Track Construction

The school track is currently under construction because it was damaged by the construction of new houses. A part of the track was cracked because many trees were cut down and the ground was dug up which supported the track. The bulldozers also damaged the track when they dug up the ground. Now the track doesn't have any support.

They are going to fix the track and make a new support. They will finish fixing the track the first weekend of June. They are going to put a big screen there so that the baseballs don't go near the houses. The work doesn't cost anything to the school because it is the fault of the construction company.

By Catalina Congote 5B

PRESTO COMPETITION.

Presto is having a competition to celebrate the 11 grade graduation party in 1999, in Antioquia. In this competition Presto is going to give five million pesos, to the school that consumes the most Presto food. The people who can accumulate points are: students of all grades from all the different schools in Antioquia, teachers, relatives and friends. When you go to Presto you have to tell the cashier to record your school name, and next you put your ticket in your school mailbox. This competition is from April to November.

The girls of 10th grade at Marymount school are participating in this competition, because they need that money for the Prom. With this money they can buy all the things that they need for the Prom.

Please support the grade 10's, and buy food from Presto!

Claudia Aristizabal
5B

The New Primary Director

Marymount School has a new primary director. She is Lina Maria Gallón. She is a very intelligent woman and she is doing her job very well. She has new ideas and she wants to have a good relationship with all the girls in primary. Lina wants our school to be better. She is visiting all the classes in the morning to see what we need.

Lina is very happy and she feels that all the teachers and parents give her a lot of support and ideas to improve her work every day.

This job has been a change in her life because she is not having enough time to go swimming or to visit her parents who live in El Retiro because she has to come to school at night to attend parents meetings.

I am very happy with our new director because she has many new ideas.

By Sara Mejia M 5B.

Maternal

In the school there is a new grade called Maternal. The girls are 2 1/2 and 3 years old. They come to the school from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are 3 Maternal classes called stars, moons and suns. The uniform they wear is a white t-shirt and blue sweat pants with 2 white and 1 green strip.

They have special classes like: English, Music and P.E. With the homeroom teachers they learn basic skills. In English class they learn through songs to reinforce concepts like: Colours, Shapes, parts of the body and family members. They have 1 hour for recess, 30 minutes to eat and 30 minutes to play. Right now they are doing a project about fish.

I think that Maternal is an opportunity for the girls who are there because they have to adapt to the school, teachers, classmates and time to play and share with each other.

CATALINA CHIQUTO 5B
Adolescents at our school

I think that the adolescents at our school are both, good and bad. They are good because they are respectful girls, they are polite and they talk good to their parents, but sometimes they are bad because some girls smoke, they are not respectful to other girls and they do not respect the rules of our school. Who should be responsible for this bad behavior, the girls or the parents?

For this reason I want to invite all the adolescents of Marymount School to reflect about the bad things that they have done and to remember to be respectful and polite girls.

Maria Clara Mejia
5B

A PRAYER FOR VIRGIN MARY

Dear mother you are very special. You are like a red rose and you are very very special with me.
Thank you for my family, my friends, my school, and for giving me the opportunity to learn more and more.
Please be with me all week long in every place because I will try to be with you. Amen.
Valentina Navarro 4B

OUR SCHOOL FOREST

Pollution

I think the pollution is a big problem in our school. Pollution is not only the smog that the cars put into the atmosphere, it is also the garbage the noise and all the other bad things that we see, hear and feel in the environment. We are polluting our environment, not so much as some factories but we are polluting too. One proof is to take a look around our school during of after recess. We can hear everybody talking and talking so loud that we feel. That our ears are going to explode. Garbage is the worst, because we can find so many papers on the ground that we could make a new tree with them. But it isn’t only that we can also find more terrible things such as a clean paper in the wastebasket that could be used twice, or a paper that can be recycled if it is treated in the right way and can be used again and again. But not every thing is bad, we have a forest in our school that give us oxygen and freshness, here is also a recycling campaign that helps our city because selling this news paper we help different institutions in MEDELLIN.
In conclusion the real thing is that we have to change our attitude and be aware of the importance of stop polluting our environment.

Laura Tamayo G. 5B

WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE FOREST!

Juliana Monsalve 5B

PLEASE DON’T CUT DOWN THE BAMBOO!

I don’t want the school to cut down the bamboo because it has been in the school for many years and it has a lot of memories. I think the bamboo is like the grandfather of the school.

Verónica Sierra 4B
English at Marymount

We all know how important it is to speak English in today’s world. It is a language that opens doors, gets us closer to the world, helps us to make friends, makes bridges, and lets us be in contact with more information.

