



OCEAN ACADEMY

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

You Control Your Success: Explore, Find, and Follow Your Path

Ocean Academy's 2014-2015 theme, stated above, reminds students that with dedication and hard work they can reach the goals they set. One form of OA support is the Personal Education Plan (PEP): every student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) will meet with Mrs. Heidi Curry and/or Dr. Corinth Lewis to develop a PEP to outline the student's strengths, passions, career and study interests, challenges and goals. The PEP will lead to opportunities such as job shadowing and apprenticeships.



Ubuntu = We Support One Another in Reaching Our Goals

Another related and important theme for the year is "Ubuntu," a South African word that means "I am what I am because of who we all are."



Meet OA Faculty . . . (Listed as pictured from left to right)



- Alfredo Sabido, Math Instructor, Bachelor's in Secondary Education in Math
- Heidi Curry, Managing Director, ApL Instructor, Masters in Ed Leadership
- Joni Miller, Projects Director, ApL Instructor, Masters in International Ed
- Carlos Leal, Spanish Instructor, Associate's in Spanish and Biology
- Hilda Marin, Principal, Associate's in Business
- Elizabeth Canul Usher, Social Studies Courses/ApL Instructor, Bachelor's in Business Communications (in Progress)
- Thomas Blanco, Business/Math Instructor, Bachelor's in Management
- Noemi Zaiden, English Instructor, Humanities HOD, Bachelor's in Secondary Education in English
- Miguel Tzub, Computers/Math Instructor, Associate's Degree in Computer Science/Mathematics
- Sarah Requena, Sciences/Math Instructor, Sciences HOD, Bachelor's in Nutritional Science
- Dr. Corinth Lewis (not pictured), Counselor, Life Skills Instructor, Ph.D. in Psychology of Education
- Dylan Garelli (not pictured), Volunteer Teacher Assistant: Sciences/Math.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: Belize Hotel Association, CC Condos, CC Village Council, Petersen Family Foundation, Sea Dreams Hotel

Good News Items

OA Student Excellence in

CXC 2014 - Evelio Reyes, Lidy Pineda and Yuma Michelus earned six CXC passes which qualified them for a two-year scholarship for an Associate's Degree. Evelio and Lidy also earned a CXC Certificate in Business Studies with five related CXC passes. The following OA graduates earned the top CXC grade of 1 in Spanish (Evelio, Lidy, Jacqueline), Math (Jamal), Integrated Science (Jamal) and English A (Lidy).

Young Innovators Mobile

APP Belize Competition -

Jamal Boiton (2014 Grad), Buddy Magana (F IV), and Johnny Cantun (F II) spent the week before school opened at a National Innovation and Technology Competition for Young Entrepreneurs in Belize City

learning how to make mobile apps with forty-two students selected from across the country. Jamal's team won the competition with their app Bellingo (teaches all the languages spoken in Belize), Buddy's team created LandBook (for buying or renting homes in

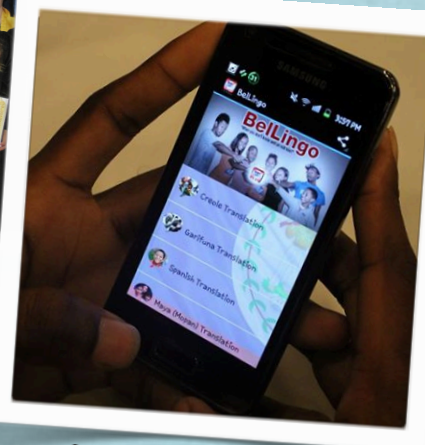
Belize), and Johnny's team idea was Find It (for visitors to find attractions and events). Read Amandala's article (Buddy is quoted!) and download the apps for free: <http://amandala.com.bz/news/belizean-youth-foray/>

AROUND CAMPUS



Jamal Boiton (2014 Grad), Buddy Magana (F IV), and Johnny Cantun (F II), built apps with students across Belize. Jamal's team won

* Evelio Reyes, Lidy Pineda, and Yuma Michelus earned GOB Scholarships for Sixth Form based on CXC scores.



IMPORTANT DATES & OPPORTUNITIES



Parent Workshop with OA

Counselor Dr. Lewis: Discuss teen-parenting strategies, e.g. communicating, defining responsibilities, negotiating, enforcing consequences, managing anger, setting limits. September 18 or 25, 4:30-6:00 pm. Please call 226-0321 to reserve your seat.



Thank you, Parent Helpers!

Classroom set up and repairs: Mercedes & Kyle Requena (for Annabella), Marco Patt (for Jasmine), Dominick and Howell (for Sean and Akeem), Wayne Welch (for I'sha). *P.E. and Electives Instructors:* Ilya Rosado (for Nikolai), Frankie Reynolds (for Daya), Jane Flowers (for Patrick), Manuel Cartagena (for Adaly).

Holidays Sept 10 & 22
Work Scholarships Sept 12
General Parent Meeting "Meet the Teachers": Sept 25
Parent Workshop Sept 18 & 25
SG Elections Sept 29
FORM IV ONLY:
Mock ATLIB Sept 26

ATLIB *Form IV Students should be at school at 8 a.m., well rested, having had a good breakfast, and bringing their own snack for break.