

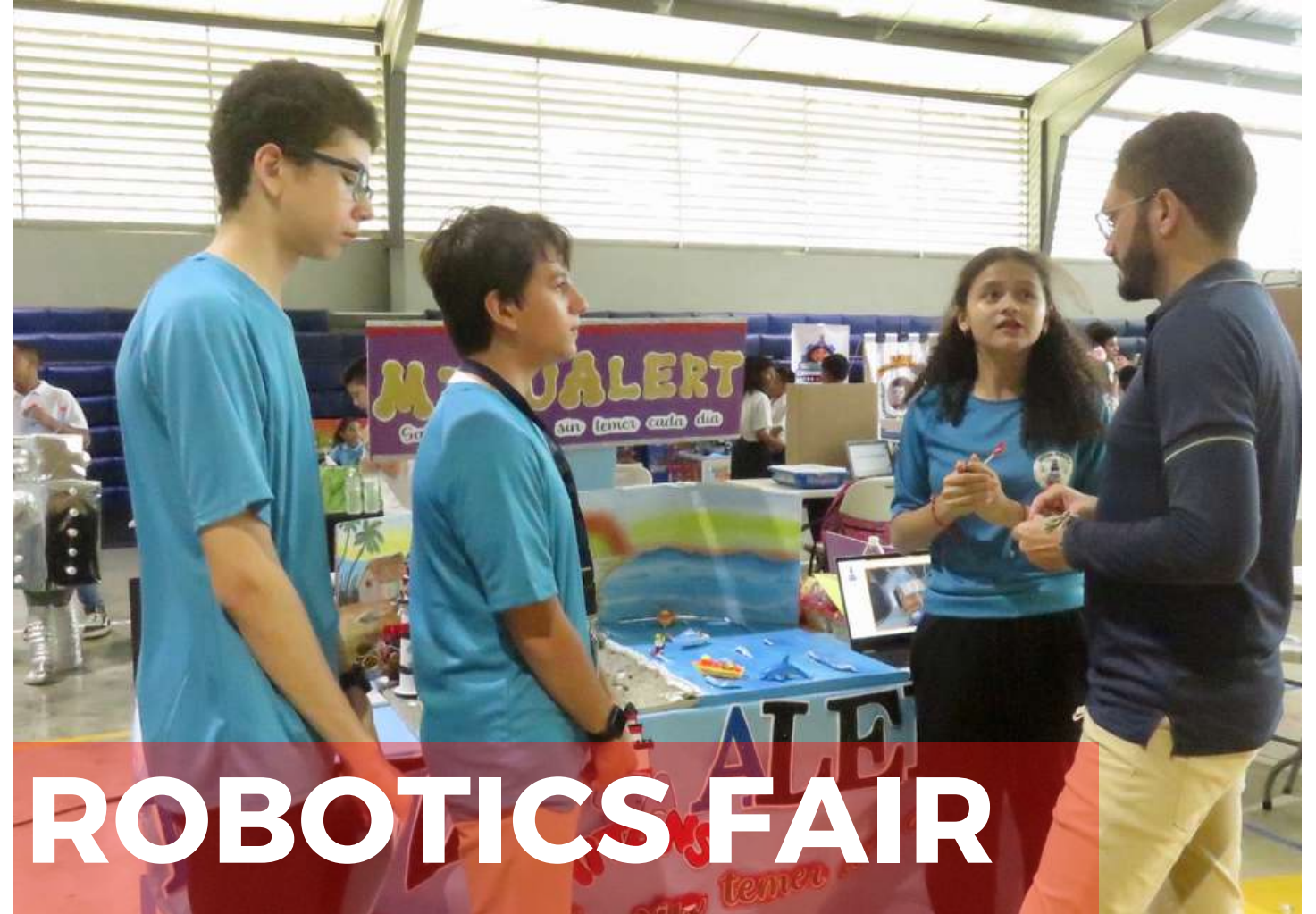
FIRST SCHOOL IN PANAMÁ TO ACQUIRE A VIRTUAL REALITY CLASS KIT FOR EDUCATION



Virtual Reality (VR) in education refers to the use of immersive digital environments to enhance the learning experience. It involves the integration of computer-generated simulations and 3D technologies into educational settings. VR enables students to interact with and explore virtual worlds, making learning more engaging and experiential. This technology has the potential to revolutionize education by providing immersive simulations, virtual field trips, and hands-on experiences that can improve the understanding and retention of complex subjects.



