

Newsletter

Pan y Amor Association

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We are excited, today was our first day with students back in the school. Here we call it “mixed education”; the students mostly continue working from home but get to come to school certain days a week, for limited hours, to interact directly with their teachers. This week approximately 55% of students cited each day are arriving. We consider this a great achievement and understand that some parents may not wish to risk their children on the public transport and mixing at school. Hopefully more will come in following weeks, if they see that we maintain our strict precautions.

Hoping to continue with this plan while keeping our staff and students safe, we take temperatures at the gate and only students are allowed in, there is a shoe bath they have to step through, their hands are sprayed and face masks are a must. Large grades are divided into smaller groups; we have large airy classrooms and desks are separated as much as possible. There are hand washing stations all over the school and there is no recreation period.

The students from first through third grade come for only an hour and a half; fourth through eleventh grade come for three hours when cited, as they have more assignments to cover.

For the next month there will be no new assignments given, they will be going over previous work which in many cases was not completed, not answered at all or poorly answered. Our teachers are happy to find that their students have learnt more than they expected, while learning from home.

Congratulations teachers, students and academic directors, this has been a tremendous learning curve for all!



Collage of our students and teacher following preventive measures for this new study cycle

May 2020

During the month of May we found ourselves in the middle of the pandemic, with few real answers as to how best to advise our staff and their families how to keep safe, or what to do if they suspected they were ill. We found that most of them lived in very close quarters with multiple members of their families and their custom has been to go to the hospitals for medical advice; a situation which was not recommendable due to the many virus victims and the probability of contagion.

We therefore looked to our great friend, Doctor Patricia Carasco, asking her if she would speak to our staff advising them, as far as was known at the time. She gave an excellent presentation and answered many questions. Pan y Amor took it one step further and she agreed to answer future questions/ give advice by WhatsApp to any of our staff and their family members.

To date she has been consulted 13 times.



The Pan y Amor staff with Dra. Patricia during COVID19 counseling

June 2020

Although the school has been closed to our students until this moment, there are always activities going on; such as teachers working from school, parents picking up and dropping off homework and our Donors did not forget us either, as you will see below:

Café Soluble, who donates cereals and other products on a regular basis during the school year; this time donated Burger buns, meat patties and sliced cheddar cheese. These were prepared in our kitchen and much enjoyed on a day when some of the parents (often with a child in tow) were expected, and shared with our staff.

¡Thank you Café Soluble, for always remembering the Pan y Amor School!



The Local **McDonalds** also came up with 200 Happy Boxes of food for our students. Parents were notified and came to pick up a box to take home. What fun to get a lunch box from McDonalds! There were a lot of happy faces that day! Thank you McDonalds!



Handing Happy Meal to family members



McDonald's Happy Meal Combo

The Old / New mural at the school

Our very much loved Architect Ramiro Cabrera, who has been a member of the school since way back in the market place; during normal years he is always kept very busy throughout the year, preparing monthly school murals, banners, the back drop of Christmas shows, the decorating of the hall for the graduations, etc. etc. etc. So last year's mural was started and never finished, however he is taking the opportunity of this calmer (for him) period to finish it up. The trouble with Ramiro is that he is never satisfied with a quick paint job, his murals are famously lovely, so we are always trying to protect them once they are done. They certainly brighten up the school and when we finally build, we shall have to take the walls with us!!!!.



Ramiro's "Nicaraguan Culture" mural



This is how our incredible mural looks

Campaign “ I love my clean Nicaragua”

American Nicaraguan Foundation (AFN) and the Pan y Amor School initiated a campaign several months back, with the participation of teachers and students with the intention of including parents. This is a project to be carried out from home as well as from school and to initiate the campaign, a small video was made and photos were taken of the staff behind a specially designed frame. Unfortunately due to the COVID 19 this very important program is on hold to continue next year.

We have also been approached by **APROQUEN**, a foundation which takes care of burned children, who would like us to join the program of preparing our teachers to teach young students how to avoid burns. A lot of our families have to cook in confined, inadequate and crowded spaces. This is another program we would love to take on next school year.



Teacher Jenny behind the picture frame designed for this great campaign

Course on line for Personal and Professional Development

At the beginning of July, scholarships for 10 of our students were offered by the COSEP Foundation (promoted by our wonderful friend Mariela Teran) for them to take this course on line. Our school director remarked that with all our students were trying to juggle, while studying at home, under crowded circumstances, this was a wonderful opportunity, however also a big challenge. To follow you will see what Jeffrey Ayala from 12th grade had to say:

“I am very happy and grateful for this opportunity. This course is very interesting and has helped me assess my decision making, organize my activities better and above all helped me emotionally balance my private, family and professional life.

On occasion I have felt rather tired; as well as taking the course I am finalizing my technical career classes and during the afternoons I am taking mathematics classes, preparing for my entrance exam to the enter the University next year.

I thank the school for this opportunity and for allowing me to use the school computer laboratory for this to be possible” **Jeffrey Ayala 12th grade.**

We in turn thank Mariela Teran for once more offering our students a wonderful experience and opportunity through the COSEP Foundation.

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