

AROUND SCHOOL

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Gloria's Retirement

Gloria is an excellent person. She used to study here at Marymount and when she finished school she came to work here as a teacher, then like Primary Principal, later like High school Principal and then like the school Principal. At the same time she studied at U. P. B.

Now she has been working for our school many years and it is time to think more about herself because she has given us a lot of her time and life.

Interview to Luz Marina Sierra

1. How long have you known Gloria?
I have known her for 21 years.
2. In all these years, how have you seen Gloria?
I have seen that she is correct and clear in her things, she also inspires respect and trust.
3. What do you think about her?
That she has many values and she gives a lot to everybody.
4. Do you think that the work that she did here can be important to somebody?
She is a person who has given a good example and she has been nice to everybody.
5. What do you think about Gloria's retirement?
I think that she already did all the things that she expected and this is the moment that she has to think in her personal life.

Interview to Mrs. Gloria Arango de Uribe

1. How was your work all these years at school?

All these years were very important in my life. I was very happy and I learned a lot, these were times when things were easy but also times when things were hard and difficult.

2. Did you learn something?

Yes, I learned a lot from everyone around me. Everyday I learned from the people I worked with, the parents, the students and the teachers.

3. Do you think what you learned is important to your life? Why?

Everything you learn in life is important and useful, especially when you work in education, from every situation you can learn and apply what you learn in a very different situation.

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EDITORIAL

THE PEACE AND RESPECT TO THE DIFFERENCE

Have you lately heard that due to the multiple conflicts suffered in different countries people are talking about respecting diversity and majority? Well, I am inviting you to reflect on this topic being important to understand so many conflicts among multiple groups.

When you say you are respectful to others, you usually do it without thinking in what it really means. It is easy to understand how people who are similar to you think and act. But what happens when you interact with someone different from you? Someone who belongs to another social class? Someone whose aims are completely different, or someone who is from another religion?

I think your answer is similar to most people, sometimes without thinking about it and other times sure of what you do, you isolate those people, you discriminate them or you just impose your ideas on them.

This is what is happening right now in our cities, in every country. It is very difficult to understand each other and we don't want to make the effort, we just decide to ignore them and sometimes we even deny their rights or demand them to act the way we want.

What is worse about it, is that this causes resentment on others. It is important to analyze and think about our attitude towards those who are different. They also have the right to live with dignity, to be listened to, to belong to human groups in which they can develop themselves as whole beings.

Let's think that peace begins inside ourselves when we see others as humans, similar to us and as God's sons, who also want to live a happy life.....

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Our first Story Telling Contest at school

This year we had the opportunity to celebrate the first Story Telling Contest, here in school. The girls from 5th grade to 11th grade participated in this contest and they wrote beautiful stories.

This contest was done to congratulate the girls who wrote good stories in English.

The awards were given on June 15th and there were: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and special mentions.

Some of the stories like the ones in 1st and 2nd place were read in the auditorium, so they knew what the story was about. Each grade had a special topic:

5th grade: Friendship

6th grade: Food

7th to 11th grade: Free topic

The rules of the contest were the following:

The story had to have a number of words according to the group:

5th - 6th grade: 500 words.

7th - 8th grade: 500 - 700 words.

9th - 11th grade: 700 words.

* The story had to be printed in computer.

* It needed to have excellent grammar and spelling.

* The story had to have good presentation, with a cover and illustrations.

The winners of this contest for this year were:

5th grade:

1st Luz María OsteaudelaFont

2nd María Antonia Yarce

6th grade:

1st Irene Ortega

2nd Lina María Pérez

7th grade:

1st Melissa Mejía

2nd Sara Sierra

8th grade:

1st Ángela María Mejía

2nd María José Galindo

9th grade:

1st Catalina Gómez

2nd Adelaida Álvarez

10th grade:

1st Catalina Franco R.

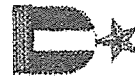
2nd Ana Isabel Santamaría

11th grade:

1st Viviana Ángel

2nd Verónica Simson

A little book was published including all the stories that won the Spanish and English Story Telling Contest. We hope that the following years we can have this same contest and other girls will have the opportunity to win.



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This is a great opportunity to learn English in different ways!!!