

MIDS Families,

Next week we will be keeping our eyes on the Dominican Republic as 15 MIDS students and their families travel to that country to attend classes there for the week. A total of 37 persons will be travelling from MIDS for this program. We will also be taking 300 backpacks along with pens, pencils and notebooks for distribution to students in the Dominican Republic. In addition, MIDS students are looking forward to their much anticipated performance at the Coral Costal Caribe Resort in Juan Dolio Beach.

The MIDS schedule for next week includes a full review of material covered this term in preparation for in-tests which begin the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will also infuse some daily activities to allow our students here to share some of the experiences of traveling to the Dominican Republic by keeping their eyes on their classmates in the Dominican Republic. Each day will be focused on a different aspect of the country with a challenge question at the end of the day. For example, the challenge question for next Monday will be the following:

*Santo Domingo is home to some of the very first buildings in the new world. Can you name one of them?*

Of course, since parents now know the question, it is expected that each student will be prepared on Monday with a correct answer. (There are 3 correct answers) However, the challenge questions for Tuesday through Friday will be disclosed at the beginning of the school day and students will have until 4:00 p.m. to have some fun finding the correct answers. The questions will have something to do with the theme of the day. The daily themes are shown below.

Also, you may already have heard rumors about the relaxed dress code for next week. Please note that this applies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only. Feel free to have your child be as creative as possible about dressing like a tourist, a beach buddy and a local Dominican on those days. Monday and Friday are regular MIDS uniform days.

Each day at 1:30 p.m. we plan to connect with our students in the Dominican Republic via Skype. The objective is to involve our students here as much as possible in this exciting travel-study program. We hope that technology cooperates with our plan.

I am looking forward to making a global connection with our new sister school in the Dominican Republic and watching our students take advantage of this unique opportunity to practice their Spanish.

*Esther V. Donawa*



## EYE ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### **Day 1 -- Monday, March 8, 2010 - Meeting our new friends at Colegio Ergos**

Getting to know our new sister school...Colegio Ergos.

### **Day 2 -- Tuesday, March 9, 2010 - Visiting the Colonial Zone**

Touring the center of Santo Domingo. **(You're a tourist in Santo Domingo. Dress appropriately for the climate)**

- Today we will visit the following:
  - Parque Los Tres Ojos de Agua (Park of Three Eyes of Water)
  - Jardín Botánico Nacional Dr. Rafael M. Moscoso (Botanical Gardens)
  - Dolphin Island Park
  - Manatí Theme Park
  - Acuario Nacional de la República Dominicana/(National aquarium)
  - National Park Zoo/ Parque Zoológico Nacional Manuel Valverde Podestá (ZOODOM)
  - National Zoological Park

### **Day 3 -- Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - Going to the Beach**

Yesterday was a long day in the city. Today, we will say cool on the beach. **Be creative... dress for the beach.**

Some of the beaches we may visit include:

- La Minitas Beach
- Bayahibe Beach
- The Boca Chilca Beach

*"Look around the classroom for things you may find at the beach"*

### **Day 4 -- Thursday, March 11, 2010 - Touring the Island**

**Dress like a Dominican**

*"Find hidden indigenous objects hidden in and around the school"*

### **Day 5 -- Friday, March 12, 2010 - Saying Goodbye**

Exchanging gifts and numbers