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CBP 20th Anniversary Compromised with Academic Excellence

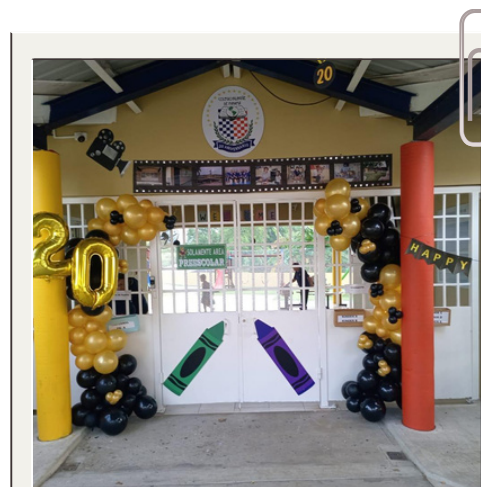
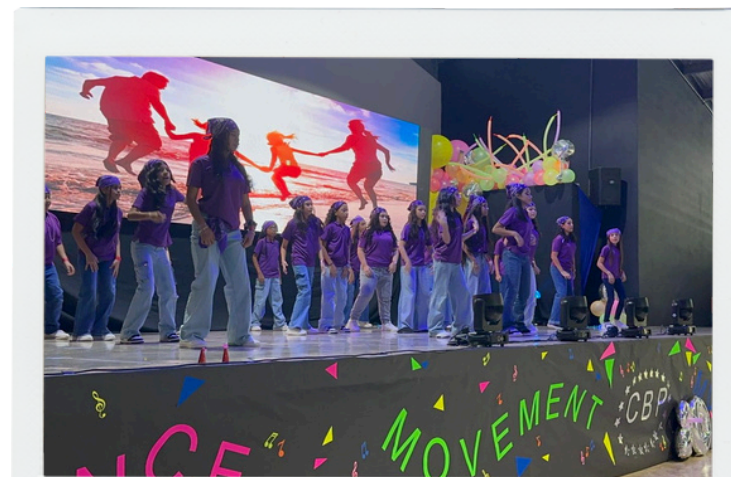


On May 14, 2004, the Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá took its first steps as a new educational center. Numerous activities were organized to commemorate its 20th anniversary.

As part of this historic celebration and thanks to parents' contribution, the school delivered 79 baby gift baskets to several public health centers and hospitals in the San Miguelito region.

The students danced to the rhythm of the "murga" hired especially for this event. Choreography contests were organized, in which students from preschool to twelfth grade participated. All the students put their efforts into showing off on stage and expressing their talents and dancing skills. In the end, the 20th anniversary of our school marks a time of hard work and victories that should fill all our hearts with pride.

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To top it all off, the administration hosted a luncheon for all the school's faculty and staff at the Westin Hotel in Costa del Este. During this event, all the collaborators who have contributed for more than 10 years to the growth of this campus were recognized. In addition to lunch, those present enjoyed the contagious music of the Mariachi Show of Panama.



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On our 20th anniversary, Teacher Eneida Speaks to Us

Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá celebrated two decades of educational excellence on May 14. To commemorate this remarkable date, we interviewed Teacher Eneida López, the school's director, who has led the school in an outstanding manner since its founding.

In her words, twenty years have passed in the blink of an eye and have brought previously unthinkable changes. This school started with only 46 children and had four sections: nursery, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten. One can observe the great contrast in relation to the number of students that belong to the school today. However, to appreciate the evolution of CBP, it is crucial to know the reason for its origin.

Teacher Eneida shared that her vocation for education comes from her mother, a dedicated woman from a field in Los Santos called Nalú, who has worked as a teacher since her youth. Once she retired, she opened a preschool in their house. This experience motivated teacher Eneida to open a kindergarten in the San Antonio area, and she later decided to found what is now Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá.

“There is always room for improvement”

Grateful to God above all, teacher Eneida stresses the school's persistent ambition to improve. This drive has allowed the institution to conquer all its objectives and inspires it to always seek new challenges.

Our school has achieved significant milestones, from obtaining the first ISO certification to becoming a Lighthouse School in the Leader in Me program. These achievements should fill us all with pride and inspire us to aim higher. We are now striving for international accreditation and have set our sights on the prestigious International Baccalaureate program as our next goal.

