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## November Buzz: From Library Revamp to Christmas Cheer, Our School Celebrates!

### The Past, Present, and Future of the Kathy Tugendhat Library

Imagine a haven for young minds, a place where imagination takes flight on the wings of words. This is the vision for Kathy Tugendhat Library at Washington Academy. A space with a rich history and an even brighter future. Join us on a journey through time, from its humble beginnings to its exciting transformation, and discover how you can become part of its legacy.



Our story starts in 1974, when Kathy Tugendhat, a passionate bookworm, envisioned a dedicated space for reading and learning within the school walls. With her unwavering dedication, the library blossomed under the care of Beverly Puma and Mercedes Noel, two equally bookish souls. Mercedes, they say, knew every book like a treasured friend.

In 1989, Washington Academy moved to its current location, and the library found a permanent home. Kathy's vision lived on, not just in the bookshelves brimming with stories, but in the spirit of community and intellectual curiosity that permeated the space. The library became a refuge for students, parents, and the wider Washington community, a testament to Kathy's dream.

When Beverly retired, Mercedes continued working with Teresa Bigott, Carmen Belén Arria, Maria Fernanda Schweitzer, and Maria Isabel Pérez de Casanova at different times. Maria Isabel and Mercedes continued working together until Mercedes retired at the age of 80 in 2008.



Time, however, leaves its mark. The pandemic took its toll, and the library needed a fresh start. Inspired by Kathy's spirit, we embarked on a mission to revitalize this cherished space. In collaboration with experts from the Central University of Venezuela library, we began by carefully curating the collection, donating outdated books to other institutions and making room for new treasures.

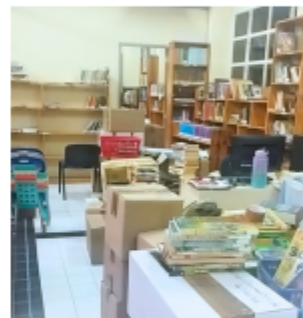
But our vision goes beyond bookshelves. We envision a library that is a hub of learning, creativity, and innovation, a space that adapts to the needs of our students and embraces the evolving landscape of education. This is why we are thrilled to announce the "Picking up where we left" Renovation Project 2023-2024!

To bring Kathy's vision to life, we need your help! We are forming a dedicated committee to raise funds for the project. Whether you can volunteer your time, donate resources, or spread the word, every contribution makes a difference.

On November 16th, a fundraising raffle was announced to the school community, and tickets were given to all our students to sell throughout the city in order to raise money for the library. The raffle winners will be announced on February 2nd, 2024. Amazing prizes include: 4 tickets to Cirque Du Soleil's Messi 10, a getaway for two to Margarita (roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations included), dinner for two at La Estancia restaurant, a photoshoot for the entire family, a full summer camp season for one child at Mi Guarimba, a charcuterie combo from Tovar, and a Palladio makeup kit.

Let's celebrate the power of stories and build a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

For updates and ways to get involved, please contact [walibrary@aw.edu.ve](mailto:walibrary@aw.edu.ve). Together, let's write a new chapter in the story of the Kathy Tugendhat Library!



## Volunteer Parents Help Preserve our School Books

This term, our dedicated Lower Elementary (LE) Room Mothers and some volunteers joined forces with our LE Coordinator to breathe new life into our treasured collection of classic books. Armed with contact paper and generous hearts, they meticulously protected these timeless stories, ensuring they'll continue to inspire and delight generations to come.

Their selfless dedication is a shining example of the Washington Academy spirit. From busy schedules, they carved out precious hours, their hands transforming worn covers into gleaming testaments to the power of reading. We are deeply grateful for their invaluable contribution, for they have not only preserved our literary heritage, but also woven a beautiful tapestry of community and shared purpose.

Thank you, dear parents, for your incredible gift. You've ensured that the magic of these classics will forever grace our shelves, and ignite the imaginations of countless students. You are the beating heart of our caring family, and we are truly blessed by your generosity.

# Safety First

## 8th Graders Lead the Way with the SSP Program

The School Safety Patrol (SSP) program is an integral part of the 8th Grade Orientación & Ciudadanía curriculum at Washington Academy. Dedicated 8th graders step up as patrollers, proudly taking their positions along WA's inner street each morning. With courtesy and enthusiasm, they greet parents and students, ensuring a smooth and welcoming entry routine.



