**ST. PATRICK’S A GREEN DAY**

Do you like green? Come and meet the new green article!! ST. PATRICK!!!

Patrick was a Scottish boy from a rich family. All his life he wanted to teach religion and help people to believe in God.

He was captured and spent 13 years of his life as a slave in Ireland. When someone rescued him, he began explaining the trinity, by using a clover. The name Patrick wasn’t his real name, it was MAEWYN SUCCAT. He was born in Kilpatrick, Scotland in the year 387.

St. Patrick is the patron of Ireland. The tradition of celebrating St. Patrick’s Day here in the school came from the Irish nuns that founded our school, because St. Patrick is the patron of Ireland.

We celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th, that was when St. Patrick died. Some teachers that have studied here, told us how they celebrated St. Patrick’s Day.

In the past they could watch movies, play and talk with their friends, and decorate their uniforms with ribbons.

They had a special lunch in the school. That day the food was green, the popcorn, rice and milk. Then things changed. They had to study that day, but they had a baseball game, nuns vs girls.

St. Patrick is not the school’s patron but it’s an important saint for the school because it existed since the nuns founded this school. We like St. Patrick’s Day a lot because it’s tons of fun. On that day we don’t have to study and we can play and have a fabulous day.

By: Estefania Restrepo, MaLuisa Rojo, Ana Ma Correa 5A

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**WHY ARE THE COMPUTERS SICK?**

Do you know what is in the year 2000 going to be the problem with the computers? What is the problem called? How can you fix your computer? When are they going to be sick or are they already sick? All these questions and more, will be answered in this interesting article. First of all, if you don’t know what is going to happen in the year 2000, it is better that you know it now.

The problem is that 60 years ago in 1959 a man called Konrad Zuse made the first computer. He didn’t think that the computers were going to have a problem in the year 2000. Computers are going to be confused in this year 2000 with the date, because they were programmed to continue to 1900.

A solution, which can be found in the internet, is a program called “YEAR.2000”. This checks if your computer is prepared to continue to the year 2000.

It doesn’t mean that if you have internet you have solved the problem. First you have to download the program, then you can check your computer. After you check your computer, it shows if it is ready or not. If your computer is not ready and if it is a new computer you can call an engineer. The engineer can fix its clock. If your computer is an old one you must buy another one because there isn’t any solution for the old computers.

Remember the year 2000 can be a problem for your computer. If you don’t want to have any sick computers in your house or business it is better to check it now, and don’t wait any more. By: Susana M. 5A Sofia H Martinez, Laura V Ma Adelaida Rpo 5B

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**MARYMOUNT SCHOOL 2005**

Have you ever figured out how our school will be in the year 2005?

Think about how our school is today and think about what things we want for it in the future. We can envision our school as a place where its students are women prepared in many aspects. A place where values such as respect, responsibility, loyalty and love will be constantly practiced. A place where teachers will be our guides and friends. A place where each student will be conscious of her abilities and take advantage of them in a good way.

A place surrounded by modern technology where the students can explore new frontiers. A place where the students can emphasize in areas such as math, science, English, and technology. A place where the classes will be different and will be surrounded by nature.

There are many ideas and “dreams” that we have in mind. I invite you to dream about our school in the future. Why don’t we begin now?

By: Valentina Sanín 5A

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In this newspaper you can find many different articles like:

*SPECIAL GIRLS AT MARYMOUNT SCHOOL.*

*PARTICIPATE AND WIN!!*  
*SENIORS’ CUP*  
*MULTIPLES ’99 AND MANY OTHER FUN THINGS!!!*  

These are good reasons to read this newspaper.
Our Marymount Experience

Upon our arrival at the school we were both pleasantly surprised by the level of English that the students had. We were both terrified that we would have to communicate with our students using some form of sign language. The kids were very excited to get to know their ‘new’ Canadian teachers. They were very curious about all aspects of our lives.

Coming from a school culture where touching children, even a hug, is seen as suspicious we found it a huge adjustment. Also kids in Canada are not that curious about the fact their teachers are people with lives. Our first year teaching here we found that the children were very eager to learn all that we had to offer them. As well as us adjusting to them, they had to adjust to our different ways of teaching and different discipline strategies. We tried to use a variety of incentive programs to encourage the students to use their English both in the classroom and outside. Very often the students had to struggle to get their point of view across to us because we did not speak any Spanish when we first arrived here. Sometimes they would ask some of the other students to help them.

