. He rose to the challenge. "I was nervous at first," he admitted with a laugh, "but once the race started, I just focused on enjoying it."

Behind this achievement lie **countless hours of practice**, falls turned into lessons, and an immense love for the sport. Ethan trains with discipline, always supported by his family and coaches, who have witnessed his **growth and dedication** firsthand.





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Behind this achievement lie countless hours of practice, falls transformed into lessons, and an immense love for the sport. Ethan trains with unwavering discipline, constantly supported by his family and coaches, who have witnessed his remarkable growth and dedication up close.

"The most beautiful part was seeing so many kids from different countries and knowing I was there, with my flag, giving it my all," he shares proudly.

His story proves there's no age limit on big dreams – that when passion meets perseverance, results follow. Today, Ethan doesn't just take home a medal, but also the affection and admiration of everyone who watched him soar on two wheels.

And this is just the beginning. With that fearless heart of his, we're sure to see him representing Panama many more times... leaving his mark wherever he competes.



GOOD DEEDS DAY - PROM AUREUS 2025

The Good Deeds Day served as a meaningful opportunity for our graduating class to put values like **solidarity** and **social responsibility** into action. During this initiative, we collected and packaged dry food supplies for C.E.B.G. La Mata in Coclé, a school in need of our support.

This was more than just a donation drive; it was a **purpose-filled day** where we gave not only goods but also our **time, effort, and heart**. Every student contributed, reinforcing how small actions create big impacts.

Our class takes pride in making a difference, and participating in such a noble cause strengthened our **unity and purpose**. Beyond celebrations and events, being Prom Aureus 2025 means leaving a legacy through actions that truly matter.





A PICNIC TO REMEMBER



Students radiate happiness as they share with their peers

Under the warmth of the sun and between cheerful smiles, last Tuesday, April 15th, high school students gathered in the schoolyard for a picnic. This refreshing event was organized by the Lighthouse group to foster camaraderie and generosity among all the students. Each group brought their own traditional blanket to lay on the grass, along with snacks and desserts to share with friends. During that memorable recess, differences became irrelevant, and everyone enjoyed the magic of a simple moment together.





CBP CELEBRATED EASTER



CBP's preschool and early elementary children celebrated Easter with great excitement.

The Easter celebration at school was a magical moment, full of laughter and color.

From early in the morning, preschool and elementary students arrived excited, some wearing bunny ears, carrying baskets, and beaming with big smiles. You could feel the anticipation in the air—it was the day of the big Easter egg hunt!

The schoolyard was filled with colorful eggs hidden everywhere. When the signal was given, the children eagerly ran off, looking behind trees, under benches, and among the plants. Each time they found an egg, their eyes lit up with joy, and the air filled with laughter and excited shouts.

But the biggest surprise of all was the arrival of the Easter Bunny. When he appeared, hopping among the playground equipment, the children couldn't contain their excitement. Some hugged him, others shook his hand, and many lined up to take pictures with him.

It was a special moment that will remain in their hearts forever.





DANCE-OFF CELEBRATING CBP'S ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, the CBP choreography contest took place, featuring performances from students in grades 1 through 12. With themes from different decades and a variety of genres, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

There was great enthusiasm from both the students and their families, who showed unwavering support throughout the event. Many parents shared how much they appreciated the opportunity and expressed a desire for more events like this, where students can showcase their talents and skills.

The winners from grades 1 to 4 were as follows:

- 1st Place: 2D
- 2nd Place: 1F
- 3rd Place: 2E

For fourth grade:

- 1st Place: 4A
- 2nd Place: 4E
- 3rd Place: 4D

In the high school division, the winners were:

- 1st Place: Grade 12
- 2nd Place: Grade 11
- 3rd Place: Grade 10





CBP MARKED 21 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



CBP Students Make Baby Basket Donations

On May 14, we celebrated the 21st anniversary of our founding with various activities, including the donation of baby baskets to the San Miguelito Health Region to be given to mothers in need.

Representing us at the donation were one of our editors, Sophia Patiño, and the student Eduardo Obaldía from class 12A. From the administration side, Licenciada Virginia López, Academic Secretary, also attended.





12TH GRADERS START THE YEAR WITH A FESTIVE CARAVAN



The 12th-grade students began the school year with an emotional caravan that started at the Extra supermarket in Brisas and ended at the school. Upon arriving at the gymnasium, they were warmly welcomed by the school principal, Professor Eneida López, who shared inspiring words, emphasizing the importance of hard work and dedication in reaching the goal of graduation.

As a gesture of appreciation for the soon-to-be graduates, the school treated them to a fireworks display that lit up the sky with color and excitement.