The core responsibility of these young leaders lies in assisting younger students. They help them safely exit vehicles and navigate their way into the school building efficiently, all while keeping traffic flowing smoothly. This valuable service commitment lasts for one week, after which the supervising teacher selects a "Stellar Patroller" who will be promoted to the role of "Brigadier" for the following week. Donning a distinctive mesh vest and a special WA pin, the Brigadier leads a new group of patrollers, continuing the cycle of service and leadership.

The SSP program goes beyond its immediate impact, generating a ripple effect that benefits students, the school, and the broader community. Participating students cultivate essential skills like safety awareness, leadership, teamwork, pride, citizenship, and respect for rules and regulations.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated 8th graders for their outstanding leadership and service within the School Safety Patrol program. We are proud of their contributions and excited to witness their continued growth as responsible and engaged citizens.



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## Washington Academy Applications Soar!

November 6th through 17th marked a special time at Washington Academy as we welcomed parents and guardians eager to join our school community. We were thrilled to see so many families interested in learning more about our educational programs and taking the first step toward their child's potential admission.



For families interested in our Preschool and Elementary programs, application forms were readily available on-site between 8:00 and 10:00 am. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, we encouraged parents to review the comprehensive information provided on our website, beforehand. This valuable resource contains detailed information about our curriculum, admissions criteria, and the many benefits of being part of our WA family.

At Washington Academy, we welcome applications from families who share our core values and believe their children would flourish within our enriching educational environment. We offer a challenging and supportive academic program that nurtures students' intellectual curiosity and fosters a lifelong love of learning.

We believe the surge of interest in our process is a direct reflection of the unwavering commitment to excellence shared by our faculty, staff, students, and families.

For your convenience, you can access the admissions webpage directly through our bio link or the Admissions highlighted story on our Instagram account @washingtonacademy.ccs. We are confident that you will find the information provided both informative and insightful.

To those of you who came, we look forward to reviewing your application and potentially welcoming your family to the Washington Academy community!

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## WA High School Students Shine at National Mathematics Junior Olympics!

We are thrilled to announce the remarkable success of our students from 8th to 10th Grade at the prestigious 2022-2023 National Mathematics Junior Olympics. The Regional level results were celebrated at a medal-awarding ceremony held at Empresas Polar in Los Cortijos on November 11th.

This esteemed competition, organized by the Venezuelan Mathematical Association, the Venezuelan Association of Mathematical Competitions, and Empresas Polar, saw all our students from 8th to 10th Grade participating with passion and dedication. The first test (Municipal Level) took place online on April 16th, followed by the Regional Test (Distrito Capital) on May 21st for those who achieved gold at the Municipal Level.

We are incredibly proud to announce the following medal winners at the Regional Level:

- 🏆 Antonella De Santolo (currently in 11th Grade)
- 🏆 Isabella Márquez (currently in 11th Grade)
- 🏆 Victoria Eugenia Fernández (currently in 11th Grade)
- 🏆 Diego Linares (currently in 11th Grade)
- 🏆 Luis Eduardo De Zabala (currently in 11th Grade)
- 🏆 Juan Pablo Prat (currently in 9th Grade)
- 🏆 Emiliana Díaz (currently in 11th Grade)
- 🏆 Sofia Abdul-Hadi (currently in 10th Grade)

National Level:

- 🏆 Diego Linares

International Level:

Due to their age, only Luis De Zabala and Antonella De Santolo participated in the International Level Olympiad organized by Argentina, taking the online test with results pending publication.

These outstanding achievements are a testament to the exceptional dedication of our Math teachers and the high-quality education that WA provides. We are immensely proud of our students' hard work, talent, and commitment. Congratulations to all participants and winners!



# Empowering Teachers through Autism Training by *Autismo en Voz Alta*

Since March 2023, a dedicated group of our Preschool and Elementary teachers has been embarked on a journey of professional development, exploring the world of autism and its implications for the classroom. Partnering with our neighbors, *Fundación Autismo en Voz Alta*, this initiative equips educators with the knowledge and skills to foster inclusive learning environments for all students.

*Fundación Autismo en Voz Alta*, a non-profit NGO established in Caracas, Venezuela in 2006, has long been dedicated to supporting the inclusion and development of children with autism. Their expertise forms the cornerstone of this training program, which has two primary objectives:

- **Enhanced Understanding:** Keeping teachers up-to-date on the latest research and insights into Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is crucial. The program delves into key concepts, fostering a deeper comprehension of this complex condition.
- **Inclusive Pedagogy:** By equipping educators with practical strategies, the program empowers them to tailor their teaching methods to the unique strengths and challenges of every student, regardless of their individual needs.

