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Internationals Connect

Lafayette International Update

Cindy Choi
Data Specialist

- On Saturday March 6th, our Chess Team at **International High School at Lafayette** went to Brooklyn Chess Days Saturday Tournament at IS 318K and took home the following trophies.
 - ◆ Elinton scored a perfect 4/4 (4 wins) in the u1300 section for 3rd place
 - ◆ Darwin scored 3.5/4 (3 wins and a draw) in the u1000 section for 5th place
- March 18th was Game Night where IHSL students met with their adult iMentors to play games, socialize, and discuss careers and college options.
- Aissatou Diallo's book and story "My Island Mystery", a love story between a mermaid and a human man will be representing IHSL in the citywide Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Contest. Aissatou's entry will be on display at the Manhattan Branch, New York Public Library in April and May. Winners will be announced on May 14th.



Oakland International Boys Basketball Team



The winners receiving their trophies!

Oakland International News

Julie Kessler
Instructional Coach

- **Oakland International High School** had their first ever International Festival this month with a dozen performances by students and teachers. There was a huge turnout of families and community members and an international potluck.
- In other news, the Oakland International Boys Basketball team made it to the play offs this year, coached by star English teacher, Julio Gamboa. The boys are an unlikely group for an Oakland basketball team made up of Mongolian, Tibetan, and Uzbek students, among others. While they did not make it to the championship game, they trounced teams all across Oakland in their first year as a team. We look forward to seeing them in the championship next year!

Students in the 9th and 10th grade Art classes made incredible designs for the Google design contest. This year's theme is, "If I Could Do Anything, I Would...".

Brooklyn IHS Art Expo

Brooklyn International High School's Winter Arts Exposition 2010 took place on February 24th and 25th. The entire school was transformed into an art gallery featuring students' art work from various mediums. It began with a gallery walk through the halls led by student docents. The docents led groups of students to each of the exhibits giving them insight about the content and the artist. Various classrooms and the library were transformed into special exhibit galleries. In the library for example photographs done with pinhole cameras were on display. There was also a performing arts presentation featuring traditional music, dance and poetry. A 10 by 38 foot long mural was painted in the basement as well as one covering a pillar in the library. The students worked hard on the murals for 4 months unveiling their final product on the day of the Art Expo. The next day was devoted to the parents. Students and parents toured the art exhibits together allowing the students to speak about the exhibits in their native languages. Parents had a wonderful time experiencing the students express themselves through art.

**Check out our latest blog post about
Interns at Internationals!**

<http://www.internationalsnps.org/blog/?p=227p=214>

With the help of several teachers, guests and staff, we've narrowed our semifinalists down to ten designs. Check them out here:

<http://www.oaklandinternational.org/2009/07/our-students.html>

Other News

- **Flushing International** student, Monica Andujo is interning at the NYSYLC and as part of their campaign for undocumented youth to "come out" of the shadows, they have been collecting stories of undocumented youth. Monica decided to share her story and feelings and it is now on their website. Please read her story and give her a comment of support.

<http://www.nysylc.org/2010/03/my-name-is-monica-and-i-am-undocumented/#omments>

- Since he was a child, playing in the streets of his home country in Guinea, Mamadou Diallo has always loved soccer, the first national sport of his country. Now, what was once a way to have fun with friends, is paving the way for a bright future. **International Community High School** is proud to announce that Mamadou has been offered a soccer scholarship to ASA, The College for Excellence. After being told by others for many years that they admired his playing, Mamadou decided to take a chance and try out for a scholarship. He hopes to study technology, then engineering. Reflecting back on the advice he got from his grandfather, Mamadou has this message for all his Internationals peers: "Do what ever it takes to do what you want; never give up."

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