Some of the staff members went out of their way to help us adjust to the many challenges that we faced each day in a country where we didn’t speak the language or understand the culture. Even something so simple as calling a theatre to find out what is playing was not easy for us. Working close with our colleagues has enabled us to form long lasting bonds with some of the staff. Being put into a situation where we had to learn a new language gave us insights into how the children learn and why they made some of the mistakes that they did.

Now that we have adjusted rather well to the Medellin, it is now time to head back to Canada where will have to readjust to many things. Some things at home will have changed, like friends getting married and their families growing and some things will have stayed the same. We both have mixed emotions about leaving here and going home. Saying goodbye to the kids and our friends will be one of the hardest things that we have to do. It has been a rewarding experience sharing our knowledge with the children and we hope that they will remember us and when they want to study in Canada to give us a call and we will help them just as they have helped us.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE YEAR 2000 IN THE SCHOOL?

Many teachers and students think that in the next millennium we will have a lot of changes. Others say that everything is going to be the same. Let's look at some of the possibilities.

Maybe the computers are going to change a lot. It is possible that the school will have more technology. Maybe the girls will be more responsible for their actions and maybe the teachers are going to demand more and more because they want the girls to be better in academics and discipline. Some students told us that maybe the uniforms are going to be different. There might be different teachers from other places in the world or maybe not.

But, one thing that we know for sure is that the school is going to be renovated. They held a contest for ideas of how to renovate the school. After choosing the winner began the renovations. This began with the remodeling of the primary building.

The architect that won the contest was José Noel Franco who works in “Mensula”, the owners of this company, Julian Vélez and Jorge Humberto Díaz who is a father of one of the girls, thinks they will finish this new building by January of next year.

We will have to wait for the next millennium to see what will happen in the year 2000.

By: Carolina Uribe, Sara Restrepo, Marta Ma Cuartas 5B

OPINION

FISH POND

Taking care of the environment is something very important we have to keep in mind. It is the only way we have to ensure future life. That is why we have to take care of many species which are in danger.

In our school, Marymount, we are very lucky to have Goldfish, “which are exceptionally long lived and have been reported to reach an age of 70 years. Goldfish are native to Eastern Asia. In their natural state goldfish, are olive green and live in weeds. The occasional differences in color and shape among domestic varieties are due to their careful breeding”.

“The best known domestic varieties of goldfish are golden red”. These are species we have in our fish pond. They are being fed by “Semco” and some little stones. The water they have comes from “La Chacona” which is a small river close to the school.

We are very worried because there are some fish which are sick. We do not know what is going on. All we know is that a veterinarian came to the school and was trying to help them.

But, we don't know anything about the results yet. Anyway, while something is being done to help our fish we should try to give our fish a better habitat.

The good news is, that in Medellin there is and institute, Mi Rio which is trying to help us with our fish and the fish pond.

We know they are going to redesign the fish pond and change the how we treat our fish.

We wrote this article because we knew that all the girls can help us with our idea of giving them an excellent habitat. You are welcome to help us.

By: Valentina Navarro 5B
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CUMULATIVES

At our school it is very important to have an excellent academic level. It is for this reason that our school is preparing us to be excellent students.

Having cumulative exams is a way to help the teachers know how the girls are doing in the individual subjects and to help the girls know what they need to study.

Teachers think that it is an excellent way for girls either to maintain their level, or to know which girl needs to study more. At the same time it forces the girls to be more responsible and more disciplined.

The idea for cumulative exams came from the elementary teachers, the coordinator and Lina Gallón.

Most of the girls interviewed said that they know that this test demands a lot from them but it is a good way to improve.

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At the same time the cumulatives help the girls to organize their lives, and learn how to be more productive with their free time.

Our school must continue having cumulatives to help us become excellent students and to be more responsible.

STUDENT COUNCIL IN PRIMARY

The student council program in primary began in 1999 because Adriana Bravo who was the second person in the elections, gave many ideas about the program and Pamela Gallego, who was the winner, made of this project to become a reality. She said that she would need a person in elementary school to help her focus the attention only on primary problems.

The student council program had a lot of competition between them. This causes many problems. The girls were taking some of the posters down. And that was causing a lot of aggressiveness among the student counselors and all the primary girls. Lina Gallón didn’t want this competition between the girls so she decided to cancel this program.

The girls who wanted to be the student council representative in primary were Elisa Peláez and María González. These girls were from fifth grade.

Marymount School began the program of student council in primary in 1999. Pamela Gallego is the representative. She was the person who had the idea of having an assistant in elementary school. That person is the student council representative. This idea was one of the first to become a reality this year, however, the student council program didn’t work because they had a problem: the girls were fighting among themselves.