That is why principals, teachers, students and parents are committed to such an important strength (learning English) at Marymount.

Different activities have supported this objective. I would like to highlight some activities that have been done this year: Spelling Contest, Public Speaking Festival and this newspaper “Around School”. The English Department has also participated in the celebration of important dates such as St. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.

As a supporting program that helps expand the language, we have an immersion program at Mount Santa Scholastica Academy in Atchison, Kansas, for 5th, 7th and 11th grades. This year, the program was increased to six weeks so that students can put their knowledge to further use in an English speaking environment.

There are two extra-curricular programs which have had excellent results, nivelacion courses and English Club. In the nivelacion courses, the girls receive individual help to achieve objectives. In English Club, the students enjoy learning the language through games and fun activities with Canadian teachers.

We are confident that Marymount provides a quality education by offering academic and personal teacher training, and regularly updating our books, games, videos and didactic material in general.

We hope that the activities that support learning will increase and vary everyday in games, musicals, shows, festivals, talent shows, immersion weeks, school exchanges, conferences etc. These activities help to create a positive atmosphere in which to learn English.

Marymount is aware that its human and physical resources benefit the surrounding community. Through the Extension Department we try to reach all homes and neighbours by offering courses to parents and relatives.

Your daughter is our reason for existence!
St. Patrick’s Day

At Marymount School we celebrated ST. PATRICK’S day this year with a mass on Thursday, March 19. The next day there were activities and we didn’t have class.

This year on ST. PATRICK’S day, we had many activities. The parade, was so beautiful and had very good music. The girls of 10th grade, and 11th grade danced. The girls of 10th grade wore a yellow gardeners dress, and the girls of 11th grade wore a red Coke overalls. The girls of 10th grade had a show called “Splot Girls” for primary. Everybody liked it. In the Tunnel of Terror some girls of 10th grade wore costumes and scared us. In the Tunnel there were monsters, scary music and pretend dead people. The Playground area had five different games like a playground, roller, trampoline, a train and pretend horses. The Fortune Teller was very exiting, mysterious and scary. At the Fair Games there were different activities like darts, finding a needle in a hay stack and potato bag races. All the girls came to school with green things on their uniforms. They wore shamrocks, green t-shirts, green bracelets, green rings, green nail polish, green hair spray, green lip stick and green sparkles.

We celebrate this day because ST. PATRICK is our patron saint. ST. PATRICK believed in God and he went to Ireland to teach our religion. He used a shamrock to explain the Saintly Trinity.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY is a lot of fun but remember, the most important thing of our celebration is the mass.

Tatiana Franco - Susana Perez
5B

STORY WRITING CONTEST

In our school there is a story writing contest. It is a very special event because they are many girls in our school that are very good writers and they don’t realize it yet. We start writing our stories in the first month of the school year. The judges are Aurora López, Benigna Harry and Guillermo Angiel. They select the best five stories of each grade. The girls that write the best stories get a prize. This medal is very beautiful. Transition, primary and high school are the grades that participate. There are three kinds of things that you can write about, they are poems, stories and rehearsed.

This year, the school is going to give an award to the grade that writes the best stories. The award is going to be given out the last month of the school year and the judges are going to read the winning stories. The school makes a book that includes all the winning stories and if the girls want to buy it, they can do it. This is a very interesting activity in our school and I enjoy it very much, that is why I want to tell you about it.

By Laura Sierra
5B
OUR TRIP TO BOGOTA

We got to the school like every other day and we had class. Then at 12:00 we took our bags, we got in the bus and we went to the airport. We got on the airplane and we went to Bogota. A bus from Marymount of Bogota waited for us at the airport. It took 1 hour to get to Marymount of Bogota. The host families were at the school waiting for us.

During the days we had competitions, but before the competitions we got together to talk about all the sports and the schedule of the competitions. We participated in each of them every day.

On Friday we went to see the band of the school of Bogota and we went home at 2:00 pm. On Saturday at 8:00 a.m. we had to go to the airport to return to Medellin. When we got to Medellin a bus from Marymount Medellin was waiting for us to take us to the school and our parents picked us up at the school at 12:00 p.m. We had a fun trip.

Camilo Molina P.
5 B.

The Senior’s Cup

The Senior’s Cup is a very special sport event because we learn to compete, to lose and to win. These events are for all the girls in the school: Pre-school, Primary and High school.

These days are days to enjoy, to lose, to win, to learn and to share with different schools and our families. Students can meet new people from others schools.