SWEET & SALTY



ROBOTICS FAIR

JOIN US, HAVE FUN AND LEARN!

- Leader in Me "Lighthouse School"
- Bilingual education
- Interactive and active learning
- Student - centered approach
- Technology integration
- Extra curricular activities



CELEBRATING LOVE AND DEDICATION ON FATHER'S DAY

Honoring the pillars of our life and thanking them for their unconditional love.

On this special day, we dedicate a well-deserved recognition to the amazing men who have been our guides and companions as we grow. Father's Day is a time to show gratitude and love to those special people who have been fundamental pillars in our lives.

Fathers do so much more than provide for us. They give us unconditional love, emotional support, and wise teachings throughout our upbringing. They show us how to be brave, strong, and courageous, inspiring us to become the best versions of ourselves.



From an early age, our parents play a crucial role in our development. They are our first heroes, who teach us our core values, guide us in decision-making, and offer us a shoulder to lean on when we need comfort. Their constant presence gives us a sense of security and confidence to face life's challenges.

It's also important to remember those men who, even if they are not our biological fathers, choose to take on the role of father in a child's life. These brave and loving individuals deserve just as much recognition on this day. Their generosity and dedication inspire those around them and show that love and care have no boundaries.



This Father's Day, our preschoolers celebrated an exciting day full of vitality and enthusiasm. The sports activities held in the school gym became the central axis of this celebration, offering parents the unique opportunity to actively participate with their sons and daughters. These dynamics and activities fostered the bond between parents and children and created unforgettable moments full of vivid smiles. Family ties were further strengthened throughout this day, demonstrating the unconditional love and constant support parents give their little ones. The school community came together to celebrate these moments of shared happiness, demonstrating once again that the spirit of collaboration and mutual affection are fundamental in the educational process and in the integral formation of our students.

ENGLISH WEEK AT OUR SCHOOL

A Successful Language Challenge

Recently, we interviewed Mariana Rodríguez, the president of the Lighthouse Team, to learn more about our successful English Week at CBP. This event immersed our school community in an exciting challenge with the primary goal of improving students' English language skills.

When asked about the activities during this memorable week, Mariana explained the implementation of an interesting "challenge" in each classroom. The challenge consisted of maintaining communication exclusively in English throughout the week in order to encourage active use of the language and improve fluency.

Mariana also emphasized that the main goal of English Week, especially in her classroom, was to enable all students to speak English more fluently and to practice it consistently and diligently compared to their usual routine. This approach proved to be an enriching experience for all participants.

The crucial role of English teachers and other staff during the event in motivating students was highlighted. Teachers and school staff supported students fully in taking up the challenge by encouraging the use of English at all times, although there were occasional lapses in Spanish by some students.



The students of CBP, including those in our preschool, celebrated English Week from June 19-23 by participating in various activities. These activities included singing contests, number dictation, talks, and talent shows. Engaging in these activities encouraged the students to speak in English, which is not their native language.