By: Elisa Peláez 5B
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AROUND SCHOOL

Current Events

HALLOWEEN (KID'S DAY)

We want to invite everybody to join us on Halloween Day. We promise that this year, rain or shine, sun or clouds, warm or cold, it is going to be very, very cool.

SPOOKY NEWS

They celebrated Halloween like this... they didn't let the girls wear costumes. Usually in the class the girls did different activities like creating their own masks or cutting and coloring something related to Halloween.

When Lina Gallón was in the school they celebrated like this... they used to celebrate Halloween at “Los Cedros” because the nurses slept there so the girls spent the day over there and they ate cake and had fun.

Most of the girls wanted to come to school with costumes and they wanted Halloween to be like Seniors' Cup.

Most of the primary girls wanted to make their own costumes with recycled stuff. Pre-school girls wanted to go to all primary classrooms trick or treating.

Well girls, the ones that wanted to come with costumes from your homes, we are sorry to disappoint you but we are going to have some kind of “multiples” and you could make your own costume.

By: Elena Peláez G
Paula Heras S
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FANTASTIC DAY WITH NATURE

Ecological Day is important because we learned to develop the spirit of nature in all of us: to love nature and to take care of it.

During Ecological Day we also learned about pets, cacti, rabbits, insects, worms, bees and birds. This year we celebrated Ecological Day on June 1. The Science Department and the grade 5 girls were in charge of it. All the people that worked in the department gave ideas too.

By: Amalia Londoño
Maria Clara Pérez
Maria Luisa Espinoza. 5A

WONDERFUL SHOWS

At the end of the year the fantastic pre-school girls are going to present a show. It is going to be about a beautiful topic: "Colombia in Peace".

In this presentation the girls will show their parents what they have learned in the two languages. In English they are going to sing songs. The rest of the presentation will be in Spanish.

The oldest girls (Transition) are going to finish their pre-school years. They are going to have a graduation. At the graduation ceremony the girls, the parents and the teachers are going to work together.

In English they are going to sing "Heal The World" by Michael Jackson. Then four or five girls are going to talk about their experience in pre-school. At the end the teachers are going to give the girls their diplomas and the medals.

"Come and see the fantastic preschool girls".

By: Amalia Londoño
Maria Clara Pérez
Maria Luisa Espinoza. 5A

PARTICIPATE AND WIN

In the school we have spelling contests. The school has them to improve the spelling of the girls. The girls in each grade study the words and in spelling class the teachers ask them the words.

The entire Elementary English Department is in charge of the spelling contests. They take place in the auditorium.

The first spelling contest was in 1997. Paula Heras Segovia won the first spelling contest when she was in 3rd grade.

On October 7,1999 the first graders participated for their first time. The winners were: First grade: Ana Maria Restrepo; Second grade: Paulina Madrid A; Third grade: Maria Antonia Yarce; Fourth grade: Manuela Valderrama and Fifth grade: Paula Heras and Juliana Gaviria.

STUDY A LOT AND ... YOU COULD BE THE NEXT WINNER!!

By: Manuela Sierra
Juana Puyo
Sara Bernal 5A
AROUND SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW...?

LINA'S CAR ACCIDENT
One day Lina was coming to school at 7:30 a.m. She was in the line to enter the school. In front of her there was one car driven by a mother, and behind her there was another one driven by a painter. A sixteen year old boy who was driving very fast crashed the painter's car and he crashed into Lina's car. She thought she had broken her neck. Immediately Lina called Margarita García, the school nurse, who arrived with Mario Laino.
They took her to 'Clinica Medellín' and The doctor told them that she needed a neck brace. She had to stay home for a week. Later on she found that she had a hernia in her neck. Right now she is better but she can not ride horses.
By: Juliana Gaviria, Carolina Muñoz and Susana Mejía. 5 B

MARYMOUNT IS GOING TO BE A NEW SCHOOL
“Did you know...that the school is going to be remodeled? If you said yes you are right. If you want more information you are reading the correct article.
What the school wants to accomplish by remodeling it is that everybody has more space, in the classrooms, the parking- lot and the cafeteria.
The school had a contest with all the interested architects to chose the best design and idea. The lucky winner was José Noel Franco. He is a father of two girls that study at Marymount; one in transition and one in second grade. When he won the contest he was very happy, not only because he won, but because he participated and that is important for him. The school gave the architects one month to make the designs.
José Noel wants the school to have a plaza because there is no space to sit. Unfortunately the remodeling is going to take a lot of time; almost ten years, because it's going to be a wonderful school when it is finished. José Noel loves the school so he is putting all his heart into the remodeling.
Though the majority of the girls in primary think that it is a good idea to remodel the school, some girls think that it is not necessary to remodel it and that it should be kept the way it is.
By: María del Mar Restrepo, Camila Martínez and Camila Cano. 5B

