



ISLAND ACADEMY

PARENT ORGANISATION REPORT



2018 - 2019



PO at IA

The Parent Organisation has continued to be critical to school life at IA and without it, all the extras that our children benefit from would not be possible. Students who attend schools that have access to more resources and a supportive learning environment are more likely to perform better and report better school experiences than students who attend schools with neither of these advantages.

We are grateful to all PO members who have provided their expertise, time, and dedication to support all the various activities and events that have taken place this year. We also wish to extend our gratitude to all the other parents and friends who have given of their time and resources to ensure that our children's experience at school is nothing short of enjoyable. Together, your support with providing classroom materials, assisting with field trips, providing playground equipment, and providing entertaining and learning experiences have been indispensable. It is this kind of parent involvement and contribution that enhances not only our children's learning and academic achievement, but one that also develops a sense of community and belonging. This instills in them a sense of pride to belong to this institution and hopefully shows them by example the importance of giving back.



fundraising in brief



\$57,235

raised

The PO has raised a total of \$57,235 thanks to the collective efforts of members and volunteers who assisted with a variety of fundraising activities. Bake sales and Alternative Dress accounted for almost 25% of all the monies raised.



4 major events

Spookapalooza, IA's Family Night, Carols By Candlelight and the Gala event were the big events held over the past year. The PO's lead and support were fundamental to the successful execution of these fun and wonderful affairs. Your involvement, whether it was organizing, donating, or participating made a huge difference to these events which were enjoyed by the entire IA community.



online subscriptions

Thanks to the PO, IA students enjoy a wealth of online resources. These include online libraries such as Questia used by Grade 11, 12 and 13, online teaching resources such as RAZ kids and Rockalingua for primary school students, MyMaths - a teaching and homework resource, and Vocabulary.com for grades 5 -9 among others.



annual resources

The PO has provided many of the resources that students use on a day-to-day basis, such as: art supplies, music and drama supplies, library books, PE equipment and gardening equipment.



16 staff members trained

Thanks to funds raised by the PO, more than half of IA staff members completed basic First Aid training with Antigua and Barbuda Search and Rescue (ABSAR); we also got a new defibrillator machine.

some of the resources you supplied



a look back



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why you support



"It has been great being a part of the IA parent organization. It feels great to support. There is an enduring feeling of love when my children see me practicing commitment, humility and kindness towards them and their amazing school."

Jessica Hadeed, G1&6 Parent

"I volunteer with the literacy programme at IA which helps primary level students improve their reading skills. I think it's a great initiative and I was happy to volunteer to get kids more enthusiastic about reading and helping them develop their skills."

Mandy D'Ornellas, G9 Parent

"I like helping out whenever I can. Island Academy has a great community and it feels really nice to be a part of it, knowing that even my little contributions can make a difference."

Emma Matthieson, G2 Parent

"I volunteer because I want to be a good example to my son. I also think it's important for him to see the benefits of giving back and to know what it is to support a community."

**Steadroy Jackson
G3 Parent**

"My children both love IA and it has been really wonderful to give back and help out with the various events. These events create a true sense of community at the school and I'm glad to be a part of it. Moreover, the money PO raises gives students the opportunity to have a more holistic experience outside of just academics."

Laura Vanninen, G2&4 Parent



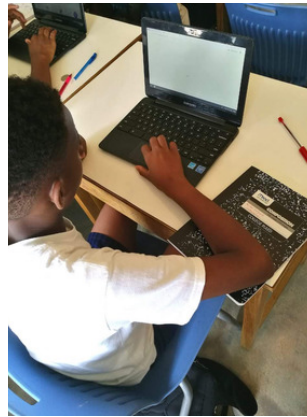
new members are always welcomed

We always look forward to new parents joining the PO, bringing with them new ideas and perspectives. It is a perfect opportunity to be more involved in the IA community and to lend your talents. The next PO meeting should be in September 2019; and we hope to see you there!

aims for next year



We would like to expand the school playground by adding additional equipment, including a set of number stepping stones. We also wish to ensure that online subscriptions continue so that students continue their access to key learning material. We will also continue to provide Art, Science, Music, and PE supplies.



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the parents who have given of themselves in various capacities over the year. You have made the year at Island Academy a very successful one!

financial report

2018-2019

Beginning Balance \$ 51,287.00

INCOME

(from monies raised)

Bake sales	\$ 10,914.00
Alternate dress	\$ 5,393.00
Spookapalooza	\$ 11,870.00
Carols by Candlelight	\$ 6,898.00
Gala (nb further income contributed towards the scholarship programme)	\$ 16,420.00
IA Got Talent & Bingo	\$ 7,773.00
Total raised	\$ 59,268.00

EXPENSES

Online subscriptions	\$ 5,900.00
Books	\$ 1,922.00
Coding Robots	\$ 1,300.00
Music Purchase & donation	\$ 5,086.00
ABSAR Training & AED machine	\$ 5,494.00
Gardening equipment	\$ 843.00
Benches	\$ 1,600.00
Talent prizes	\$ 585.00
Carolina Science	\$ 4,135.00
Art supplies and materials	\$ 10,000.00
Science supplies & equipment	\$ 4,100.00
PE equipment	\$ 3,556.00
Total spent	\$ 36,865.00

Net change \$ 22,403.00

Funds remaining in account \$ 73,690.00