



OCEAN ACADEMY

DECEMBER 2014

PARENT NEWSLETTER

International Award

Our Aquatic Tourism P.E. (fly fishing, scuba and kayak) is world class!

Ocean Academy won the UNICEF Beyond Sport in Education Award, out of 350 projects from 70 countries. Mrs. Curry spoke in South Africa on an international panel about the importance of sports in youth leadership and social change.



National Youth Award

Ocean Academy students won the Department of Youth Services National Award for Environmentalism and Social Enterprise.

Student representatives attended a National dinner and awards ceremony in Belize City. The Radisson Hotel generously donated one night's stay.

“Most Creative and Innovative”

This is the certificate category won by the Environmental Club's Mangrove Action Plan at the National SAGICOR Visionaries Competition in Belize City. Our project focused on mangrove education, reforestation, and creation of a mobile app to encourage visitor interaction and protection of mangroves.

Buddy has already started work on the mobile app, which will show educational information about mangroves, GPS coordinates of Ocean Academy planting sites, and interactive features so visitors can upload photos and add to our project data collection.

Christmas Extravaganza 2014



\$5000+ PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: CC Condos, CC Village Council, Petersen Family Foundation, Sea Dreams Hotel

Basketball



The Ocean Academy boys' team hosted the Belize City Jr. Bull Dogs for a basketball competition and the final score was 40-35 for Ocean Academy.

The Caye Caulker men's team won their match too, and both games were fast-paced and entertaining for the crowd.

Well done OA boys and coaches Harry Young and Danny Reynolds!

More Friday night matches are planned for 2015

Dinner with a Belizean Family Programme Earn \$100

Do you like to cook? Do you enjoy welcoming visitors to your home? Would you like to earn extra income for your child's tuition or family expenses?

Host American university students (groups of 4) who will come to your home to see how you prepare a typical Belizean family dinner, and then join you and your children for dinner and conversation. You will receive \$100 in either cash or tuition fee credits (your choice).

Call Joni Miller at 626-0408 to sign up. We need 4 families for Sunday January 11th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

FREE English Lessons for Adults **GRATIS Clases de inglés por adultos**

When/Cuando: January 6th, 7th, 8th

Where/Donde: Village Council Upstairs Room

Time/Hora: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Miami University of Ohio's English Department is returning to Caye Caulker to tutor English at the primary school, Ocean Academy and in the evenings for Adults.

Please call organizer Joni Miller at 626-0408 to register.

IMPORTANT DATES & OPPORTUNITIES



Parent Workshop with School Counselor Dr. Lewis

Last month's session unfortunately got rained out. We will repeat the session *Communicating with your Teen* so come out on January 29, 4:00-5:00 pm. Please call 226-0321 to reserve your seat.



Student Government

President: Kyra Jones
Vice President: Whitley Aguilar
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Interact Club

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Last day of classes Dec. 11

Classes resume Jan. 5

Adult English lessons Jan. 6,7,8
6-7pm

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