MARYMOUNT HISTORY
In 1877 Mother Joseph Buttler came to U.S.A to found a school. The place was located in a small village. So, Mother Buttler thought that would be the perfect place to do it.
In 1948 Marymount was founded in Santa Fe de Bogotá. In 1952 they began working in Barranquilla and in 1954 Marymount was opened in Medellín. The reason for founding Marymount in Colombia was so that the parents could allow their children to graduate with a perfect knowledge of English.
The school in Medellín began with pre-school, primary and the two first grades of high school with Mother Anuncita as the principal and Mother Jean Baptiste as the secretary. Then they started home-economic classes. The students that chose these classes after three years had to take a test to see if they passed. If they did, they received a certificate. In 1954 there were forty girls. In 1955 there were also forty girls. In 1956 there were fifty-one girls. In 1957 there were seventy-two girls. In 1958 there were ninety-two girls, and in 1959 there were one hundred and twenty-one girls. The staff consisted of Principal, Viney Stuart, and secretary, Mother Pilar Gómez.

ALBEIRO URIBE AND STEPHANIE ROBSON'S RELATIONSHIP
They met each other in 1997 here at Marymount. They started dating at a bar named Berlin. What Albeiro likes the most about Stephanie is her honesty and that she is very tender. They have been girlfriend and boyfriend for almost three years now.
Stephanie speaks spanish and she is a vegetarian. They talk every day on the phone. Albeiro is learning about Stephanie's culture and Stephanie is learning about Albeiro's culture. They love each other very much.
By: Juliana Gaviria, Carolina Muñoz and Susana Mejía. 5B
The girls were very proud to study at Marymount. They respected the directors, teachers and nuns. The teachers had one big room not like the departments we have today. The girls had to speak English all day and there was a record of the girls that spoke English all the time. Almost all the subjects were in English. They gave a little tie to the girls that spoke English all the time. One punishment was that they had to come to school on Saturday and write compositions in English. The girls that chewed bubble gum had it stuck on their nose all day.

The days that the report cards were given out the whole school had to stand near the virgen. The principal called them one by one and each girl had to go get her report card. Mass was very beautiful because they sang hymns and there was always something special. The uniform was the same, but they had to wear a jacket instead of sweaters. They also had to wear gloves on important occasions. Everything was pretty and organized. At the beginning the school was smaller. Where the pre-school building is there were classrooms where poor kids studied. The boarding school was in Los Cedros. The auditorium was where the computer classroom is now.

After speaking with an alumni we found that there are many differences in the school from when she was a student till now. One of the differences is that the school was run by very friendly nuns. Now the school is run by qualified teachers. The girls were very dedicated and loved their school. Now the girls are not as dedicated as they once were. Many years ago the girls were very involved in mass and they enjoyed it a lot because they sang hymns as well as some popular songs. Now, the girls sing only hymns and are not as involved as they once were.

With all these changes taking place the values of the school have not changed all that much.

By: Laura Morales, Laura Rodriguez and Catalina Navarro, 5B

WHAT THE GIRLS ARE DOING IN THEIR CLASSES

In this article we want to tell you about the preschool and primary projects. In this moment they are doing a lot of interesting activities. Some important projects in the classes are “My Pretty City” in Pre-kindergarten, “To Share” and “To Come to School” in kindergarten, “I Like School”, “Animals” and “Food” in Transition, “Time”, “Neighborhood”, “The Human Body” and “Garden” in Grade 1. “School” in Grade 2, “Antioquia” in Grade 3, “Indians”, “Colombia” and “Where Do I Come From? In


They learned some values like: to share, to love, to be responsible, to be tolerant, to be organized and how to be a friend. They feel very good working these projects.

By: Amalia Cadavid, Juliana Jaramillo and Verónica Sierra. 5B

MARTA SÁNCHEZ’S EYE SURGERY

Marta Sánchez, the primary English teacher, had eye surgery. She had it during summer vacation on June 24th at 11:30 a.m. at Clínica Medellín. The reason she had it was because she had contact lenses and she wore glasses for many years so she was tired of using them.

Her doctor was Oscar Dario Santos. It was a simple surgery, but she was really scared. She had to stay home for 15 days. She couldn’t watch T.V. and she had to wear sun glasses to protect her eyes from the sun. She also had to sleep with eye protectors every night for almost a month. She still has to protect her eyes from the chalk.

In this moment she feels happy and she thinks that she should have done it many years ago.