As we look to the future, we anticipate the successful accomplishment of our goals. More importantly, we are filled with hope and excitement for our school's continued evolution and strengthening as a community, expanding in physical size, innovation, and knowledge. The 20th anniversary of our school marks a time of tenacious work and victories that should fill all our hearts with pride.

Happy anniversary, dear Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá!





Choreography Contests

The fun and lively choreography contests on May 17 and 18 were a huge success during Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá's 20th-anniversary celebrations. Students from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade took part, making it an exciting and memorable event for everyone.

Participants were grouped by grade level, with Pre-K and Kindergarten students being the first to perform. The themes of their dances conveyed messages centered on values such as love, forgiveness, and respect.

Prekinder

Winners	Team
1st place	Prekinder B
2nd place	Prekinder C
3rd place	Prekinder A

Kinder

Winners	Team
1st place	Kínder E
2nd place	Kínder D
3rd place	Kínder A

Lower Elementary

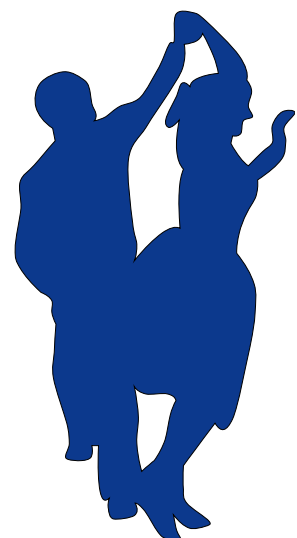
Winners	Team
1st place	3 A,C - D
2nd place	2 C
3rd place	1 C - D

Upper Elementary

Winners	Team
1st place	6 A - B
2nd place	4 B
3rd place	4 D - E

High School

Winners	Team
1st place	10
2nd place	11
3rd place	12





Baby Gift Basket Donations

As part of our annual anniversary tradition, Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá, with the generous help of parents, provides baby gift baskets to low-income pregnant mothers in the San Miguelito district.

This year, 79 baskets were delivered to pregnant women from five villages of San Miguelito at the MINSA branch in Los Andes and the San Miguel Arcángel Hospital.

Some recipients expressed their gratitude for the attention and support they received.

A group of school staff accompanied the students to deliver the baskets.





Educators with Two Decades of Experience at CBP

Reflecting on 20 years of work in an educational institution encompasses a unique period filled with learning, sharing, and creating lasting legacies for the future. It involves nurturing new characters and talents and providing opportunities for both personal growth and contribution. Analis de Amaya, the Preschool Coordinator, and Rosirys Ruiz, a preschool teacher, are two dedicated education professionals who have been with Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá since its inception in 2004.

