

Preparing International Students to Positively Impact the World



BIS Christmas Program

Christmas Program practices have started and the students are excitedly learning the songs! All school practices have begun.

This year the Christmas Program is called, "A King is Coming to Town". The citizens of Rumor's Mill see a sign that says, "A King is coming to town" and they try to figure out which king. Some think it is the king of rock n' roll himself, Elvis Presley. Some think it is King Tut and others think it is King Kong. Come out and hear the great music, see the dancing, and experience the true meaning of Christmas!

Costumes are being designed for each class. If you have any free time or experience sewing, we would love your help! Please contact Mrs. K to help out.

ACSI and AdvancEd Accreditation

BIS has been fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED for five years now and last week we had our reaccreditation visit. The accreditation and reaccreditation process helps our school to ensure and improve upon the high standards that are required of us as an accredited school. As your child goes to an accredited school you can be assured that they are receiving a quality education and that BIS is dedicated to excellence and to continually improve as a school.

As a part of this process, BIS hosted an international team that represented both ACSI and AdvancED. The team was here to verify our self

study report that has been developed over the past two years by the faculty, staff, and Committee for School Improvement (CSI). The team helped us improve as a school by giving us recommendations and commendations.

The visit went extremely well. Everyone within our school community is part of the reaccreditation process and deserves a big "thank you", especially the faculty and staff. Mr. Lancaster will share a summary of the team's exit report during the Brazil Day celebration, coming up on November 29.

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Have Lunch with your Child and Come to our Brazil Day Celebration!

November 29, 12:00

Invite your friends and neighbors!



Fun for All- Silly bands and sweet treats at Children's Day



New Teacher
Profile:
Mrs. Kimberly
Batista

Spotlight on ESL

English as a Second Language

Here at Brasilia International School we consider it a joy to serve students from all over the world! This means, however, that not everyone speaks the same language. Our teaching is done in English.

For this reason, we offer our ESL program as a special service for those students who arrive at BIS with a limited proficiency in the English language. ESL stands for English as a Second Language.

In ESL classes we practice listening, speaking, reading and writing in English. We practice English using games, lessons, drills, leveled reading and guided conversation practice. With this focused practice, we are able to help our students better understand the subjects they are studying and equip them to socialize in an English speaking environment. When students acquire this skill, they are better able to understand the ideas of others and make their own thoughts and ideas understood. ESL is just one more way we equip our students to become effective communicators!

Grades Taught: Pre-K and 2nd

Hometown: Georgia, USA

Degree: B.S. Early Childhood Education and Masters in Early Childhood Education

University: The University of West Georgia

Teaching Experience: This is my 6th year teaching early childhood education. I have taught grades preschool through 2nd grade

Hobbies: I enjoy playing team sports and being active outside with my husband, Joao Paulo (Coach) Batista. I like to garden and create things using my hands. I value time with family and being connected with a local church.

Why are you at BIS? God opened the doors for us to come and teach here.

My husband and I wanted to spend some time with his side of the family in Brazil. We both love Jesus and working with young people. When we found out about BIS and the mission statement of BIS we were excited over the opportunity to teach here. God made a way for us to come.

Children's Day Celebration a Success!

All of the students enjoyed our Children's Day Celebration! They played games—bowling, darts, Noodle War and more—got their faces painted, jumped on the trampoline and bounce house, and some even hit their teachers in the face with a wet sponge! Some students got sent to “jail” and others won lots of prizes for playing the games. We had a clown visitor helping with games, too!

PAO's food booth was a huge hit. The cupcakes with frosting piled high, giant lollipops, along with Mrs. Chiang's famous noodles, lured everyone to take a break from the games and stop by the cafeteria.

This fundraiser for BIS was a great success and the money raised will help our classrooms be better places to learn and grow!

Our November lunch menu is now online!