The Senior’s Cup is in September. It lasts for three days. The first two days the girls compete in sports like Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track and Field, Gymnastics, Roller-skating and Artistic skating. They compete with other schools such as: Montessori, La Enseñanza, Pinares, Los Cedros, Marymount Bogota, Aleman, Jesus Maria and Teresiano.

The last day (Saturday) there are games. Those games are called “Multiples”. In these station games there are teams of 8 to 10 people. Each team has a name and a costume. The teams compete and the team that wins gets a prize. The school also gives prizes to the teams that have the best creativity or best costume, and best spirit and best players.

By: Luisa Fda Cardona A. 5B.

Recycling Contest

Every year the girls of 10th grade have a recycling contest. They encourage the different groups to collect newspapers. The different grades bring newspapers to school. At the end of the contest the girls of 10th grade give a prize to the group that has the most newspapers and the prize is a cake.

The money the school gets from selling these newspapers is used to help buying school supplies for the children of Marymount workers.

The contest starts on April 27 and finishes on May 29. This recycling contest is very good because we help the workers of the school and their families.

Juliana Jaramillo B. 5B.

Kansas

I think that the program that Marymount School has for the grade 5 students to go to Kansas is excellent.

We can learn many things, not only English, but to go out by yourself, be away from your family, learn how to make your bed and clean the bedroom. Kansas is an excellent opportunity and experience. The students were in Kansas for one month and a half.

By: Valentina Cardona 5B.
Interview with Maria Requejo

Maria is a very important and special person at Marymount School. She prepared us for the first communion in 3rd grade.

1. How long have you been at school? I have been here at school for 23 years.

2. How do you feel here at school? I feel so happy because the girls love me.

3. Why did you come to this school? I was working in a little school and it was closing.

4. Can you tell us some experiences in your life? Each year I prepare the first communion.

5. Who recommended this school to you? A nun who worked here.

6. Why did you come from Spain to Colombia? Because I was a missionary.


8. When do you think you will go back to Spain? I am going in 3 months for vacations.

9. Why and when are you going to retire? I am ready to retire now because I want to work with poor people.

By Juanita Nieto 5 B

EAT AND WIN

Many schools are participating in a "Presto Contest." The school that consumes the most food from Presto is going to receive $5 million pesos for their Prom next year.

To participate in this contest, you have to buy food at Presto. Then you ask the cashier to stamp the ticket to show that it is from Marymount School, and you have to put the ticket in the ticket box.

The 10th grade girls count the tickets during the contest, and write on a poster the amount of money that we spent so far. When the contest is finished, all the money spent is compared with the other schools, and the school with the most money spent at Presto wins. The school that wins receive 5 million pesos for their Prom.

Ana Maria Tanayo 5th

Music Class

In music class we sing songs. There are different types of songs that we learn: songs for children and for adults. Sometimes we do games, but in all the activities we use music. In music class we develop hearing skills and we learn how each note sounds. When we learn songs Claudia Arroyave our music teacher takes girls out and evaluate how they are singing. Sometimes we are organized but some other times we are indisciplined.

I like music class and I think that this class is important because we learn how to appreciate all types of music.

Valentina Meza
5B

Interview with our new Biology Teacher

Cecilia Restrepo is the new Biology teacher at Marymount school; she is a very nice person and a very good teacher.

1. Tell us about on experience that has happened to you that was unforgettable for you. One experience that happened to me was the first time I taught a Kindergarten class in Popayan. I realized that teaching was my life.

2. What other schools have you taught at? I taught in Popayan at the Jose Maria School, then I taught at San Jose de Las Vegas in 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 grades and in many other schools.

3. Tell us a little about you life: I was born in Cartago Valle. I lived in Popayan for 9 years, until the volcano exploded. I went again to Cartago and there I lived for 5 years. After I went to Manizales. I have one daughter and one son, and I live very happily.

By Maria Adelaida Villegas 58
In a trip you can learn a lot.

Kansas is a trip that the grade 5 students at Marymount School take every year to learn more English and to learn to be more responsible.

The morning that the grade 5 girls left for Kansas they had to wake up at 4:30 a.m. and had to be at school at 6:00 a.m. To get to Kansas they had to take four airplanes. They arrived in Kansas at 12:00 a.m.

They went to a school named Mount St. Scholastic Academy. The school is in Atchison, Kansas. The school is only for girls and the Marymount girls had some class with the Kansas students and the girls sleep in the school. The teachers that went with them were Marta Bernal, Graciela Medrano and Elisa Quintero.

They visited museums, went ice-skating, they played basketball, volleyball, went to mass, swim in the pool and did many other things.