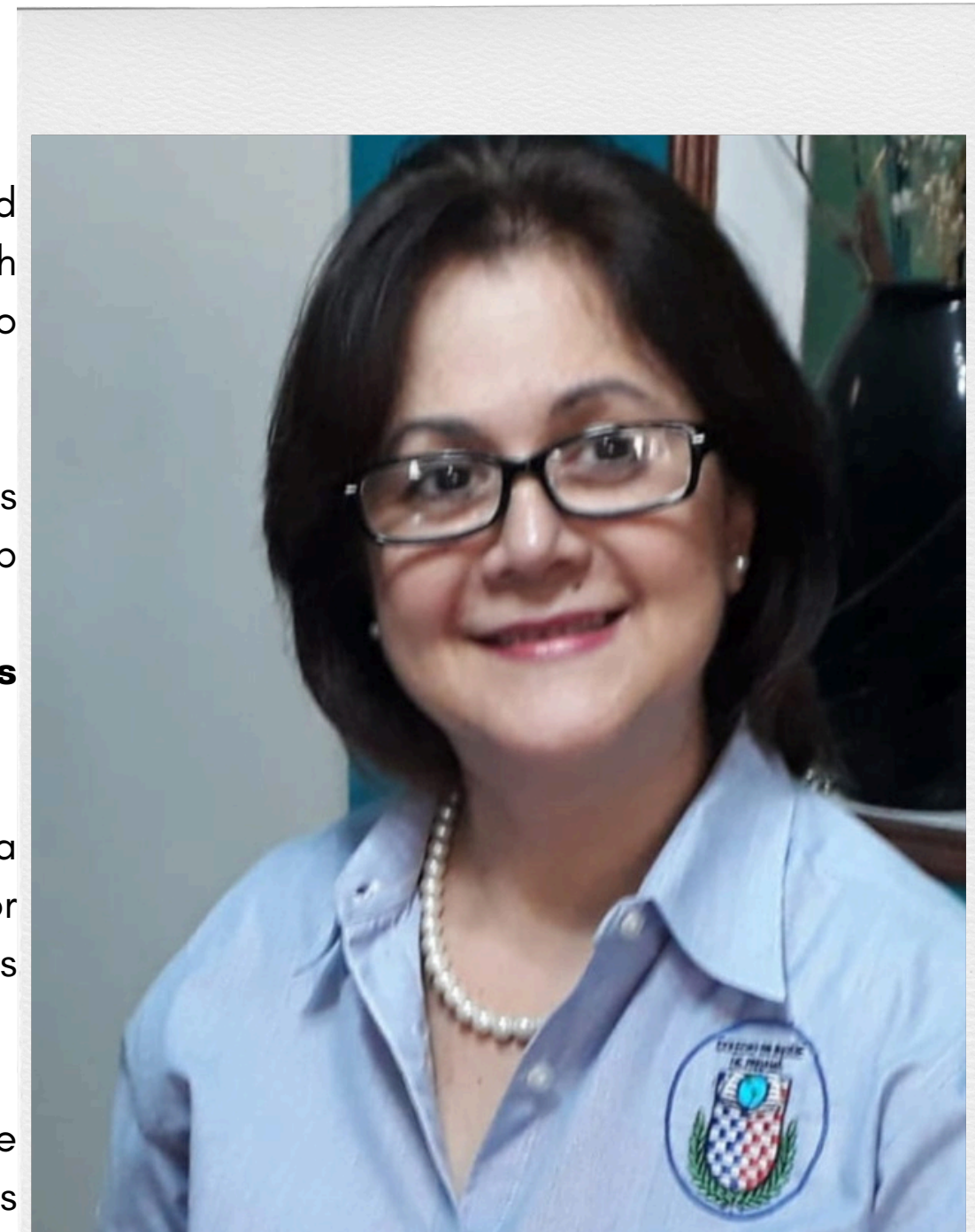
Recently, we had the opportunity to speak with teacher Analis de Amaya. She began her journey at the school in June 2004 as a teacher and later transitioned into the role of Preschool Coordinator. Through her experience, she gained a deep appreciation for the profession, emphasizing teamwork and mutual support among colleagues.

A leader, as she sees it, is someone who collaborates and works alongside their **team, rather than just giving orders. It's about fostering a spirit of cooperation and working closely together to achieve common goals.**

Teacher Analis is renowned for her unwavering respect. She strongly believes in the importance of mutual respect to foster a respectful environment. Having dedicated many years to Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá, our Preschool Coordinator acknowledges the occasional challenge of balancing her role as a teacher with her personal and family life. She emphasizes the importance of maintaining boundaries to prevent conflicts.

Over the years, she has successfully organized her life, integrating her personal and professional responsibilities. This balance has allowed her to listen attentively to her daughters, improve as a mother, and instill valuable life lessons in them. Analis shares that her favorite habit is "Thinking Win-Win." Although not formally part of the preschool's curriculum, she believes in the principle that everyone should benefit at some point.

Teacher Analis de Amaya is a symbol of respect, admiration, and tolerance within the school community. She strives to rectify past mistakes, supporting students and empowering them to excel. Knowing that she contributes daily to the academic and personal growth of each student at Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá brings her great joy.



Interview with Teacher Analis de Amaya



Educators with Two Decades of Experience at CBP

We also highlight teacher Rodrigo Espino, who has been with our institution for 18 years, among other teachers who have been with the school for over a decade.

Rodrigo Espino began teaching Physical Education at Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá in 2006 after graduating from Instituto Rubiano and the University of Panama. He has actively participated in the school's extracurricular activities, leading several teams and contributing significantly to the education of numerous students.

