

# International Times

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Newsletter

**IVLA**  
INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL  
LEARNING ACADEMY

June '23

## Announcements

- Interested in being part of the Newsletter Team, Music Club, Media Club, Pre-Med Club, Book Club, NHS, Student Government, and more? Contact your success coach for information on how to join!
- Check out NHS Winter Service Project "Back Off, Fiona" Click [HERE](#) for more information



HS Book Club is currently reading *Cemetery Boys*. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

- Student Government is organizing a Summer Drawing Contest! Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to participate.
- Our Elementary School Graduates were celebrated on May 30th! Congraduatlitions to all of the graduates!
- Congratulations to Middle School's 2023 Graduates! IVLA's Middle School Graduation ceremony will be on !
- Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023! IVLA's High School Graduation ceremony will be on **June 6th, 2023!**

Congratulations to our Poetry Contest winners!

High School:

1st place- Sebastian Torres Dufau  
2nd place- Anna Kuchina  
3rd place- Atlas Surcouf

Middle School:

1st place- Izi Cisneros  
1st place- Ellah Stewart  
2nd place- Juliette Van Dyke

## June Schedule

Click the events below to join!

ES

MS

HS

Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <a href="#">8am Math Tutoring - Austin</a> <a href="#">8am Science Tutoring - Lene</a> <a href="#">6am Middle School Homeroom</a>	2	3
4 <a href="#">6am Social Hour - Wilson/Helton</a> <a href="#">2pm Middle School Math Meeting</a>	5 <a href="#">11am Social Hour - Tarbert/Chadwick</a> <a href="#">2pm Newsletter Team</a> <a href="#">4am Middle School Curiosity Club</a>	6 <a href="#">7:30am Elementary School Homeroom</a>	7 <a href="#">11am Newsletter Team</a> <a href="#">4:30pm Middle School Math Meeting</a>	8 <a href="#">6am Academic and Executive Functioning Workshop - Mehlichick-Opal</a>	9	10
11 <a href="#">8am World Languages Practice and Tutoring - Bianca</a> <a href="#">7am Science Tutoring - Aponie</a>	12 <a href="#">9am Art Club - Van Dyke</a> <a href="#">3pm Social Hour - Heiden</a> <a href="#">6:30am Elementary School Homeroom</a> <a href="#">4pm Middle School Homeroom</a>	13 <a href="#">10am Science Tutoring - Dellegatto</a> <a href="#">9am Middle School Homeroom</a>	14 <a href="#">6am Middle School Homeroom</a>	15	16	17
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25 <a href="#">12pm Social Hour - Bills/Mir</a>	26 <a href="#">11am Art Club - VanDyke</a> <a href="#">4pm Middle School Homeroom</a>	27 <a href="#">9am Middle School Book Club</a>	28 <a href="#">8:30am Elementary School Homeroom</a>	29	30	1

## Featured Cartoons



By: Bella Stoffel



Juliette Van Dyke- 6th grade



Ellah Stewart-7th Grade



## African Appreciation Month

By: Mia Isabella San Inocencio



As we celebrate African Appreciation Month, it is important to recognize the rich and diverse cultures that make up the African continent. From the bustling cities of Nigeria to the serene landscapes of Madagascar, Africa is a continent that cannot be defined by one singular identity. This month, we have the opportunity to learn more about African history, literature, music, and art. By doing so, we can gain a deeper appreciation for the contributions that African cultures have made to our world.

## Continue to find:

Juneteenth, Talking With Teachers, Poll Results, and more!

# Juneteenth

By: Peyton Basnight

Juneteenth is a national holiday that celebrates the conclusion of slavery in the United States—in 1865; federal troops entered Texas to enforce the freedom of all slaves. Many believe that immediately after Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, all slaves gained their independence. Though this was the President's goal, it was not the reality. The end of slavery for all in the US came two and a half years following the Emancipation Proclamation.

Two years ago, Juneteenth officially became a federal holiday. It has been celebrated in the past, now, and forever.



## Talking With teachers

By: Quade Goss

**What is your name?**  
Tricia Chadwick

**What do you teach?**  
Success!

**Where are you from?**  
West Virginia, but living in New Jersey

**What is your favorite memory from high school?**  
Playing the lead in Calamity Jane (it was fitting!)

**What is your favorite book or movie?**  
The Sound of Music

**What is your least favorite food?**  
Seafood

**Do you have a special talent?**  
My dad taught me to call mourning doves. My kids think this is my only talent!

**What do you like about being a teacher?**  
I love working with young people and watching them succeed.



## Poll Results

By: Bella Stoffel

The poll results from May are in!

