THIS NEWSPAPER "AROUND SCHOOL"

I think that this newspaper is very important, because we learned lots of things, like how to write an article, how to help each other and how to be responsible, and we also improved our spelling.

If we keep this newspaper until we graduate, we can remember what happened in the school many years before we graduated.

We made it by sharing ideas and helping each other. It was fun working in groups. This newspaper is important because you can get information from it and enjoy reading it. It is good to make a school newspaper because we can know what is going on in the school. This is a very special project for grade 5.

BY: Manuela Gómez.

OUR COMPUTERS

The school bought more computers because there were not enough computers for all the girls, and they wanted to update the computers.

Before we had 48 computers, 24 with multimedia and 24 without multimedia. Now we have 59 computers all with multimedia.

They bought them from a company called CONEX S.A. in May and June.

Now the Internet is in the library and it is a place where we can find information. Next year we are going to have 4 stations for Internet service.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE A LOT OF COMPUTERS!

BY: Juanita Nieto
Maria Pía Villa.

A Wonderful Tree

The Magnolia tree is an old tree that was here at our school before it became a school. Our school was a farm before. Then they sold it and it became a school.

The Magnolia tree is so special. It is our symbol. It is a place to meet, we love it. The tree had a terrible disease. We didn't want to cut it, so the school brought doctors to check the tree. The Magnolia was sick for three months and a half. The doctors injected the tree for a long time. But now the tree is better, it's so cute we love it. Every month a special man come and checks it. Its leaves are green and yellow and they are big and smell good. The flowers are white and big. The Magnolia tree is situated between the white building and high school.

The Magnolia is so special so please take care of it!

BY: Camila Molina
Juliana Aguirre.

GOOD-BYE 5th GRADE

Fifth grade is going to graduate to high school next year, and we are going to present a show to say:

"Good bye and thanks to all the teachers and to the students in primary."

The girls are going to remember the things that we learned and what the teachers taught us. They are also going to remember the things that happened to them in pre-school and primary.

This event is going to be in October. In this event we are going to talk about our experiences in primary.

Good bye!

BY: Laura Rodríguez, 5

The New System In The Library

There is a new system in the library. The old manual book card system is not going to be used in the library anymore because the technology in the school is growing a lot. When we need something, we have to find it in the computer.

In the computer we can find the author, title and subject of the book. We are now going to find more information easier.

Another new system in the library is the Internet. We can navigate and e-mail. We have hotmail and others programs.

I think that this new system is going to help the library have a better technology.

BY: Tattiana Echeverri
**My Trip to California**

Last summer vacation I went to California with my mother and my sister. In California I had the opportunity to go to a school and to speak English with children from the U.S.A. It was an excellent opportunity to improve my English.

California is a wonderful state. There you can visit lots of places like Los Angeles, you can visit Disneyland, you can go to a park named Six Flags California Magic Mountain, which is full of roller coasters and it is gorgeous. I had so much fun there and I wish I could go back. In California you can go to the Universal Studios too.

The state of California is very near to the state of Nevada where Las Vegas is. Las Vegas is named "The City of the Casinos" because it is full of them. It was the best time of my trip. In those casinos people over 21 years are able to play, and there is a casino named Circus - Circus, where children can play too.

I invite all of you to go to California. I am sure you will have lots of fun there.

**By Luisa Fernanda Carmona**

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**The English Center**

English Center is very fun. There we can practice English and play too. The teachers read us some books and there we can learn lots of new things. I think that it is so good for the girls to practice more English, not only in English class. There we can play Clue, Top Story, Sorry, and Monopoly. You can read all kinds of books.

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**SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE WORLD**

My opinion of the environment in the world is that we don't take good care of it.

When we are in the car we see people throwing garbage onto the street and some factories are contaminating the world. I think that if we help the environment we have to do things like throw garbage into the basket, don't have factories that contaminate the world and many other things that can help too. We have to take care of the environment because we live in it and it gives us the things that we want and need.