This was a very good experience because they learned more English, they learned about another place and learned to be more responsible.

They were gone for six weeks and all the girls were happy and learned a lot.

Juliana Cardona 5B

Sports competition in Bogota

In May some of the athletes of different sports from Marymount, Medellín went to Marymount school of Bogota to compete with other athletes from different schools from Bogota. Students from 2nd to 10th grade participated.

During this event the girls from Marymount school of Medellín stayed at the houses of the Marymount Bogota’s athletes. There were different sports like: Gymnastics, Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, softball and Figure Skating. They spent one week in Bogota. They went on May 12th and they came back on May 16th.

This trip was very important because all of the girls met new people, learned how to be more responsible and to be better in their sport.

By Valentina Gomez 5B

Changes at School

To improve the Pre-School buildings, the school made some changes. They started in December of 1996 and finished in February of 1998. They built 11 new bathrooms, the pre-school department was enlarged and the Recreation Park was improved with better swings. The maternal class is something new this year, and it is working very well. These changes make the pre-school work better.

By Pilar Cristina Bedoya 5B

Do you know about a festival?

Marymount School participated in a “Public Speaking Festival”. The grades that participated were 4th, 5th and 6th grade. In these grades the girls talked about a different topic that interested people. Their speech had to have an introduction, content, a conclusion and a farewell. From each grade the teachers chose the best nine girls. Then of those nine girls, the teachers chose three finalists. Those three girls went to Montessori school and they participated in this festival with Students from Montessori, Colombo Britanico, Colombo School and Marymount.

I interviewed one of the three finalists, and her name is Maria Jose Galindo. These are her answers:

1. How did you feel being one of the three finalists?
   I feel so happy, and I tried my best.
2. How do you think you did?
   I think that I did very well.
3. Do you think it is a good experience? Why?
   Yes, because we learned to talk in public.
4. What would you say to the girls?
   That they should work with love, and try to do their best.

By Sara Restrepo 5B
Independence Day

In Social Studies class we are studying the Independence day of Colombia. I like it very much. I think that we learned a lot about all the beautiful things that Colombia had in the past which it doesn’t have now, because in the past Colombia had a lot of gold and the Spanish people came and took it. I think that this is so interesting because if in the past Colombia didn’t win her own Independence the Spanish Government would have finished with it.

Independence is the time when the Indians were tired because the Spanish Government was stealing all the things that they had, so they decided to govern by themselves and finish with the Spanish Government. They became Independent on July 20, 1810.

In Social Studies class we work in groups of 5 girls and the teacher Amparito Martinez gives us some books to investigate.

Juliana Aguirre
5B

MY BEST FRIEND

My best friend is Tere Molina. She is very pretty, special and skinny. She is tall. She is a teacher and she loves me.
Paulina Montoya B.
2A

Laura’s Pictures

Laura lived on the top of a hill. Every day she went down the hill to school with her sister and 2 brothers. When they came back from school Laura’s sister and brothers went down to the park, but not Laura. She stayed in her house drawing pictures. She drew pictures of people walking, animals, cars, houses and more.

Laura’s sister and brothers made fun of her and they said things like “Don’t you get sick of pictures?” “How good are they?” But Laura didn’t care, she continued drawing pictures.

One day Laura went running down to the park, and her sister and brothers were surprised. They said “No pictures today? Laura laughed and said “Come on and you will see”. When they arrived in the middle of the park they saw that there were pictures all around the park and there were people drawing too. But the most important thing that they saw was that there, on a very big wall were all of Laura’s pictures. Then Laura’s sister and brothers said things like “Laura can you draw a truck for me please?”, “Laura can you help me with this drawing?” “Laura you draw really well.”

THE END

By Luisa Fernanda Carmona 5B

Mother’s Day in Art Class

In art class we made presents for Mother’s Day. It was a book mark for a cooking book. The shape was like an apple and a pear. After we finished the present for Mother’s Day we made the card. The card was very pretty and we put it on the present. The paper that we used to cover the present had many colours and was so pretty. I think that all of our mothers were very happy because we made their presents with a lot of love. My art teacher is Laura Vélez. I like this class because we do many fun activities like needle point and painting.

Paula Ochoa 5B

A REAL DREAM

Once upon a time in the forest there was a little boy. He was very nice and happy. When I asked him his name, the little boy started crying. I said, “What happened? The little boy said “I don’t remember my name”, “I’ll help you, don’t worry.” Three minutes later... “Is your name Alfred?” “No”, “Sam?” “No”, “George?” “No”, “Tomas?” “I like Tomas but it is not my name”. “Mmm is your name Summer?” “No”, “Richard?” “No”, “Joe?” “Yes!” And people called him Joe.