The course, delivered through a hybrid format, combines online modules, via Learnosity, with interactive face-to-face sessions. Each module, "Understanding Autism" and "Intervention for Autism", comprises a comprehensive set of lessons and activities, designed to provide a well-rounded educational experience.

On November 27th, the culmination of the program took place in our multi-purpose room, where teachers engaged in a vibrant Q&A session with a specialist, solidifying their understanding and addressing their specific questions.

Through ongoing professional development, we empower our teachers to create classrooms where all students, regardless of their abilities, can thrive.

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## Juniors Spread Joy with Nursing Home Visit

On the afternoon of Friday, November 17th, 15 Washington Academy Juniors embarked on a journey far richer than any classroom could offer. Their destination: *El Conde* nursing home, a Caracas refuge for elders from every corner of Venezuela. This wasn't just a field trip; it was a vibrant tapestry woven into the fabric of their IBDP CAS (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme / Creativity, Activity, and Service) program, a chance to embody the IB Learner Profile and understand the realities of aging.

For two precious hours, the students wove themselves into the lives of the residents, their conversations sparking curiosity and empathy like crackling flames. They delved into stories seasoned with time, soaking up experiences and perspectives that painted aging in a kaleidoscope of complexities and riches. This wasn't just information gathering; it was a blossoming of genuine interest in understanding others, in appreciating the unique tapestry woven by lives across generations.





# WAMUN Debating Global Issues on Home Turf



WAMUN 18th Edition, a three-day academic simulation of the United Nations, has concluded on a high note, leaving participants and organizers alike with a sense of accomplishment and pride. This intercollegiate annual event, hosted by Washington Academy, transforms our school grounds into a vibrant hub of international diplomacy, where students from diverse backgrounds come together to tackle the world's most pressing challenges.



Led by Secretary Generals Alejandro Vásquez and Valeria Burgoni, students representing various countries engaged in stimulating debates, forged meaningful connections, and honed their critical thinking, communication, and negotiation skills. From issues like nuclear non-proliferation to climate change, the air was filled with the energy of lively discussions and passionate arguments as delegates navigated the complexities of diplomacy and sought common ground amidst differing perspectives.





WAMUN 18th Edition offered a unique platform for students to learn about the inner workings of the UN, develop their public speaking and negotiation skills, and make lifelong friendships with like-minded peers. Participating schools included: Colegio Integral El Ávila, Instituto Cumbres de Caracas, Colegio San Ignacio, Colegio Jefferson, Colegio Humboldt, Colegio Santiago de León de Caracas, UE Henry Clay, Colegio Madison, Embajadores Comunitarios, and of course, Washington Academy itself.



Throughout the event, delegates were fueled by delicious lunches provided by Trattoria di Nero, Mr. Patty, Full Queso, and Mister Wok, ensuring they had the energy and sustenance needed to engage in intense debates and forge lasting connections. As WAMUN 18th Edition drew to a close, a sense of camaraderie and shared achievement permeated the atmosphere.



Among the invited schools, Instituto Cumbres de Caracas was awarded the prestigious Best Delegation title, a testament to their students' dedication, teamwork, and commitment to global engagement. WAMUN 18th Edition has undoubtedly contributed to fostering intellectual growth, promoting cultural understanding, and empowering the next generation of leaders. Through this remarkable event, Washington Academy has not only nurtured the minds and spirits of its students but also played a vital role in developing a more informed and engaged global community.

Congratulations to all the participants and organizers for making WAMUN 18th Edition an unforgettable success!





# Preschool's Thanksgiving Celebration



Our WA preschoolers didn't wait for November 23rd to gobble up Thanksgiving cheer! Over 120 tiny turkeys gathered on Friday, November 17th around a giant table fit for a feast, their eyes wide with wonder.

Our preschoolers enjoyed delicious snacks and beverages, while teachers sang Thanksgiving songs. We had so much food that we were able to share with our school's Maintenance and Security Staff, and we even delivered some to the neighboring children's hospital San Juan de Dios. Sharing our blessings with others – that's the true spirit of Thanksgiving at its finest!

And behind it all, beating like the heart of this cherished tradition, was the one and only Teacher Gina, our Preschool Coordinator, who for over two decades has used her beloved turkey puppets, heartwarming songs, and interactive storytelling to plant seeds of appreciation in our littlest learners, reminding them to cherish the good things in life and the bonds they share with each other.