**By Carolina Aramburo de B.**

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**SPORTS AT SCHOOL**

Our school gives us the opportunity to practice lots of sports after school, like basketball, track and field, volleyball, gymnastics, figure skating and softball. I think that all the girls in the school must enjoy all of them, because it is a good way to spend your time.

The girls from pre- primary to high school can play sports after school. We have games with other schools, like Pinares, Los Cedros, Sabaneta and Las Vegas. The teachers of the sports are Amparo, Diana, Adalberto, Albeiro, Dora, Nora, Maria Lina, Catalina, Monica and Andrea.

The classes are from 3:00 to 4:30. It's important that the girls practice sports, because sports can help you to be aware of drugs, alcohol and to stay healthy.

I prefer to spend my time practicing sports, than doing other things. I want to invite all the girls to practice SPORTS.

**By Ana Maria Bustamante. 5-A**
Get Involved!

September was a very special month in our school, because the Senior’s Cup took place during the 24th, 25th and 26th. During these days we had sports and cultural activities. Many schools participated like Fundación Nuevo Marymount Bogotá with 100 girls involved. The students from Bogotá were a special responsibility for us because they stayed with host families from our school. We hope that our visitors had a pleasant stay at our school and enjoyed the city. On Saturday, September 26th was “Family Day”. There were activities such as Softball, Volleyball, Soccer and Multiple games which started at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you to all those who participated, we hope everyone had a great time. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Keeping our school clean

The students of Marymount school sometimes leave the classes dirty. We have to make an effort to clean our classes because the school maids have to do a very hard job.

We always have to help the school maids. We can help by putting the garbage in the garbage can, don’t throw garbage anywhere, and when you drop something please clean it up.

In the English Center and in the library we also need to help, we can’t leave the books on the floor, we have to put them on the bookshelf.

In the cafeteria we must push the chairs under the tables and leave the trays in the kitchen.

If every person at Marymount makes an effort to help take care of the school we will have a very clean school.

By María Luisa Penagos
Math Congress

On October 9, 10, 11, 12 the school and math department are going to be in charge of the 1st International and 3rd National Education Math Congress.

"This congress is done to help improve the math quality," said Luis Humberto Gallón the math director.

A teleconference directly from Harvard University is going to be presented in the congress.

Many congressmen are coming from different parts of the world like: U.S.A, Mexico and Colombia.

Some topics are:
- Teaching for understanding
- Education in preschool
- Education in primary
- Education in high school
- Education in college

I hope this congress will help many people learn something about math.

By: Laura Tamayo Gil 5B

Halloween

In October we celebrate a special party called Halloween on October 31st. All the children have to dress up in costumes. Here at school we celebrate Halloween and we make our costumes.

We celebrate this party the day after the 31st. Each class has a different costume, and at the end of the day we have a parade showing the different and creative costumes.

Sometimes we decorate the school with pumpkins and other scary things. We cut the pumpkin and we take out the pulp and the seeds, and then we cut out the eyes, nose, mouth and we put a candle inside the pumpkin.

At night the children go out and ask for candy and say trick or treat!

By Pamela Ritcher

POETRY FESTIVAL

Some girls from Pre-Kinder to second grade are going to MONTESSORI school to present poems.

The poems have to be complete, nice, beautiful and at least eight lines.

The girls have to practice the poem and to memorize it very well. They have to say it with good pronunciation, intonation and punctuation.

They are going to MONTESSORI school on September 18th and they are going to participate with other kids from the MONTESSORI and EL COLOMBO BRITANICO schools.

I think they are going to say their poems with all their hearts.

By: Carolina Ochoa M.
The Friendship Day

On September 15 we celebrate friendship day. In this month we play secret friend and every day you give to your friend candy, or one little thing. You can play with your classroom friends or with your group of friends out of the school so you can be a better friend.

This day is an important celebration because your friend is an important person and you can tell her beautiful things. She is going to be so happy with you and she will know you want to be her friend.

If you help your friends and you don't say bad things about them you are a good friend.

If you want to be a good friend try to be polite and respectful, with other people.

By Juliana Restrepo L.

