



Isaac Newton Academy

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Highlights of Our School Year

First Volleyball Tournament on Grass

Our three girls left as champions from a competition among 32 women's teams, bringing home first place. It's worth mentioning that the Isaac Newton team had the shortest players of the entire tournament, but that did not keep them from the trophy and the satisfaction of their achievement.



Independence Day

On September 16th, we celebrated that we are a free nation, as you can see our kids shining especially to honor this great day.

Celebration of the Mexican Revolution

Our preschool and elementary classes are clothed in many colors to celebrate the Mexican Revolution including mustaches, hats, dresses, smiles, and a lot of fun.



Christmas 2008

One of our biggest celebrations is Christmas. We invite our children to know Jesus and let Him live in their hearts.

Spring Season

Just as the flowers begin to bloom, so do the celebrations at our school full of color and joy for the coming of Spring. Our preschool children presented to us "Wakeup Spring."



Children's Day

In April we have the celebration that every child in Mexico waits the whole year for, Children's Day. Cakes, candy, piñatas and toys are the necessary ingredients to hear laughs and shouts of joy. Happy Children's Day to all our kids.



Becoming a Nation of Readers

One of our goals this year was to encourage reading outside the classroom, and so we had a week called "Book Carnival" where we invited the students to read outside in the courtyard and in the hallways.

We had a lot of support from the parents who helped us this week by reading stories and organizing the books.



Swine Flu

With May came a 15 day suspension from classes all across Mexico due to the flu virus. It was a huge help to have the parents clean and disinfectant the books, chairs, door knobs, restrooms, water fountains, and everything that was suggested from the authorities. We are thankful to the parents of our children for their time and love.



Graduation

June brings us the smiles of those that have completed their time with us along with those of our Kindergarten graduates. It's a pleasure to see children that came to the home more than five years ago, such as Rolando and Ricardo, now graduating from our school and continuing on in their education. We believe and are confident that we can change generations, step by step, child by child.



Ricardo and Rolando



Donations and Support

We thank God for all the donations received throughout the year such as notebooks, pencils, construction paper, and the two heaters to warm our first and fifth grade classrooms.

We are also thankful for the generous response to our Matching Fund Drive and to those who adopted a classroom.

Handball

Handball is a growing sport in Mexico. Our PE teacher trained our two teams to compete for the National Championship. Our kids gave a good fight and proved that they will be a hard team to beat.



National Vaccination Week

Each year the government brings a campaign to our school where every child, teacher, caregiver, and employee receives needed vaccinations and medication.



Knowledge Olympics

Being 6th grade's third year to compete, we are proud this year to have brought home a 2nd place prize from a competition against 120 other schools. Ricardo Quezada, a child from the home that has been with us for five years, made a big effort to prepare himself and compete. Without the support from his parents but with only our love and prayers, he won. Thank God for the team of people, you and us together, that is behind every child.

A First!

May was a busy month, not just because we celebrated both Teacher's Day and Mother's day, but because for the first time in the history of our school, due to the good participation of our kids and hard work in the classroom, we were awarded the privilege of hosting eight other schools in this year's contest. We also had the pleasure to obtain a 1st place and a 3rd place in the contest.



We Are So Thankful That...

We were the host of the Academic Contest, due to the hard work of the teachers and great participation from our kids these past six years of Isaac Newton Academy.

We had a good response and a lot of support from the parents to our needs and concerns. We had a wonderful response from our kids during the "Book Carnival" week of reading.

Financial Information

We thank Emmanuel Ministries for the support of Isaac Newton Academy in helping us raise funds through our Adopt a Class Program, Matching Fund Drive, and special designated gifts. The general Income Statement shows the income and expenses that went through Emmanuel Ministries.

In addition, we received 71,570 pesos (approximately 5,500 US dollars) income through tuition, and two fund raisers, photos and candy. With this income we covered paper costs, supplies, school office telephone, and some maintenance costs.

Goals for Coming Year

Raise the average test scores for our student body by 10 percentage points by tutoring and study groups.

Promote reading through our Fall Book Festival, featuring a Book of the Week, a lending library to encourage reading when not in school, and our Parade of Books Event.

-Focus on students who are below their grade level in reading by offering special assistance and reading partners.

Encourage parent involvement and collaboration with the staff of HNE through our school newsletter , parent/teacher meetings and invitations for participation in special events.

Offer training and workshops to our teachers and assistants so that they are more equipped to be great educators.

Finish our Media-library classroom that will be the hub of all our clubs.

Needs

New desktop computer and Mono Laser Printer for the office
Air conditioner for the Computer Lab
Reconstruction of the playground equipment
Library and audio visual room – Wood shelves
Isaac Newton Club Classroom – Reconstruct the maintenance storage and create an area comfortable, practical, and functional to have the meetings of our different clubs
Enclose the hall of the school so that we have one secure, large building
Christian curriculum for Science and Spanish
Closet doors for the preschool classroom