As the preschoolers gathered around the familiar turkeys, they weren't just celebrating a holiday, they were celebrating belonging. The laughter echoed in the halls, a chorus of pure joy that warmed hearts and filled tummies alike. It was a day that reminded us all, big and small, that Thanksgiving is more than just a meal – it's a feeling, a shared experience, a celebration of the simple things that make life so sweet.

So, here's to our pint-sized turkeys, to Teacher Gina's magic touch, and to the spirit of Thanksgiving that lives on in the hearts of our preschoolers! We can't wait to see what next year's feast will bring!

P.S. Don't forget to check out our Instagram page [@washingttonacademy.ccs](#) for more adorable pictures of our Thanksgiving feast!



# Matilda: The Musical

## An Enchanting Experience for our Elementary Students

On Friday, November 17th, Washington Academy's Elementary students embarked on a fantastical journey to the whimsical world of Matilda Wormwood, the little girl with telekinetic powers, at the enchanting Teatro Teresa Carreño. Witnessing this captivating musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's beloved book sparked their imaginations and ignited a renewed appreciation for the arts.

The vibrant energy of the performance was palpable as students were transported to Crunchem Hall Elementary, where Matilda's extraordinary abilities clashed with the formidable headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. The talented cast brought Dahl's quirky characters to life with infectious enthusiasm, their voices soaring through the grand auditorium, leaving the young audience spellbound.

Joining Washington Academy's students were teachers, Room Mothers, and students from eight other private schools in Caracas, creating a vibrant community united by the magic of live theater. The shared experience fostered creativity and sparked conversations about courage, kindness, and the power of imagination long after the curtain fell.

Matilda's story resonated deeply with the young audience, reminding them of the importance of standing up for what they believe in and embracing their unique talents. The experience left them not only entertained, but also empowered to face their own challenges with a sprinkle of Matilda's magic.



## Juniors Deep Dive into Sahel: International Organizations and Conflict Resolution

On Thursday, November 9th, our IBDP Global Politics 11th graders embarked on a deep dive into the complexities of the Sahel region, a fragile belt of land stretching across Africa. Held in the multi-purpose room from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, via Google Meet, the session focused on the topic featuring guest speaker Jonas Estrada.

Mr. Estrada, a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Master's student in Political Science, and university professor, provided valuable insights into the region's precarious situation. The discussion centered around the multifaceted challenges plaguing the Sahel.



Through Mr. Estrada's captivating presentation, our Juniors delved into a specific case study, gaining a deeper understanding of the role international organizations play in addressing such complex conflicts. The interactive session provided a valuable opportunity for students to critically analyze the effectiveness of international intervention and its impact on the region.

Overall, this enriching session served as a stepping stone for our Juniors to deepen their understanding of global politics and the complexities of conflict resolution in the Sahel region. By engaging with a renowned expert and analyzing real-world case studies, they gained valuable knowledge and skills that will undoubtedly contribute to their future endeavors as informed and engaged global citizens.



## WA's Christmas Bazaar: Gift Giving and Charity Go Hand-in-Hand

On Saturday, November 18th, Washington Academy's annual Christmas Bazaar transformed the school into a wonderland, where the spirit of giving took center stage!



This affair was organized by a school's administrative staff committee who worked very hard to coordinate: invitations, payments from sellers, collection of donations from Washington families, activities for our students, and lots of food and beverage options for visitors.

From exciting toys to delectable treats, our talented vendors unveiled a treasure trove of holiday delights. Parents and friends browsed festive stalls, finding the perfect gifts while supporting a worthy cause.

This event opened its doors to the entire community, welcoming families and neighbors to join the merriment. The aroma of sizzling tacos from our popular stand wafted through the air, a generous donation that fueled both stomachs and the school library's future. Laughter echoed from the bouncing castles, as children transformed themselves into colorful characters with face painting.

The heart of the bazaar was its charitable purpose. All proceeds went to two remarkable organizations: *Casa Hogar La Esperanza* and Missionaries of Charity (The Sisters of Mother Theresa). Every purchase became an act of kindness, spreading holiday cheer to those who need it most.

Raffle tickets were sold for the Kathy Tugendhat Library fundraiser, promising a brighter future for our cherished resource. And most importantly, the incredible support of our vendors, volunteers, and the entire Washington Academy family, who made this event a resounding success.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this magical day. Your presence and support made it a truly unforgettable event.