Pet Show

At Marymount school there was a pet show during the Ecology Day. Four girls of each group in primary had to bring their dog. That day was Friday August 28. All the girls came with blue jeans, a school t-shirt and sneakers. Most of the dogs were labradors and all of the girls were very excited. It was an excellent day and we had a good time.

By: Mariana Patiño M.
Helping the Children

In September some grades of primary visited the XIMENA RICO LLANO foundation. It is a foundation for poor children from newborn to 5 years old. The children's parents pay $2.000 per month. If you have clothing or health products please give them to the foundation. In the foundation the children receive medical examination and dental care.

We learned with this visit that we have to thank God because we have everything we want, and they don't. Our parents also have jobs, the children's parents work in the streets and sometimes in prostitution. Please don't give money to the poor people because they have to get a job. If you continue giving them money they will not get a job.

Thank you XIMENA RICO!!!

Juliana Quevedo V.

Gloria Our New Math Teacher

When fifth graders went to Kansas, Beatriz Toro our Math Teacher went to Kansas with them. Marta Sanchez and Beatriz Toro have to take care of them.

We needed a Math Teacher, so Cecilia Restrepo told Gloria Elena Alzate that we needed a Math Teacher in the school for one month. She worked in the Teodoro Hertz, she worked with boys and girls.

She loved to work with them. Gloria is not working in the Teodoro any more. Now Gloria is working with us and she told us that she is very happy working with fifth graders and fourth graders in the school. We are very happy with Gloria because she is very special and kind.

By: Catalina Londoño E

THE MULTIPLES

The multiples is an activity that is included in the SENIORS CUP. It is going to be on Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of September. On Saturday 26th there is going to be the multiples here in the school.

The multiples is a contest and everyone can participate. In groups of 10 or 8 persons, we have to decide the name of the group, the costume and the leader. We can invite friends that do not study here and parents can come too.

In the contest there are lot of activities. Some of them are Jumping Rope, Potato Snack race and Pillow fights.

The judges congratulate the winners for most enthusiasm, creative costume, and best name. Most of the time the groups give the prizes to an institution.

By: Angela Maria Mejía A.

ECOLOGY GROUP

In our school we have an ecology group. The objective of this group is to take care of nature. We are going to continue teaching the girls to take care of the nature. This group is made of the girls of 5th that didn't go to Kansas. The Ecology teacher Cecilia Restrepo directed this activity.

In this activity there were 14 girls. We had many animals in the ecology trail like rabbits, birds, chickens, worms and a vegetable garden. On August 28th we celebrated the Ecology day and we had a dog show too. One won and the winner was a Dalmation.

By: Juana Hinestrosa

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

Love and Friendship month is in September. In this month Marymount school plays secret friend. It is so fun because we receive candies and we have to give them too. This month we have to be altogether and try not to fight with other girls. The idea of the secret friend is to have a good time and to spend one week where you don't know who is giving you presents.

The discovery day is FANTASTIC because we find out who was the GREAT girl!

By: Diana M. Osorio

HAVE FUN AT THE MULTIPLES
**VYDA PROGRAM**

VYDA is a program that helps the girls from primary to be better people, to say "NO" to drugs and alcohol and to learn more things. The psychology department started this program in January of 1997.

It is formed by mothers from each grade. The VYDA classes are every 15 days and the girls like them very much. We learn to choose our friends in an intelligent way and to stay away from bad things. Mothers that want to participate in the VYDA program must contact the psychology department.

By: Valentina Coulson O.

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**LITERATURE CONTEST**

In this contest all primary and high school girls participate. After the judge reads the stories she chooses 4 or 5 girls from each group. Then the judge in the auditorium reads all the stories or poems that the finalists wrote. The winners receive the book that has all the winning stories and a little necklace. The judge is Aurora Lopez.

This contest is very important because the girls use their creativity. This contest is happening in October. We hope that this contest is the most special event.