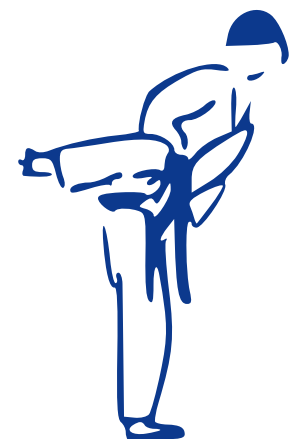


Throughout his career, teacher Rodrigo has come to the conclusion that respect is the most important value he teaches his students. He believes that mutual respect between teacher and student is essential for a healthy relationship.

Rodrigo Espino is a clear example of self-improvement, respect, discipline, and admiration. He is a teacher who cares about his students and guides them on the right path, being a role model.



**Teacher
Rodrigo Espino**





"Leadership Exchanges: An Interview with Assistant Principal Carmen López"



Professor Carmen López

On a warm afternoon at the school, Professor Carmen, the assistant principal since 2017, reflected on her remarkable academic and professional journey. She emphasized her strong dedication to education and the holistic growth of students. The interview highlighted her commitment and passion for teaching and her unique perspective on leadership driven by enthusiasm and purpose.

Professor Carmen embarked on her academic journey at a university in Chiriquí, initially focusing on Engineering and later specializing in Mathematics. Her transition from educator to assistant principal stemmed from a desire to make a broader impact in education. Since assuming the role in 2017, she has found great satisfaction in occasionally substituting for teachers—a nostalgic experience that allows her to reconnect with her teaching roots.

Professor Carmen expressed the school's immense pride in the students' achievements in academic and sports competitions. She specifically mentioned Eduardo Obaldia and Alexis Núñez, who excelled in national Mathematics and Physics Olympiads, as well as swimming competitions. These bright and talented students are a testament to the high standard of education provided at our school, and their successes inspire us all.

The school's social work projects, a cornerstone of our community service initiatives, were a key focus of the discussion. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to complete a combined 80 hours of community service to graduate, a testament to our commitment to holistic student growth. Professor Carmen oversees the organization of these tasks, with support from student representatives. Many teachers willingly participate, valuing the opportunity to connect with students outside the classroom and contribute to our shared community.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additionally, an exciting proposal was to send students to rural areas for two weeks to fulfill their social work requirements. While acknowledging the potential challenges in obtaining parental consent, this initiative is a valuable opportunity for students to gain practical skills and prepare for their future. Professor Carmen's forward-thinking approach to education is sure to inspire us all.

Looking ahead, Professor Carmen has high expectations. She is optimistic about seeing more students engage in these initiatives and wants the school to continue advancing in educational excellence.

The interview concluded by emphasizing the importance of shared experiences and optimism for the school's future. Professor Carmen's dedication and passion for teaching left a lasting impact, inspiring students to continue working hard and actively participating in their communities.

Beyond being an interview, the discussion provided insight into the vision and dedication that guide our institution's leaders. Through her thoughtful remarks, Professor Carmen underscored the significance of education and its enduring impact on students' lives.





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English

CBP Celebrates ENGLISH Week

At Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá, our success is based on values and principles, with our focus on bilingual education being essential. English Week isn't just a celebration; it inspires our students to improve their fluency and confidence in English, leaving them motivated and excited.

From preschool to 12th grade, our community takes part in various fun activities to promote the use of English. These include spelling contests, poetry readings, talent shows, and events like the wax museum.

This week helps us improve our language skills and encourages a love for learning, creativity, and teamwork. Together, we celebrate the influence of English and prepare our students to become future leaders!

Together We Can!





"Kaizens, Our Class of 2024"



The positive changes created with perseverance, no matter how small, can accumulate to lead to a great and fruitful transformation; this is the motto passionately followed by this year's graduating class of 2024, represented by their name, 'Kaizens'. This Japanese term embodies the attitude that the group of 129 proud students holds towards their final year as high school students, committing to active cooperation as valuable members of the same team. As expressed by the class president, Luis Avila, through many years of shared experiences, they have developed a strong bond that has fostered synergy and inspiration.