Check it out on our website

www.bischool.com.br



November	November	December	January 2012
<p>2 – No School- Brazilian Holiday</p> <p>3 & 4 – Early Dismissal 11:45, Teacher In-Service</p> <p>14 & 15 – No School- Brazilian Holiday</p> <p>18 – 2nd Quarter Progress Reports sent home</p> <p>22 – SGA paid dress down day R\$2</p>	<p>23 –Last Fall Clubs Session</p> <p>24 & 25 – No School- Thanksgiving</p> <p>29 – Brazil Day Celebration in school</p> <p>29– School Spirit Day</p> <p>30– No School- Brazilian Holiday</p>	<p>8 – Christmas Program, 7:00pm</p> <p>14 & 15 –High School Exams</p> <p>13 – SGA paid dress down day R\$2</p> <p>16 – Early Dismissal 11:45- Last Day of 2nd Quarter- Christmas Break Begins</p>	<p>9-13—No School, Teacher In-Service</p> <p>16– First Day of Second Semester, Report Cards Sent home</p> <p>24—SGA paid dress down day R\$2</p> <p>31—School Spirit Day</p>

Community Outreach

BIS is collecting non-perishable food and cleaning supplies for the Creche Manancial da Vida in Santa Maria over the next few weeks. Students can bring in the food items listed and turn them in to their teacher, through December 9.

The week of December 12, the students will take a field trip to visit the crèche to deliver the food and play with the children.

The class that brings in the most items will receive an ice cream party in December!

Grade levels are collecting the following items:

PreK & Kindergarten

Rice, beans, Milk, Alcohol hand gel, Dish Soap

1st & 2nd Grade

Rice, Beans, Noodles, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap

3rd & 4th Grade

Rice, Beans, Noodles, Bar and Liquid Dish Soap

5th & 6th Grade

Rice, Beans, Cooking Oil, Fabric Softener, Dish Soap

7th & 8th Grade

Rice, beans, Sugar, Multi-Use Veja, Dish Soap

9th-12th Grade

Rice, beans, Tomato Extract, Disinfectant, Bleach, Dish Soap

You may also donate:

Canned Vegetables, Nescau, Sardines, Coffee, Bombril, Dish towels, Floor towels, trash bags, other cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, as well as Clothes and Toys in good condition



PAO News

Thank you to all the parents who donated food for the PAO food booth at the Children's Day celebration. All of your generous donations helped us raise over R\$400, which is the most we have ever raised from this fundraiser. PAO will use this money to benefit BIS on a future project.

Thank you for volunteering to help make Children's Day a success!

Our Mission

BIS is a caring learning community based on a biblical worldview. BIS prepares international students to be life-long learners, effective communicators, responsible citizens, healthy people, and spiritually sensitive individuals.



Soccer News

Our soccer team is having a great season so far. We are very proud of our team for all their hard work and sportsmanship this year. Since our first game, against Colégio Mackenzie, the group has been split into two teams - the Varsity team, formed mainly by Senior High students, and the Junior Varsity team, formed mainly by Junior High students.

BIS has also played against Notre Dame, the 304 Sul neighborhood team, and Igreja Presbiteriana Nacional. All were very competitive games with some wins and some losses. The next game will be against School of the Nations on Friday, November 18th. We have also been invited to play in a tournament at the end of the year! For the latest news check out our soccer blog: www.coachbatista.blogspot.com Go Eagles!

Snapshots



Welcomes and Goodbyes!

The first quarter of the school year brought many new faces to BIS! We would like to extend a warm welcome to those who entered in September and October!

Alexia in Pre-K3 from Brazil and Australia

Nida in Jr-K4 from Pakistan

Tarek in Jr K-4 from Jordan and Brazil

Aqib in 1st from Pakistan

Arooj in 3rd from Pakistan

Al Ma'Moon in 3rd from Oman

Omair in 4th from Pakistan

Farhan in 5th from Pakistan

Alan in 6th from Syria

Alzahra in 7th from Oman

Aamna in 7th from Pakistan

Adnan in 9th from Oman

Bassel in 10th from Syria

Ayesha in 11th from Pakistan

Al Ghfran in 11th from Oman

Zeeshan in 11th from Pakistan

We also said goodbye to **Korede, Mayowa, Kanyinsola,** and **Patience** who are all headed back to Nigeria. We'll miss you!



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