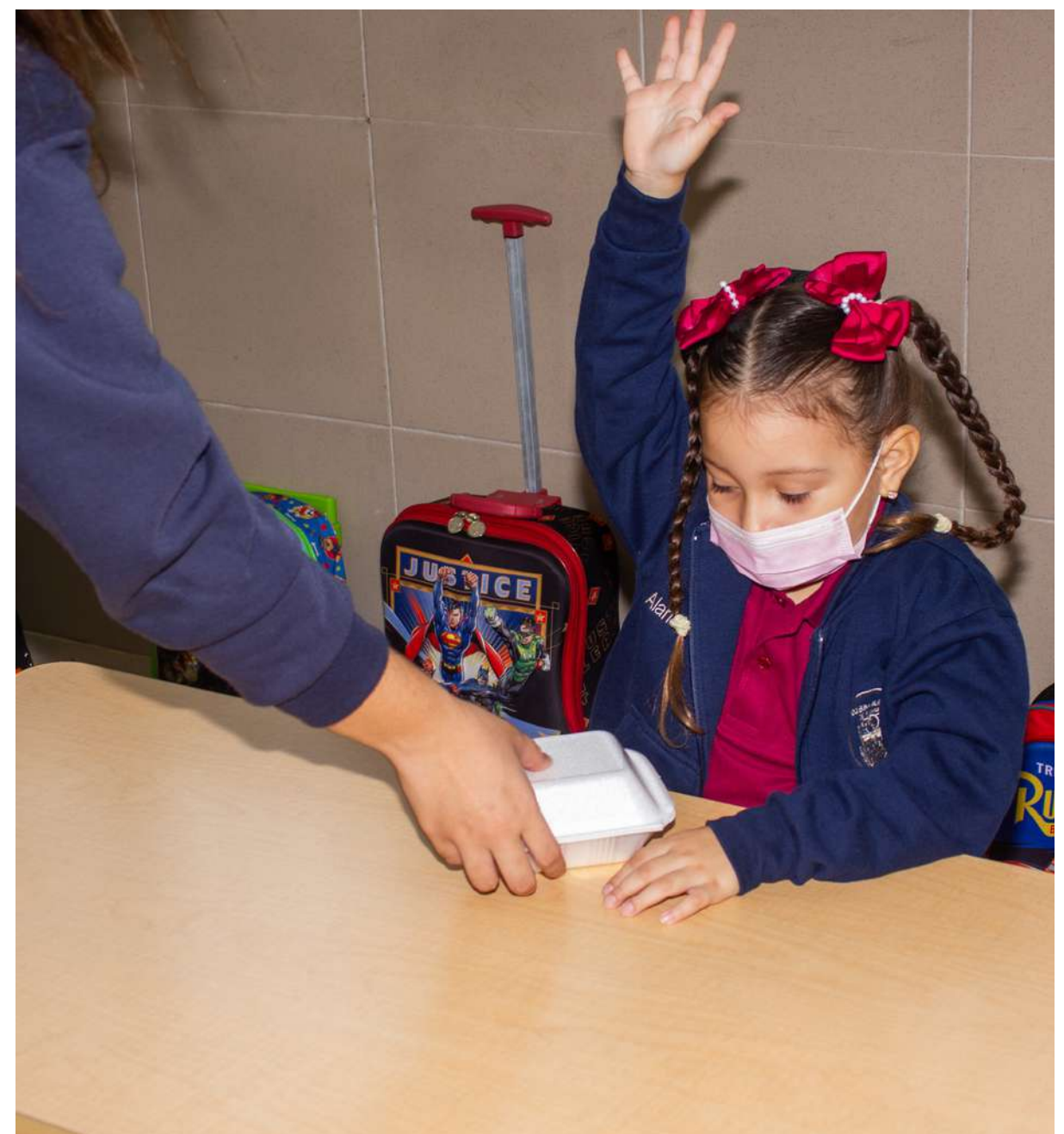
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How are students preparing for the Sweet and Salty event

PROM 2023: JOINING EFFORTS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE "SWEET AND SALTY" ACTIVITY

The enthusiasm and commitment of the Class of 2023 was evident during the preparation of the "Sweet and Salty" activity organized by the C.B.P. seniors. A dedicated committee of students and teachers worked together weeks in advance to plan every aspect of the event, including logistics and strategies to ensure its success.



The fundraiser was a huge success and helped build strong relationships among the students in the Class of 2023. Despite some challenges, the event was an inspiring example of how dedication and teamwork can overcome any obstacle and make an activity successful and meaningful. With newfound confidence and experience, the Class of 2023 is more motivated than ever to improve and exceed expectations in future events and activities.



CHILDREN'S DAY

Day



Children's Day is a really special time when we celebrate all the important rights that kids have, like education, housing, and family. In Panama, it happens on the third Sunday of July every year. It's a day when we show how much we care about children and how much we appreciate everything they do for society.

Being a kid is super important because it's when you learn how to make friends, think, and grow into your own person. That's why Children's Day is such a big deal! There are tons of fun things to do, like fairs, games, dressing up, and face painting. Some of the most popular spots are Parque Omar, Atlapa Convention Center, and all the shopping centers around the country.