## Book Fair Bonanza: Instilling a Love of Reading

Our school recently hosted its first book fair of the year, and the multi-purpose room became a center of exploration, brimming with books to ignite a passion for reading in students of all ages. From Wednesday, November 22nd to Friday, November 24th, the space transformed into a bibliophile's paradise.

Renowned publishers and beloved local bookstores answered the call to adventure, bringing with them a treasure trove of literary delights. Primario, Ekaré, Mensana, El Mundo del Libro, Edukrt – were some of the ones present. Their shelves overflowed with a dazzling array of books in both English and Spanish, catering to every curious mind and adventurous spirit.

But the magic wasn't just confined to the pages! Educational games were also available. And to ensure every student could embark on their own literary journey, teachers guided their classes through the fair, helping them craft wish lists filled with their heart's desires.

The excitement wasn't limited to the walls of the multi-purpose room, though. A dedicated Instagram account, @bookfairaw, served as a window into the world of the fair. Followers were treated to glimpses of participating publishers, sneak peeks at the diverse book selection, and contagious bursts of bookish enthusiasm.



## Grandparents Weave Magic with Words: A Heartwarming Bookfair Event



A tapestry of stories and laughter filled our school recently, thanks to a heartwarming initiative during the bookfair. Grandparents, armed with captivating voices and animated expressions, descended upon our Preschool park and Lower Elementary classrooms, transforming them into magical realms of adventure, friendship, and childhood wonder.

Pre-K to 4th graders were transported to fantastical worlds through beloved tales, each brought to life by the special guests' engaging storytelling. Laughter echoed through the halls as grandparents sparked lively discussions with their young listeners, fostering a deep appreciation for the power of stories to connect, inspire, and ignite imaginations.





The magic extended beyond language barriers, with grandparents sharing stories in both English and Spanish. This not only enriched our students' understanding of diverse cultures and languages, but also served as a beautiful testament to the universal power of storytelling to bridge gaps and build bridges of understanding.

This heartwarming initiative, spearheaded by our Lower Elementary Coordinator, was more than just a book fair event; it was a celebration of intergenerational connection and the enduring magic of stories. The love for reading that was nurtured, and the bonds strengthened between generations, will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on our school community.

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## Elementary Thanksgiving Celebration: A Feast of Food, Fun, and Gratitude



On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd, our Elementary team filled with the spirit of gratitude as students, teachers, and Room Mothers gathered for a heartwarming feast. Dressed as a pilgrim, our Head of the English Department painted a vivid picture of the holiday's origins, transporting us back to Plymouth Rock and the first Thanksgiving. Her words resonated with the children, reminding them of the importance of solidarity, resilience, hard work, generosity, and, above all, gratefulness.



The aroma of delicious food, lovingly organized by our volunteer Room Mothers, filled the air, mingling with laughter and chatter as students sat around beautifully decorated tables.

Each bite of the delectable spread was infused with gratitude. We gave thanks for our supportive school community, the dedication of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our Room Mothers. Their tireless efforts ensured this gathering was a joyful celebration of family, friends, and all the blessings in our lives.



As the echoes of laughter faded and the last crumbs were swept away, the spirit of appreciation lingered. It was a day that reminded us of the simple joys, the strength of community, and the power of gratitude. May this spirit continue to brighten our days throughout the year, reminding us to cherish every moment and the people who make our lives richer.



## WA's Cross Country: Off to the Races!

On Saturday, November 25th, the Washington Academy grounds transformed into an arena of athleticism and camaraderie as the school hosted its traditional Cross Country race. This event, held at 8:30 am, marked the kick-off of the competitive season for schools in the area, and served as an excellent platform for student athletes to showcase their dedication, perseverance, and passion for track-and- field.

Cross-country, a true test of speed, agility, power, and endurance, demands unwavering commitment and determination. The race, meticulously organized by Washington's Physical Education Department, welcomed a total of 249 student athletes from various private Caracas schools, including Colegio Los Arcos, Colegio Humboldt, Colegio Integral El Ávila, Academia Merici, Instituto Educacionales Asociados (IEA), Colegio Simón Bolívar, and Colegio San Agustín (El Paraiso).



The participants, divided into categories ranging from Pre Infantil A to Juvenil, each with masculine (m) and feminine (f) subcategories, displayed remarkable sportsmanship and resilience as they navigated the challenging course. Their spirit and determination were a testament to the values instilled in them by their respective schools and families.