Suddenly my mother woke me up and I realized it was all a dream.

Catalina Espinosa
Juliana Gutierrez
María Camila Veldásquez
3B
Physical Education

In Physical Education 5th grade is doing inter-classes. For this activity the two classes of 5th grade have to get together. Our teachers Diana Gomes and Dora Cordova divide us into 5 groups of 7 girls per class. When the groups are ready 5th grade has Basketball and Volleyball games.

Inter-classes is a sporting event that the different groups do in the school schedule. We do inter-classes all the girls participate in it except 2 groups. The 2 groups don’t participate help with the points and with the referees.

My opinion is that this is a very exciting activity and if you are not doing this activity you can ask your teachers to do it. If you are doing inter-classes you can see that this activity is very exciting.

By: Verónica Fernández. 5B.

WHY AM I SPECIAL?

I am special because I am a very good friend. I share things with my friends. I love my family. I help people when they need help because I have feelings, because I have a very special family, and because I can study in a wonderful school.

I am unique! Nobody is like me.

Catalina Jaramillo.

2B

Jardin

The English teachers of Jardin are Adriana and Stephanie. The girls of Jardin are 5 years old.

The girls of Jardin are learning songs, and are doing projects. Some projects they are doing are Me and my world, My family, My friends, My classroom, My school and fish. They have a lot of fun and love English class.

Catalina Chiquito 5B

Susana Perez

Math class

Math is very interesting subject because we learn a lot. Math is very hard but I like it. Sometimes we get in groups to solve problems or to do other things. When we do individual work it is in silence to concentrate. When we do work in the notebook we give it to our math teacher. She grades our work and she lets us correct it again. Right now we are solving problems in-groups of 4 or 2. The teacher gives us a book that has many problems. We solve them individually and then we correct them in the groups.

Our teacher is Beatriz Toro. She teaches very well and I understand everything. Beatriz teaches math and she is our homeroom teacher. I like Beatriz because she is nice to me and she explains very well.

Claudia Olalla

5B

School

The school is very good and the girls are very, very happy. The school has many parks. I like to play.

Barbara Chica.
2a

Dogs

The dog is beautiful. The dog is intelligent. The dogs eat a bone and dog food. The dog is happy. The dog is special.

Mariana Amariles E. 2B

Pre-Jardin

The English teachers of Pre-Jardin are Adriana and Stephanie. The girls of Pre-Jardin are 4 years old and they are learning a lot of English.

They are working with the colors red, yellow, green, blue and orange. They associate the colors with songs for example: yellow-"Sally goes around the sun", red-"Sally is wearing a red dress", blue-"Swimming, swimming in the swimming pool", green-"The green tree and green frog", orange-"Carrots and tangerines". They also know the shapes triangle, square and circle, and vocabulary that is related with the colors. They sit in their chairs when they are coloring and on a carpet when they are singing and praying.

Catalina Chiquito 5B

Susana Perez
**FUN THINGS**

**CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES:**
75g/3oz. Butter.
50g/2oz. Castor sugar.
125g/4oz. self-raising flour, sifted.
50g/2oz. Plain chocolate, cut into very small pieces, or chocolate dots.
- Cream the butter and sugar together until fluffy; put in the flour, the chocolate pieces. Roll the dough into small balls and put them, well spaced apart, on well-greased baking sheets.
- Flatten the balls slightly. Put into the oven preheated to moderate oven, 180°C or 350°F and bake for 15 minutes, or until lightly browned and firm to touch.
- Makes about 14 biscuits.

Valeria Arango V. 4A

**Riddles:**

- Why did the farmer call her pig "ink"? (Because it never stays in its pen)
- What did the balloon say to the rain? (Hi buster)
- Why was mother kangaroo angry when it rained? (Because her children have to play inside)
- What is it grey and had a trunk? (A mouse going on vacation)
- A second, a minute, and a century have it, but a year doesn't. What is it? (The letter N)
- What bands do not play music? (Rubber bands)
- What do you have when you put butter on your bed? (A butter spread)
- There were five people under one umbrella. Why didn't they get wet? (Because it wasn't raining)

Maria Adelaida Goviria 5B

Maria Piedra Villa 5B

Maria José Galindo 5B

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**By Maria José Galindo 5B**

**HOUSE**

**DOOR**

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**By Sara Vallejo 3B**

**TELEPHONE**

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