Lots of families use Children's Day to spend time together and get closer to their kids. So, what are you planning to do to celebrate this special day? Children's Day is a special occasion where we celebrate the rights of children, such as education, housing, and family. In Panama, it falls on the third Sunday of July every year. It's a day when we raise awareness about the importance of valuing and appreciating children and their role in society.

During childhood, bonds and cognitive abilities are formed, and the foundation of values and personality is established. That's why Children's Day is a day to commemorate the significance of this stage. Various activities are organized to entertain children, such as fairs, games, dressing up, and face painting. Popular places to visit include Parque Omar, Atlapa Convention Center, and shopping centers across the country.

Many families use this day to spend quality time with their children and strengthen their relationship with them. So, what activities do you have planned to celebrate Children's Day?



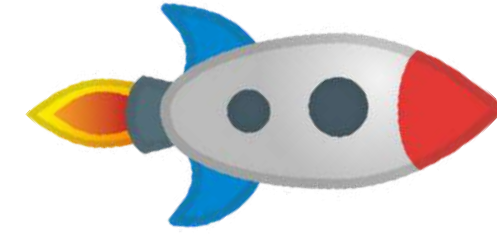
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SPACE SCIENCE OLIMPICS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR

LILIAN ARAÚZ



Questions and Answers on Lilian's interview...

What were your feelings before, during, and after the tests?

"After each test, I felt good because I knew that I had done the best that I could, and during the very stressful tests...it has been one of the most stressful tests I have ever taken in my life; before the test, I was nervous because you have to be aware of what this test means for your score. After the test, you feel free because you're out of that stress."

How did you feel by being awarded gold?

"I felt terrific, I felt very proud of myself and my teammates, and I felt that... I had done very well, and we had all done great. I would still be proud if another student had stayed in my place because we all did well."

When we talk about Space Science, we refer to understanding the unknown universe through the lenses of math, physics, and metaphysics. This field includes the study of astronomy, astrophysics, and astrodynamics.

In this edition of CBP News, we will share the inspiring story of Lilian Arauz, a dreamer who managed to compete in the Space Science Olympics and emerge victorious.

The Space Science Olympics aims to ignite students' interest in science and math and encourage them to become investigators of the unknown.

To prepare for the Olympics, Lilian dedicated much time to studying various topics covered in the exams. The exams were divided into days, with an individual test administered first to gauge students' knowledge of the subject, which helped students identify their strengths and weaknesses.

During the Olympics, Lilian and other participants stayed at the Holiday Inn hotel and were transported to the Atlapa Convention Center for the competition each day. They mostly traveled by bus, but occasionally walked for 10 to 15 minutes.



Professor Jairo Mojica, Lilian Araúz, and Nancy Carrera

Sharlis Herrera one step away from the final of the oratory contest



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Sharlis Herrera along with Allany Martínez of the IJA will represent the Regional of San Miguelito competing in the National preselection on September 21 at the Ascanio Arosemena theater in the capital city.

This event will have the participation of 50 students representing the 16 educational regions of the country. This national preselection will qualify the 15 finalists for the National Oratory Contest 2023 whose theme on this occasion is "The Energy Transition in Panama: An opportunity for sustainability, Democratization and Economic Development of the Country".

Our representative Sharlis told CBP News: "I will go to the national preselection against 49 students on September 21 to choose the 15 best speakers in the country, I will continue to prepare with the advice of Professor Laura Bravo (Prof. of Spanish) to give my best and leave the name of the Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá high."

In its 18th version, the National Public Speaking Contest hopes to promote best practices in the use of sustainable clean energies focused on the future of the population and the planet.

Sharlis, Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá is proud of what you have achieved so far, and we wish you success for the commitment that lies ahead.