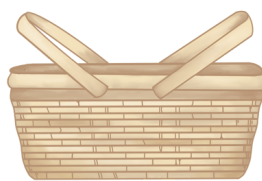
- 70.6% of the students who took the poll live in North America, followed by South America (11.8%), Asia (11.8%), and Africa (5.9%)!
- Most students have lived in their current town or city all their lives!
- Some popular foods where students live include Toasted Ravioli, Kapana, Chipa, Baklava, Ceviche, Tamosa, Tamales, Tortas, Tlacoyos, Sopos, Barbécue, Chili, Johnny cakes, and Fried chicken!
- Animals native to students' areas include Cheetahs, Parrots, Scorpions, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Spectacled Bears, Bald Eagles, Jaguars, Leopards, Prairie Dogs, Cougars, Xoloitzcuintle, Cougars, Bobcats, White-tailed Deer, and Gray Squirrels.
- Click [Here](#) to read features unique to students' hometowns/cities!
- See all the charts for this month's poll results [Here!](#)

## Next Month's Poll

By: Bella Stoffel

Have you taken any nature pictures recently?  
Share them with us and be featured in this coming month's newsletter!

[Click Here!](#)



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Flag Day, Animal Rights Awareness, NHS update, and more!



## Animal Rights Awareness Week

By: Emma Zelenger



Animal Rights Awareness Week takes place every year in the third week of June. It takes place from June 19 to 25 this year. This week exists to bring additional attention to animal cruelty and rights. It is still a global issue in countries prone to negligence regarding animal rights. Some problems that stand in the way of animal rights are companies that are not animal cruelty-free. Some ways to make a difference include buying cruelty-free cosmetics, adopting pets, and donating to your local humane society and other trusted fundraisers, such as the ASPCA, The World Animal Protection Organization, and The Animal Welfare Institute.

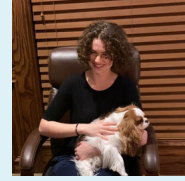
## Flag Day

By: Ellah Stewart and Megan Schoenherr

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th in the United States to honor the country's national flag. On this day in 1777, the Continental Congress officially decided the Stars and Stripes would be America's flag, but it took until 1949 for Flag Day to finally become an official holiday, which was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Harry Truman. In 1958, a 17-year-old student, Robert Heft, designed the 50-star American flag for a school project and President Dwight Eisenhower chose his design out of about 1,500 other submissions. Over the years, there have been 27 different versions of the U.S. flag, each version with a different number of stars to represent each new state being added. The 13 red and white stripes represent the original 13 colonies. Today, Flag Day is celebrated by many individuals and communities flying the Stars and Stripes!



## SPEAKING WITH Students



By: Quade Goss

### What Is Your Name?

(Ana)Bella Stoffel

### What Grade Are You In?

12th

### Where Are You From?

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, USA

### What Is Your Favorite Subject?

English

### How Long Have You Been at IVLA?

4 years!

### Why Did You Join IVLA?

It allowed me to have a more flexible schedule and tailor my learning experience to my lifestyle.

### What Is A Fun Fact About You?

I have been to 20 different countries. :)