BY: Maria Adelaida Gaviria 5-B

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**ECOLOGY DAY**

Ecology Day was on Friday August 28, 1998. We did many things. First we went to the class on we read papers about the environment in the world. Then we went to the auditorium with the girls and Cecilia Restrepo who is the teacher of the group, where there were 14 girls of 5B.

We listened to a man talk about the environment. We also watched a movie called "Dr. Dolittle". When we finished we went to recess.

For lunch we went to the forest. After lunch there was a dog exposition. Ana Maria Correa's dog from 4A. When the dogs finished we went back to the class and then we went home.

BY: Melissa Dumit.

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**SPELLING BEE**

The Spelling Bee is an event where 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participate. They choose 3 girls from each group. They have to know the spelling of some words that the teachers choose, for example 3rd graders are working on a story and they choose words from that story.

When they are spelling a word and they spell it incorrectly, they are out. The Spelling Bee was on Wednesday, September 9th.

The winners were:
- Second - Maria Antonia Yarce (who was also the Primary winner)
- Third - Natalia Pardo
- Fourth - Manuela Sierra
- Fifth - Carolina Cavina

Congratulations to all of them!

BY: Carolina Noreña Arango
Third Grade Project

Third graders are doing a project in English class about Canada. Here in the school there are many Canadian teachers, and girls are interested about the country of their teachers. Some of the things they are studying in this project are: the people, culture, weather, geography, economy, tourist sites, maps, provinces, cities, animals and rivers. They are getting information from books, maps, magazines and from the Canadian teachers.

By: Maria Adolaida Lince

Our experience with the Pig heart and lung

In Science class we studied the heart and lung of a pig. One day in the lab we looked at a pig’s heart and lung. The Science teacher, Cecilia taught us about both. The pig’s lung is bigger than peoples. She put a hose into the lung and she blew into it and the lung was like a balloon. Then the teacher said that we were going to open the pig’s heart and she separated us into six groups. My group had four girls. We cut the heart into two parts. Two girls looked at one half and the others at the other half. It looked like meat and it was fun. We saw all the parts the teacher taught us in the class.

WE HAD A LOT OF FUN in Science class, it was an unforgettable experience!!!

By: Camila Llano González 5B

Ecology Day

Last 28th of August was an important day for the ecology of our school. Fourteen girls of 5B made a little group with the help of Lina Gallón and Cecilia Restrepo our biology teacher. They were the organizers of a wonderful day. The organizers prepared many activities for us to see. Some of them were the ecology forest, the dog exposition and a conference about birds. We also made some posters for the conservation of the environment. All the girls in primary participated in that beautiful day. Soon the girls of high school are going to make their ecology day. Expect BIG surprises !!!

By: Angela María Zuluaga V.

FRENCH CLASS

This is the first year at Marymount school that French class is being taught. Our teacher is ANGELINE ANTHONY and she is from Canada. She is a high school English teacher.

We play and learn. We do many activities like dialog, sentences, descriptions and games. We are learning the verbs to be and to want.

The class is for an hour and a half and is for a bimester. It costs $115,000 pesos. It is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

French is one of the 3 most important languages so if you want to speak French go to the department and talk with Maria Cristina Echeverry.

MERCI BEAUCOUP!!!
(thank you very much!)

BY: SARA PANESO U.

SPANISH CLASS

In Spanish class Martha Hernández, our homeroom teacher, at the beginning of the class she dictates a paragraph about a story or words to see how are we writing and what are making, especially the punctuation accents and some letters like c, s, and z.

Fifth grade and fourth grade are doing this activity. This activity is going to help the students to practice more that mistake.

Some girls in the class made a poster with the words that Martha dictated and some words from the paragraphs. Then Martha made a test and dictated twenty words to select the girls that didn’t have any mistakes or didn’t have many. That is the first elimination, then the girl that wins participates in a contest in October. The cultural committee is organizing this event.

BY: Amalia Landaño M.
**Computer Club**

At Marymount School, there are computer classes after school. We have a lot of fun and at the same time we learn how to use the computer.

We play many games on the computer like: jazz jack rabbit, pipe, funny face etc.