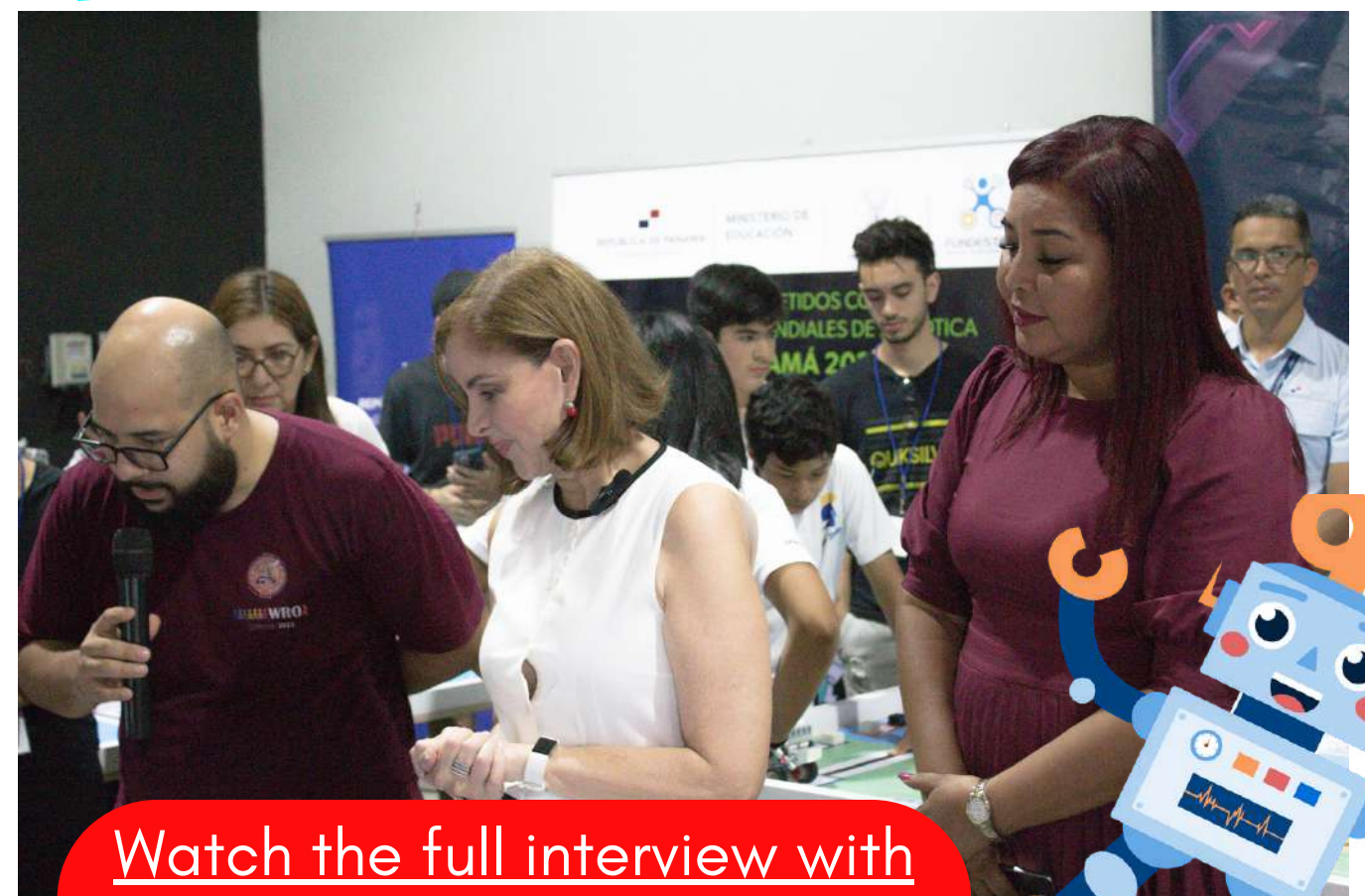
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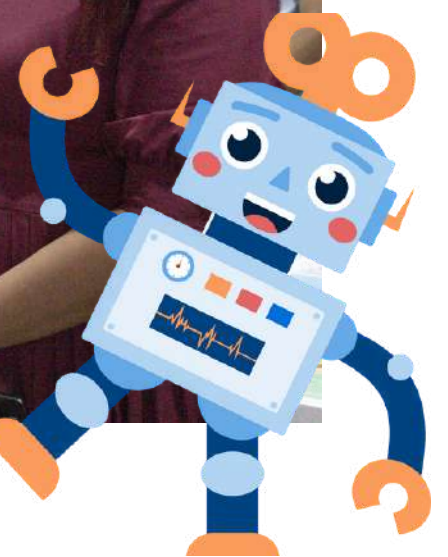
First Lady's Experience

During an exclusive interview, the First Lady of the Republic of Panama, Yazmín Colón de Cortizo, shared her thoughts on her second visit to the Robotics Fair.