A FUN FARM DAY FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS



On May 30, the school organized a farm-themed event featuring animals and fun activities such as "milking" a toy cow, husking corn, stick horse races, a watermelon-eating contest, and more. The children had a wonderful time, as did the parents and family members who accompanied them.





CBP COMMEMORATES BLACK HERITAGE DAY



Students at our school commemorated Black Ethnicity Day on May 23 (preschool) and May 30 (high school), recognizing that Afro-descendant communities are an essential part of our culture and folklore.

We extend our sincere thanks to the teachers who, with great dedication, strive to teach us and keep this legacy alive for future generations.





CBP CELEBRATES ENGLISH WEEK

As a bilingual school, we emphasize the importance of the English language in the comprehensive education of our students. Therefore, we enthusiastically celebrated English Language Week throughout the school, from Preschool through 12th grade. During this week, various activities and contests were held, including spelling, reading aloud, dramatizations, board and interactive games, crafts, Fashion Day, and the highly anticipated Talent Show, among others. These experiences not only reinforce language learning but also promote creativity, oral expression, and confidence in our students.

Additionally, during recess, students in grades 4 through 6 organized a series of games in which they funfully applied the topics learned throughout these first two months. This initiative allowed all participants to benefit, reinforcing knowledge in a fun and collaborative way.





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PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES ENGLISH WEEK



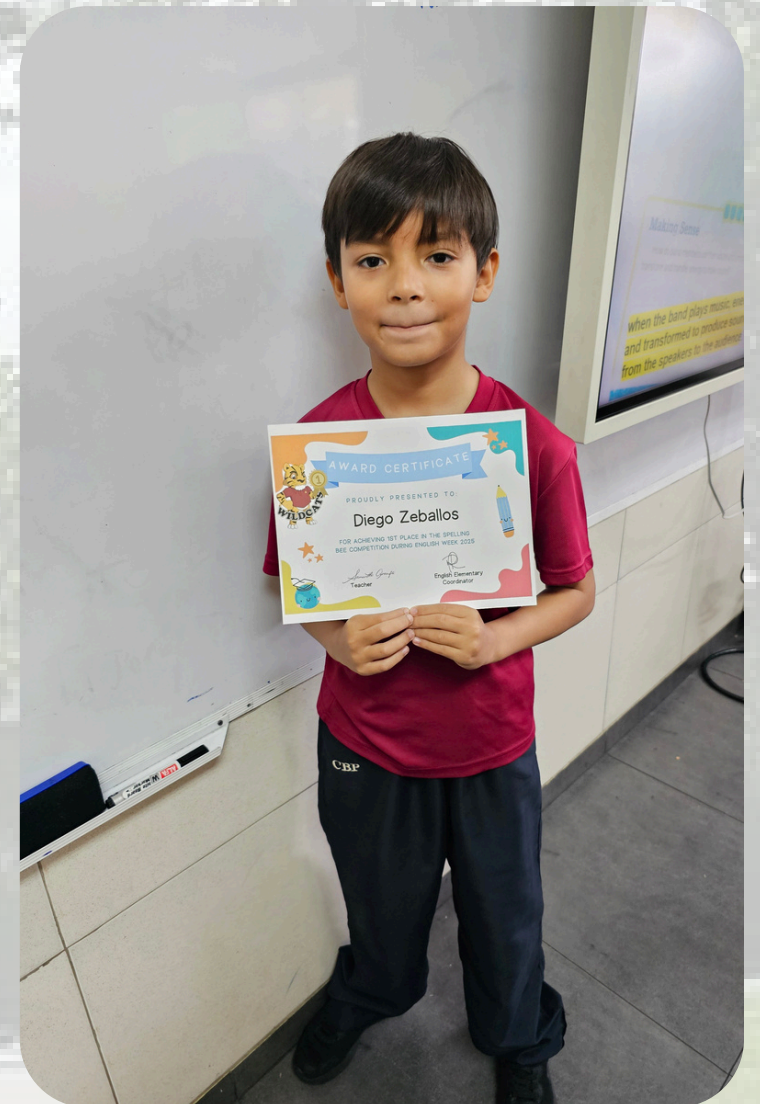
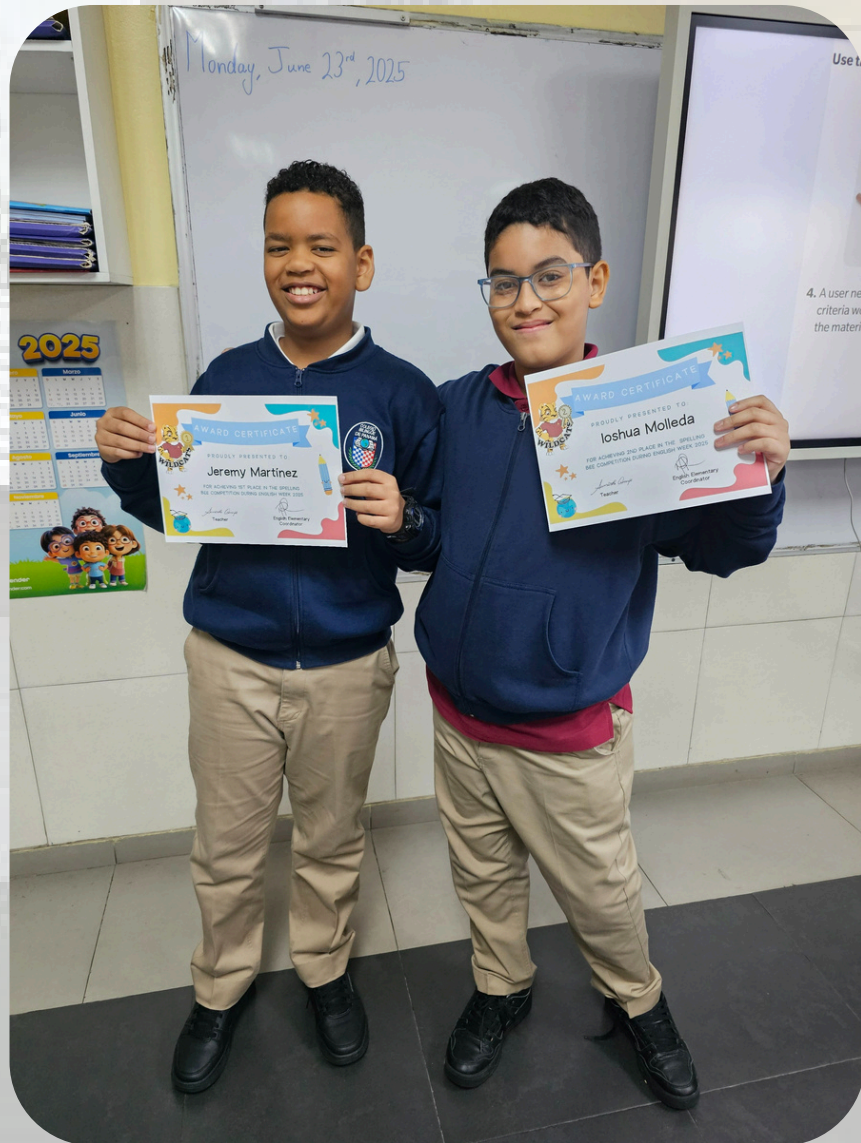