By: Juliana Gaviria, Carolina Muñoz and Susana Mejía. 5B
**AROUND SCHOOL CULTURAL**

**LET'S EXPRESS OURSELVES**

The drama club helps us to express ourselves, to increase our self-confidence while talking in front of an audience, to have better oral expression and to have courage.

In the club there are 23 girls. Each one has a different character, for example an angel, an antique dealer and many others.

They practice on Mondays from 3:10 to 4:10, they always practice in the auditorium, but, sometimes they practice in pre-school.

The name of the play is: "EN EL CIELO TAMBIÉN HAY PAISAS".

They are doing it because they like to do a play and they like to be actresses. The play was presented in the school on Monday, October 4th.

In el San Ignacio School on October 7th.

The play is about 2 angels and San Pedro that are looking at the Paisas, and the things they do.

Many people convinced San Pedro that the Paisas are very good people. This play was in Spanish.

**So the Paisas are great!**

by: Andree López 5°A
Laura Mejía 5°A
Susana Izaaza 5°A

**SPECIAL GIRLS OF MARYMOUNT SCHOOL**

The girls that are artists are special because they can express their talents in different ways.

We can see the time and effort they put into everything they do. The girls are talented in many areas. For example: in Math, in English,

In Spanish, in Science, in Social Studies and of course in Art, Music and Drama. The school helps the girls by offering theater classes, choir, Art classes and letting the girls participate in different contests related to school subjects.

If you want to be an artist, try very hard in all the things that you do. Put all the love that you can and...

**TRY YOUR BEST!**

**SOME TALENTED GIRLS ARE:**

- Manuela Jaramillo (Science) 1°A
- Paulina Madrid (English) 2°B
- Sara Villegas (Math) 3°A
- Isabel Arango (Spanish) 4°B
- Daniela Uribe (Social studies) 4°B
- Susana Madrid (Painter) 5°A

By: Daniela Acosta 5°A
Sara Sierra 5°A
Laura Corrales 5°A

**THE ALUMNI STORE**

Here in school we have a good store. The alumni wanted to earn some money to help their daughters by helping pay for their education (who have economical difficulties).

A long time ago María Pía Vélez started selling sweaters from the school. Three years ago the alumni committee opened the store selling our uniforms and many different beautiful things with the school logo, like key chains, dolls, pencil cases, pens, boards, etc. Lima Betancur has been working there for 3 years.

The store is located under the chapel, next to the religion department. It is open every day from 7:30-11:30 or at recess time.

You're all welcome to visit the store to buy all kinds of things.

Come and help the alumni children!

by: Elisa María Bustamante 5°B
Sara Vélez 5°B
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**FRIENDSHIP**

In general girls in the primary and teachers, expressed that Friendship is something very special. It's very important because with friendship we can get love and with love we can get peace.

We interviewed some girls in primary. In general they said....

Friendship day is to share with your friends and family, be good, do your homework with love, study every day, and to share my food if my friends didn't bring theirs.

Friendship is the most important thing because we have friends that help us in the good, terrible and sad moments.

Friendship is when you know that you have someone that trusts you and you know that you can be with her (him). Friendship is to respect others, to share with others and be special to one another if one of your friends is sad, and to help her or him and give your love. Friendship is wanting to have a treasure because the friends are people that are in your lives and we can learn many things from each other.

By: Barbara Bernal 5°B
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"MULTIPLES 99"

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By: Valeria Arango, Cristina Garcia and Daniela Mejía 5A

ALL ABOUT SPORTS

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A person who practices a sport is happier because that person in doing what he or she likes. A person who doesn't practice any sport can have many problems with his or her health. Other people practice sports or exercise because they have some health problem and the doctor says that they must.

At school they offer sports because they are important for our health. If in the world there were no sports there wouldn't be celebrations like the Soccer World Championship, and we wouldn't have athletes.

By: Sara Moreno
Camila Tirado 5B

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**Guessed......**

- Who run under the stairs, have a lot of hair, and we are afraid of it?
  - The rat.

- Who said: "a dolex, a dolex, a dolex"?
  - The monkey.

- Who found Aladins lamp?
  - Black Eddie.

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**Jokes!**

- Late-night TV is educational. It teaches you that you should have gone to bed earlier.

- Boy Monster: "I like your pretty blue eyes".
  - Girl Monster: "Why don't you like my green eyes?"

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**Color it!**

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**Secret Vocabulary**

- ABDCEGHLMN
- OPQRSTU

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**Magnet Maker!**

Glue a photograph to thin cardboard, let it dry, and attach a magnet to the back.

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