Ms. Colón de Cortizo was enthusiastic and encouraging as she talked about the event's significance. When questioned about her feelings towards attending the fair for a second time, she expressed her satisfaction at being able to witness the eighth regional edition this year. She emphasized the fair's growth, which has provided a platform for young talents in robotics to showcase their innovations and technical skills. Additionally, Ms. Colón de Cortizo commended the dedication of students and educators who have played a significant role in the continued success of this event.



[Watch the full interview with the First Lady.](#)



The First Lady offered words of encouragement to the diligent students taking part in the fair. She observed that their preparation and commitment had improved each year, and they tackled challenges with unwavering determination, striving to enhance the standards of innovation and excellence in their projects.

Ms. Colón de Cortizo also highlighted the World Robotics Olympics as an exciting prospect for the students. She proudly announced that Panama would host this prestigious event from November 7 to 9.

The competition not only provides an opportunity for young people to compete on an international stage but also showcases the talent and potential of Panamanian students to the rest of the world.



CBP... The only Lighthouse school in Panama

Since 2014, Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá has implemented the "Leader in Me" program to generate a positive impact in the world based on teaching values and fundamental principles. After several years of exceptional development of this program and thanks to the efforts of all involved, its tremendous effect on many lives is undeniable. Appreciating the students' knowledge of how a Lighthouse school works, we have spoken with students participating in this progress to obtain a better perspective; below is a summary of their impressions.

To successfully implement this program, building a foundation of good habits and incorporating them into daily practice is essential, helping students improve their academic performance and personal growth while taking control of their lives and supporting others. By doing so, they will experience multiple benefits that will positively impact their present and future. They will develop organizational skills, increase their commitment levels, and cultivate positive attitudes and determination, encouraging them to be self-sufficient and considerate of everyone around them.

The effect of the Leader in Me program even reaches teachers and all school staff, since by instructing young people in using this program and witnessing it, they will acquire knowledge about these habits and be able to apply them in their lives. These mechanisms have a crucial purpose: helping young people and all those who want to improve their lives and have a successful future.



The habits of this program teach us to be organized people who are in control of themselves and set significant goals. Likewise, they encourage us to create harmonious relationships and listen to others to support each other, and once we have achieved this, they guide us to find a balance.

With this, we can see that the students are well-informed about what a Lighthouse school is and about the importance and advantages of the Leader in Me program. They begin to teach these mechanisms to the little ones so that they become young innovators and maintain them throughout their lives. In the end, Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá has the mission of holding this title as leaders with excellence and implementing continuous improvements.

Being part of a Lighthouse school is an honor due to its prestige and an excellent opportunity to exploit our potential.

By: **Sophia Patiño**
Editor: **Sara Dutary**



In **SEARCH**

of another international accreditation



Teacher Fanny spoke with CBP news

During our interview, Teacher Fanny reminded us of the significant milestone achieved by Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá in becoming a Lighthouse School. She also introduced us to our school's new objective - obtaining accreditation from NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges). "The school has Lighthouse accreditation, we are the only lighthouse school in the nation that speaks about leadership to students, according to the international agency of Leader in Me program; a school that speaks to its students about their voices and is shaped to be a highly effective school that produces highly effective students." Those were Teacher Fanny's exact words.

This accreditation process is meticulously designed to provide a structured framework and guidelines to continually enhance our educational offerings, inclusivity, health, and overall well-being, all aimed at providing our students with the highest quality services. Teacher Fanny eloquently elucidated the school's new aspirations.

We are excited about our school's remarkable progress on the international accreditation front. Stay tuned for further updates as we continue on our journey towards excellence.

You may recall our in-depth coverage of the Lighthouse Accreditation in our previous school newspaper issue. It is worth noting that our school holds a unique distinction - we are the only institution in the country to have earned this prestigious accreditation.

We have some exciting news to share regarding our school's international accreditation. Our reporting team had the privilege of interviewing Teacher Fanny Brandao, the Assistant Principal for Secondary English, who provided us with valuable insights.