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PRIMARIA CELEBRA LA SEMANA DE INGLÉS





WINNERS



Concurso	Grado	Lugar obtenido	Nombre
Oral Reading	2do	1st	Mateo Merel
		2nd	Andrés Díaz
		3rd	Sebastian Contreras
Oral Reading	3ro	1st	Allegra Sánchez
		2nd	Ian Martinez
		3rd	Caleb Ríos
STOP	5to	1st	Andrea Quezada
		2nd	Samuel García
		3rd	Isabella Rodríguez
Dictation	2nd	1st	Juan Rivero
		2nd	Mateo Salabarría
		3rd	Gustavo Pineda y Megan Barahona
Spelling Bee	4to	1st	Diego Zeballos y Alia Herrera
		2nd	Mathías Porras
		3rd	Ariadne Concepción
Spelling Bee	6to	1st	Gianna Gobern
		2nd	Vicky Zhang
		3rd	Adrianna Martin



WINNERS

Poem recitation	3ro	1st	Ambar Villarreal
		2nd	Adriana Atencio y Jayden Davis
		3rd	Emma García y Matías Diaz
Poem recitation	1ro	1st	Camila Valenzuela
		2nd	Samantha Chavarría y Luis Felipe Murillo
		3rd	Matías Sanmartin
Spelling Bee	5to	1st	Jeremy Martínez
		2nd	Ioshua Molleda
		3rd	Gia Garzón
Writing	6to	1st	Vicky Zhang
		2nd	Lucía Godoy
		3rd	Grace Murillo
Writing	6to	1st	Vicky Zhang
		2nd	Lucía Godoy
		3rd	Grace Murillo
Drawing	6to	1st	Vicky Zhang
		2nd	Lucía Godoy
		3rd	Grace Murillo





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Spelling Bee	3ro	1st	Daniella Saavedra
		2nd	Juan De Dios Aceituno
		3rd	Amber Atencio
Dictation	1ro	1st	Ian Leung
		2nd	Liam Marín e Ian Ortega
		3rd	Elena Calero