To stand out for their originality, both distinctive symbols of the class were carefully and deliberately chosen for their symbolism. After numerous revisions and considerations, they selected the guardian protector Komainu, also of Japanese origin, as their logo. This creature once again relates to the concept of change and transformation, demonstrating their aspiration to create a significant mark through innovation.

These graduates recognize that the core of a class lies not only in the emblems that represent it but also in the principles that shape it. They possess a collective will to create a recognizable legacy for future generations. They aim to leave a mark that inspires others to continually improve through dedication and effort, striving for success while acting responsibly and exhibiting appropriate behavior as students. Above all, as they undergo the final great trial of this stage of their lives, they seek to achieve unforgettable experiences they can treasure and proudly reminisce about in the coming years.

In response to our curiosity about the activities our class will undertake, the president shared that the board is diligently working on planning and future execution. He also emphasized their commitment to practicing organization and leadership to ensure everything runs efficiently, bringing everyone satisfaction and joy.

The graduating class Kaizens comprises brilliant individuals eager to come together and succeed as a family while honoring Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá with a legacy of innovation in every sense.

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CBP is visited by the Easter Bunny

Kaizens, Our Class of 2024

In a traditional celebration filled with laughter and joy, preschool and lower primary students were delighted by a visit from the Easter Bunny on March 27th.

The Easter Bunny made a grand entrance into the Preschool and lower elementary courtyard, greeted by enthusiastic applause and cheers from the students. Dressed in the traditional white suit and carrying a large basket of sweets, the bunny warmly greeted each child with a smile and a hug, spreading excitement to all present. The preschoolers were especially thrilled, as for many, it was their first encounter with this beloved Easter character.

With joyful faces, the children expressed their gratitude to the bunny and took traditional photos with him, capturing lasting memories of their early years.





Success for the Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá!



On Saturday, May 4, the delegation from Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá achieved remarkable success at an athletics competition hosted by the International School of Panama. The event featured intense competition among 19 participating schools.

During the event, our school representatives delivered an outstanding performance, securing a total of 15 medals across various categories: 5 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze.

Cuadro de Medallas - Serie 1 - ISP - Sábado 4 de Mayo de 2024

COLEGIO	ORO	PLATA	BRONCE	Total
Colegio Bilingüe de Panamá	5	6	4	15
United School of Panama	3	5	7	15
ISP	3	3	4	10
Colegio Javier	1	3	6	10
El Colegio de Panamá	8	(-)	(-)	8
Acad. Bil. Panamá para el Futuro	1	2	1	4
Howard Academy	(-)	3	1	4
Colegio Anglo-Mexicano	2	(-)	(-)	2
Colegio Saint Mary's	2	(-)	(-)	2
Instituto Cultural	2	(-)	(-)	2
Colegio Brader	1	1	(-)	2

The school takes pride in its students' accomplishments, which are supported by the dedication of its instructors, José Bracho, Luis Castañeda, and Rodrigo Espino. The teams that participated in CODICADER excelled in soccer and swimming competitions.





A Superhero without a Cape

Becoming a superhero is not easy; it requires various attributes such as powers, gifts, and abilities that set you apart from others. CBP's 6th-grade students recently elected their first campus superhero, awarding this prestigious title to José Domingo Oviedo. Let's learn more about this budding superhero.

José Domingo started working at our campus as a janitor ten years ago. In four years, he switched to working as a security guard and still works in that role today.

Thanks to his superhuman abilities, no one enters or leaves the school without José Domingo's awareness. Now, you may be curious about José Domingo's superpowers, which are evident to all who witness him in action. According to the students, these powers include respect, tolerance, and patience, which are important qualities. However, José Domingo's greatest strength lies in the kindness that characterizes his interactions with students, parents, and teachers. His role goes beyond providing safety; he fosters a sense of community that we all value.

**JOSÉ DOMINGO
OVIEDO**

Jose Domingo ensures every visitor is registered in the logbook and uses the correct access card when visiting different departments, such as administration, psychology, and accounting, or if they are vendors or guardians attending meetings.

Meet José Domingo Oviedo, a hero without a cape, an exemplary father and husband, and a dedicated worker. His dedication keeps our school safe. We all have a superhero inside of us. Do you know who yours is?