By Julio Rodríguez

Designed by Josue Ramírez

LIGHTHOUSE TEAM



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A dedicated team that synergizes and improves its performance day by day

In this second edition of CBP NEWS, we want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in creating each issue of our school newspaper. We owe tremendous gratitude to our CBP NEWS leadership team, including teachers Analis Amaya and Jacqueline De Gracia, Sharlis Herrera, and Lilian Arauz, this project's president and vice president. We also want to recognize the participation of 34 students from both the Premedia and Media sections of Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá. Without all of their contributions, none of this would be possible. Thank you for being a part of our community!

Our team comprises four distinct committees, each responsible for crucial aspects of drafting and presenting articles in our editions: investigative journalism, writing, photography, and design. These committees are led by skilled students from our school who take charge of their respective teams.

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All those students who contributed their grain of sand to prepare this newspaper are mentioned below. Their work is challenging, requiring a lot of time and organization. We could not have chosen a better leadership team to deliver each edition to all of you with great love and collaborative performance.



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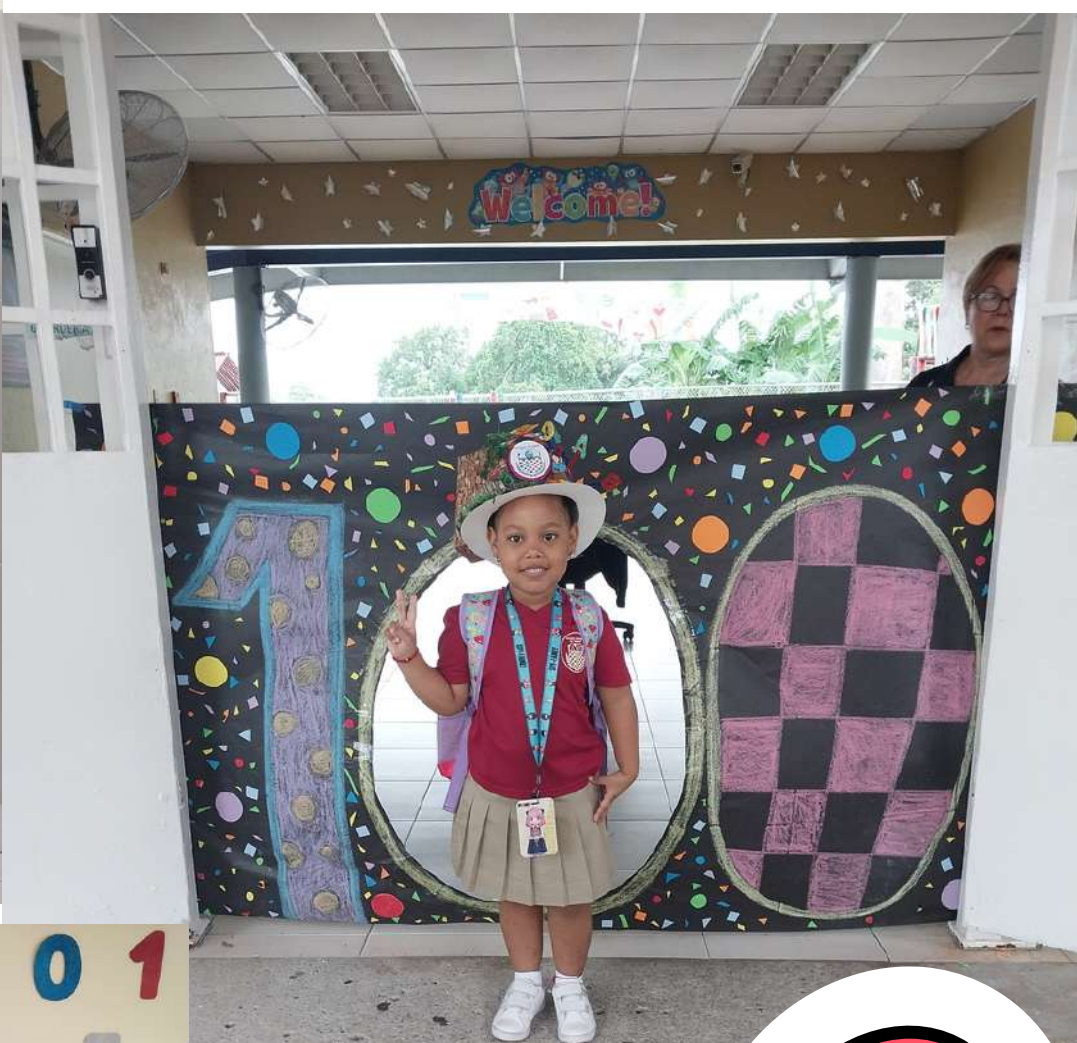
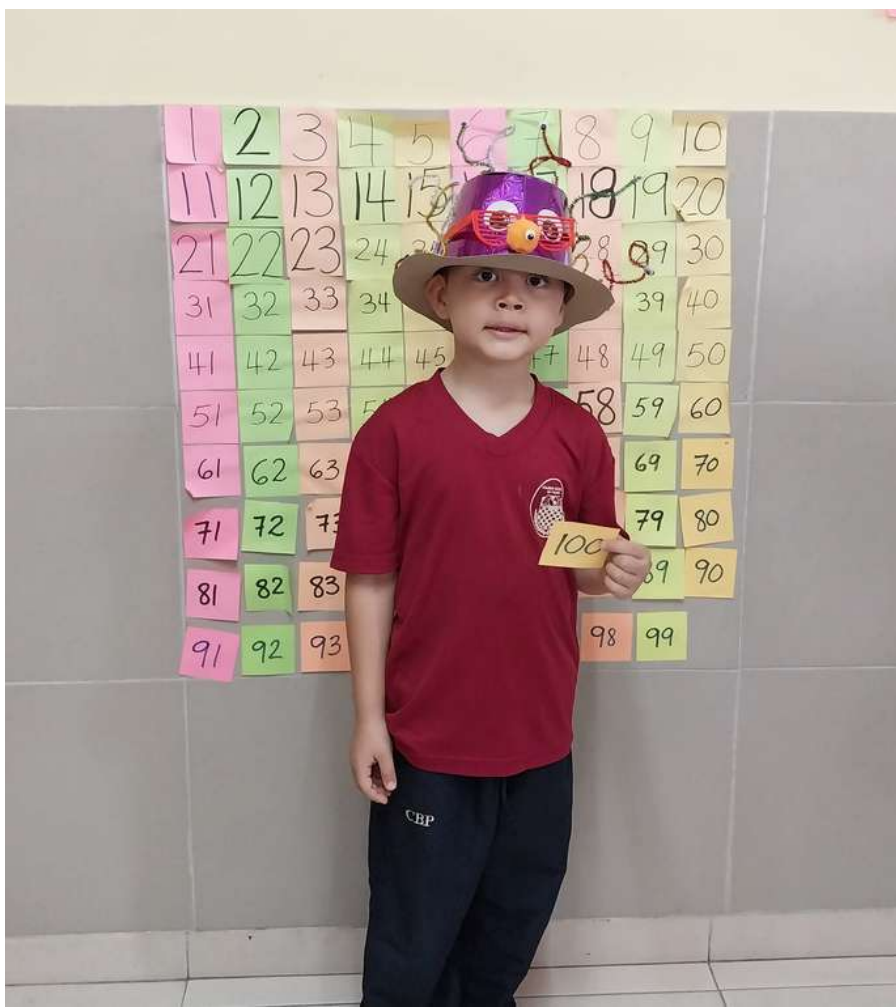


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HAPPY 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Last Friday, August 18, our preschool celebrated the 100th day of classes with great excitement. The teachers welcomed the children with enthusiasm, balloons, garlands, and music. The children were thrilled to discover all the knowledge they had gained in the past 100 days.

We look forward to even more great things happening for our students during the school year.



CBP COMPETED IN **TRACK AND FIELD SERIE 2**

Last Saturday, August 19, CBP joined the intercollegiate athletics competition at Colegio de Panama. Our school's performance was exceptional as elementary, middle, and high school students participated in competitions and won 16 medals - four gold, nine silver, and three bronze.





MISSION

To prepare students with a bilingual academic formation with solid principles, moral, ecological, and scientific values, they may be signs and instruments of this integration. To have the human resources capable of educating students for a changing society, emphasizing the comprehensive development of the individual

DEFINITION OF LEARNING

We define learning as acquiring knowledge and developing skills through curricular and extracurricular activities that promote critical thinking, leadership, and active learning in an inclusive bilingual environment.

