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Golden Broom

Congratulations to Ricardo (Nathaniel Ricardo Torres Rockwell), Ignacio (Cesar Ignacio Cabezas Salazar) and Isa (Isabella Jiménez Cárdenas) on receiving Monteverde Friends School's coveted Golden Broom Award for excellence in cleanliness over the past weeks. GREAT JOB!



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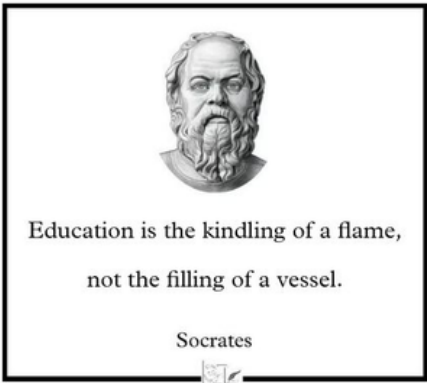
Academic Spotlight

Written Spanish Exams Delayed

We would like to offer our sympathies for those students who prepared very diligently for the Primary (6th grade) and Secondary (11th grade) National Written Exams originally scheduled for the 17th and 18th of September respectively. As a reminder, both exams are now taking place on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. We trust that the additional weeks of preparation will only help with the results of this important test which represents 50% of the grade for the Spanish exam for the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Grade 5-6 Bake Sale**
September 30, 2026
- * **Family Association Meeting**
October 1, 2026
- * **Day of Cultures**
October 7, 2026
- * **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
October 8-9, 2026
- * **Universidad Anáhuac Visit**
October 13, 2026
- * **Primary Diagnostic Exams**
October 13 - 16, 2026



Message from the Head of School

At Monteverde Friends School, we believe that education is not about memorizing facts or collecting data; rather, as Socrates beautifully put it, "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

Instead of treating students like empty containers waiting to be filled with information, our inquiry-driven learning approach treats every child as an active spark. We focus on asking open-ended questions, encouraging deep reflection, and exploring the world together. By centering our classrooms around curiosity rather than mechanical repetition, we don't just teach students *what* to think—we honour each student's inner light and teach them *how* to think and ways to investigate. Each student is encouraged to explore using their unique perspective and individuality to gain insight into the oneness that connects us all.

Post-Secondary Pathways

MFS partners with Universidad Anáhuac – Cancún

An exciting relationship between the institutions has been established whereby MFS top students will be eligible for Scholarships as high as 70%. The Mexican University recently ranked in the top 4% of global universities and offers a variety of exciting and pertinent majors

including International Tourism, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Business Administration, Engineering and Architecture with many programs offering double degrees with esteemed international institutions – Join representative Juan Cisneros here at MFS on October 13 to learn more.



This MFS in Pictures



Kalep and Mateo sharing fashion insights for Independence Day



Baile Tipico performed to perfection in extreme conditions in the centre of a rainy Santa Elena



May and Emily entertaining the Coffee House crowd with a memorable duet



Colegio athletes ensuring the timely arrival of the "Antorcha"

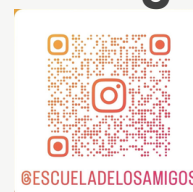


Teacher Profile

Sarah Burbank – Grades 3/4

Sarah was raised on a boarding high school campus in a small town in southern Pennsylvania, where her five older siblings also lived and studied. She lived on the school's farm so shedding sheep, herding cattle, picking strawberries, and baking bread with her mother, were familiar activities from an early age. Now, she is a mother of 3, one from the class of '25 Dylan, and two current high school students; Stephen in 10th grade and Maisy in 7th, and owns and manages her own dairy farm, and bakes bread with her own kids. Her biggest joys include accompanying kids on their educational journey and meeting them where they are while encouraging them to be their best selves in a safe and supportive atmosphere

Instagram Relaunch



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