The event culminated in a heartwarming award ceremony, where the gold medalists were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Axel Fuhrmeister Dioguardi (Humboldt) emerged victorious in the Pre Infantil A (m) category, while Isabella Rodriguez (WA) reigned supreme in the Pre Infantil A (f) category. Roque Nicolas Valero Fidalgo (Humboldt) and Amanda Ubieta (WA) claimed the top spots in the Pre Infantil B (m) and Pre Infantil B (f) categories, respectively. Santiago Andrés Alzuru Colmenares (Humboldt) and Fabiana Tavares (WA) triumphed in the Infantil (m) and Infantil (f) categories, respectively. Gabriel Cartolano (WA) and Nicole DoSantos (IEA) secured the gold medals in the Menor (m) and Menor (f) categories, respectively. Finally, Angello La Riva (San Agustin) and Camlle Carniglia (San Agustin) emerged victorious in the Juvenil (m) and Juvenil (f) categories.

The Washington Academy Cross Country race was a resounding success, not only in terms of athletic performance, but also in fostering a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the participating schools. The event served as a reminder that true victory lies not just in winning, but in the pursuit of excellence, the commitment to teamwork, and the belief in one's potential.

Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding performances and dedication. May their passion and perseverance continue to inspire and motivate others, both on and off the track.



## Deck the Halls with School Spirit: A Heartwarming Christmas Tree Trimming!

On Thursday, November 30th, our school's covered court and stage were transformed into a dazzling wonderland of Christmas cheer. From 10 am to noon, students, faculty, and staff gathered for our annual private Christmas Tree Trimming event, and the air crackled with excitement and anticipation!

Melodious carols filled the venue as students belted out beloved holiday classics, their voices stirring the spirit of the season. Meanwhile, the Class of 2024, clad in cozy pajamas, took on the cherished task of adorning the majestic Christmas tree.

Each ornament was a unique masterpiece, lovingly crafted by students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. From whimsical creations made from reused cardboard boxes to delicate snowflakes painted with care, these handmade treasures showcased the creativity and resourcefulness of our young artists.



From Mi Guarimba, Eduardo Behrens' soothing background music provided a fitting accompaniment to the festive scene, while our dedicated Maintenance staff ensured the stage was set for a truly memorable occasion. They diligently assembled the tree and lights the day before, creating the perfect backdrop for our joyous gathering.

This event wasn't just about decorating a tree, it was about community and connection. Our talented performers had the invaluable opportunity to refine their skills for the upcoming Christmas concert, while our graduating Seniors marked a poignant moment in their time at our school. Their final Tree Trimming experience held a special significance as they gathered around the magnificent tree, capturing precious memories with our Pre-Kindergarten class.

To conclude this heartwarming event, a table laden with steaming cups of hot chocolate and cookies awaited our Seniors, faculty, and staff. The delectable treats, lovingly prepared by our event planner Melicia García, perfectly complemented the festive atmosphere.

The Christmas Tree Trimming event served as a beautiful testament to our school's community and the enduring spirit of the holidays. It was a day filled with laughter, music, creativity, and connection, reminding us all of the joy and magic that comes with celebrating the season together.



# Lower Elementary's Student-of-the-Month Award

Every first Friday, our Lower Elementary (2nd - 4th Grade) heroes gather in the central patio for a special celebration of sustained effort throughout the month! This isn't your ordinary awards ceremony. We don't just focus on the top grades; here, we shine a spotlight on one or two students per grade section (A and B) who have shown consistent, dedicated effort to grow in any area of their development.

When grade teachers and the Lower Elementary Coordinator huddle up, they carefully review student progress, looking for those who tirelessly push themselves, even if the results haven't quite caught up yet. By the end of the month, they choose the champions who embody the spirit of this award.

The "Student-of-the-Month Award" isn't just a pat on the back; it's a powerful reminder that hard work and dedication always deserve recognition, regardless of the final score. It's about celebrating the journey, the daily climb, and the unwavering determination to be better than yesterday.

So, future heroes, raise your hands high! This celebration is for you – the ones who bring their best selves, every step of the way. Remember, it's not about being the best, it's about being the best you can be, every single day!

**Student-of-the-Month Award  
November 2023**

**2nd Grade:**

- Lara Ravincini
- Santino Serenelli
- Manuel Navarro

**3rd Grade:**

- Sebastián Ramos
- Cristóbal Blanco
- Valeria Rodríguez
- Manuela Castro

**4th Grade:**

- Isabella Rodríguez
- Clara Uranga
- José Rafael García
- Alessia Blunck