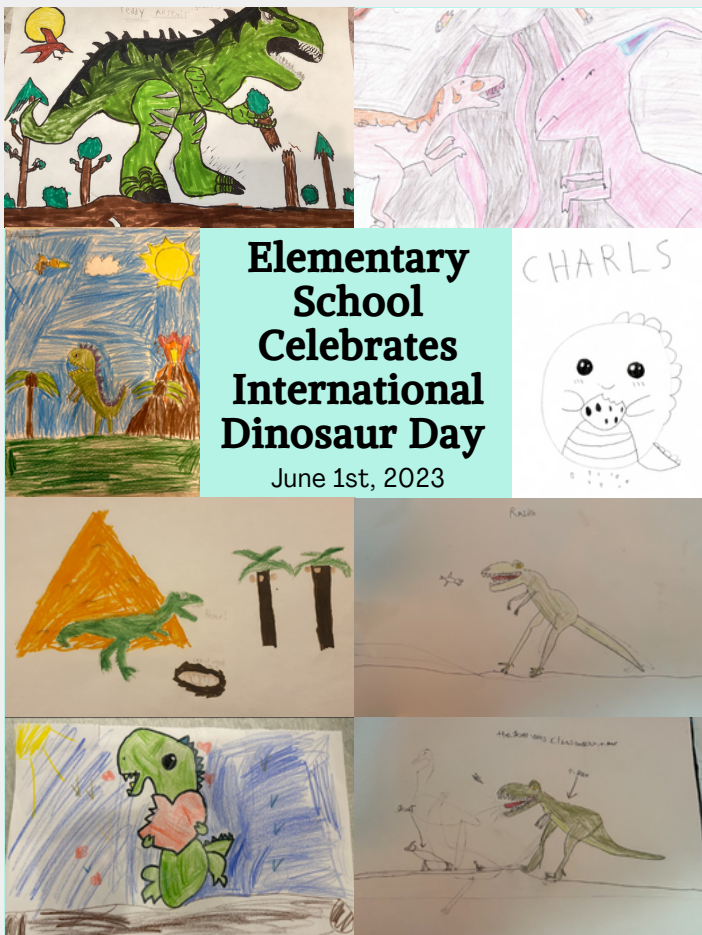
### What Extracurricular Activities Do You Enjoy?

I enjoy working with different groups in the school, rollerblading, hanging out with friends, watching movies, reading books, and going to antique stores!

## NHS Update!

NHS has officially raised \$575 on our Winter Service Project "Back off, Fiona!" Thank you to those who have donated to help schools in Puerto Rico! For more information about our mission check out below!

[Click here!](#)



## Elementary School Celebrates International Dinosaur Day

June 1st, 2023

Thanks for reading this month's newsletter!

- *The Newsletter Team*

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# World Ocean Day

By: Mia Isabella San Inocencio & Megan Schoenherr

In honor of World Ocean Day, celebrated on June 8, 2023, let's take a moment to appreciate the beauty and importance of our oceans. Not only do they provide a home for countless species of marine life, but they also play a vital role in regulating our planet's climate and weather patterns. Unfortunately, our oceans are facing a range of threats, from pollution to overfishing, to climate change. Be sure to learn about ways to conserve and help our oceans thrive for generations to come!

For more information, visit [World Ocean Day's Website!](https://www.worldoceanday.org/)

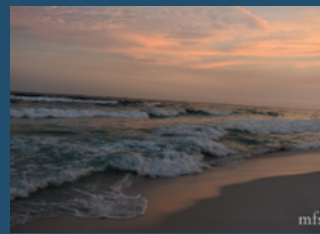


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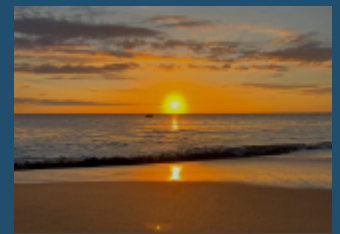


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Mia Isabella San Inocencio

## Hazelnut Brownies

BY: MIA ISABELLA SAN INOCENCIO & ARIA ALICEA

### Ingredients

- One box of 16 hazelnut chocolate wafer balls
- 250g pack salted butter, plus extra for greasing
- 250g golden caster sugar
- 225g light muscovado sugar
- 100g cocoa powder
- 4 large eggs
- 100g self-raising flour
- 85g ready-chopped hazelnuts
- 4 tbsp hazelnut liqueur

### Method

#### STEP 1

- Unwrap the chocolates, place on a tray and pop in the freezer. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly grease and line the base and sides of a 21-22cm square tin with baking parchment.

#### STEP 2

- Put the butter, sugars and cocoa into your largest saucepan and gently melt together, stirring regularly so the mixture doesn't catch. Once the sugar granules have just about disappeared, take off the heat, tip into a bowl and leave to cool for 5 mins.

#### STEP 3

- Use a whisk or wooden spoon to beat the eggs, one by one, into the mixture. When they're completely incorporated and the mixture is smooth and shiny, stir in the flour, hazelnuts and liqueur. Tip the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 35 mins.

#### STEP 4

- Remove the tin from the oven and use a cutlery knife to mark the top of the brownies into 16 squares (don't cut through, it's just as a guide). Use a teaspoon to push a little dent in the center of each portion and add a frozen hazelnut wafer chocolate into each dip. Return to the oven for 3 mins, then remove and leave to cool completely.

#### STEP 5

- Once cool, cut into 16 squares. Will keep for 3 days in an airtight container.