Our teacher is Tere, the classes are Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

We also paint and we print our pictures and our work. We write letters and we type them on the computer.

The class is after school and we have a lot of fun.

By Marcela Fernandez

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**English Center**

In the English center we do many things. We read books, we play games and we have some fun. The teachers keep the English movies in there too. We can borrow books from the English center, and the teachers also read to us there. I recommend the book "Miss Electra and the game "Clue". The most fun in there for me is the games.

The classes in the English Center are on some days that we also have computers class. The length of the classes in the English center are 45 minutes long.

I think that the English class is special because we can take off our shoes, we can sit on the carpet, and we can talk a lot of English.

By: Ana Isabel Aristizábal

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**Prensa Escuela**

In Spanish class we are working on “Prensa Escuela”. This is an idea from el Colombiano newspaper.

One of the activities we have done is that we made a collage. We cut pictures out of the newspaper then we pasted them on a paper. We wrote a paragraph about the collage.

After we described the language in which the paragraph was written, we evaluated our work.

By Laura Mejía

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**Poem**

Nature is green,
You are black,
I am white.
And together we are one.

Let’s save the world
And together we can live in harmony.

By: Manuela Tobon V

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**Art class**

Our art teacher’s name is Laura Vélez. In this class we paint and go outside to see something and then we have to draw it in the art notebook.

In this class Laura teaches us to combine the colors in the best way, for example: color the windows of a house red and the door of the house brown. Sometimes we go to museums to see the paintings of famous people. When we come back to school we talk about it.

I like this class a lot.

By: Catalina Duque H.

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**SAVE THE WORLD!**

What is recycling?
Recycling is transforming garbage into something useful.
Why do we have to recycle?
* We have to recycle because we have to fulfill the natural cycle and don’t contaminate the environment.

How can we recycle?
* We can recycle by separating the garbage by:
  - Putting the paper in the recycling bin and the glass, the metal and the plastics in their correct bin.
  - Don’t waste paper.
  - Don’t buy a lot of plastic bags.
  - Don’t throw paper into rivers and oceans.

"Remember, there is just one world, and it’s yours!"

By Carolina Corrales
FUN THINGS

Hollywood Stars

Joke
A pilot and 4 passengers were on an airplane, one of them was the president of the United States, another was a university professor, another was a priest and the last one was a student. At once the airplane began to fall. The pilot said: "I am sorry, but there are only 4 parachutes for the 5 of us".

The pilot took one, then the president took one, then the professor took one and sat all of them jumped. The priest said to the student: "You take the last parachute son, I am ready to go to heaven". The student said: "It's OK" there are 2 parachutes left.

"That's impossible!" said the priest. "There are 4 parachutes for the 5 of us".

"That's right", said the student "but the most intelligent person in the world jumped out of the airplane with my backpack."

By: Alejandra Ma Escobar.

Crossword Puzzle

INSTRUCTIONS:
With each clue, find the word that is the answer.

HORIZONTAL:
1. I write with it, and it writes gray.
2. I live in a very big and beautiful ...
3. It is a large bird that is kept on farms. People eat it at Christmas.
4. 20-10-5-15
5. Dogs fight with ...
6. It is a vegetable, it is red, and you put in salads.

VERTICAL:
1. It is gray, it is a very big animal, you can see it in the city, and has very big ears.
2. It looks like a mouse and it has a long tail.
3. I sleep at ...
4. When I am outside and I am cold, I put on a ...
5. It is a man's best friend.

By: Carolina Gaviria

Unscramble the Animals!
Try to unscramble the letters to find the names of animals.

ogdinb _ god
lbfsh _ etc
weoms _ grcfae
 harm _ lepetna
turte _ codrciel
ubefry _ irbd
ocw _ ebra

By: Sara Chica

The Body

ARM
EARS
EVERY 

EYES
FOOT

HAIR
HANDS
HEAD

LIPS
MOUTH

MAIL
NECK

NOSE
SHOES

TEETH
TONGUE

By: Claudia Aristizabal

By: Juliana Jaramillo

By: Manuela Posada