

# ISAAC Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

## Director's Spotlight

12/23/2016

*Character, Quality and Connection...* these three words define ISAAC's vision for learning. At ISAAC, we strive every day to create a learning environment that challenges our students to own their learning- through our *CREW character values* and an *ethic of high quality work*. As an EL Education school, we believe that when students take ownership for their behaviors and are engaged in learning that results in work that is *complex, well-crafted* and *authentic* then *mastery* will follow.

Most importantly, learning at ISAAC is most powerful when students feel *connection-* to their school, their families, and their community. When they share their learning with their parents and with their community, they realize that their scholarship has meaning beyond the classroom.



The past several weeks, the ISAAC community has celebrated this vision for learning through *Student Led Conferences* and the *Celebration of Learning*. These events are ISAAC traditions that showcase how and why learning at ISAAC is remarkable. Our students take accountability for their learning when they present to their parents and their crew teachers about their strengths, their weaknesses, and their habits of scholarship at the *Student Led Conferences*. And our community celebrates the quality and craftsmanship of our students' work at the *Celebration of Learning*.

Thank you to all the parents, staff, Board members and community partners who supported our students with these important traditions. We look forward to even greater participation in 2017!

Wishing the entire ISAAC community a happy and healthy holiday season!

David Howes, Principal and Executive Director

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IPAT (ISAAC Parents Action Team) announcements!

## IPAT Meetings/Opportunities

IPAT would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to the Book Fair and the Celebration of Learning this week. It was a huge success and an amazing experience.

For the months for January and February IPAT is having 3 fundraisers! All the monies raised will go towards future ISAAC community events and to our ISAAC students end-of-the-year class trips! Look for more information in your inbox and on Facebook, after the holiday break.



We have some **Save the Dates** for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

**JAN. 5th, 6:00-7:30pm - IPAT (ISAAC Parent Action Team) Meeting**

Dinner will be served at 6pm, meeting will be held from 6:30pm -7:30pm. Childcare and a translator will be available. Please look for your invitation in your inbox or on Facebook.

**FEB. 9th, 5:00-7:00 pm - Informational Session for Parents** New London Youth Affairs will be hosting a Parent Information Session at ISAAC. This is a great opportunity for parents to have a hands on informative session about advocating and navigating parent to school relationships! Lots of positive information and real talk from a knowledgeable community partner. Dinner will be provided along with childcare and a

translator.

**FEB. 16th, 5:00-8:00 pm - Multicultural Night**

We will be celebrating with the community and our students the cultural diversity that makes ISAAC great! Please join us for great food, provided by local restaurant owners, and performances by students and some ISAAC families sharing a piece of their culture with us! Tickets to this event will be for sale in January. Please save the date and share with your friends and family!

**Happy Holidays!**

Brandi Owney  
IPAT President

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## Ways to Give

It's as easy as 1. 2. 3!

- 1. Shopping on Amazon** Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), sign in to your normal account, and select *Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication* as your beneficiary. ISAAC will receive 0.5% of the price from your AmazonSmile purchase.
- 2. Using Shoparoo** Download the free [Shoparoo app](#) to turn your shopping receipts into dollars for ISAAC. Use code **zip49700** to create your account. Happy shopping!
- 3. Collecting Boxtops** Snip & save! Boxtops are each worth \$0.10 to ISAAC to support classroom supplies and technology, as well as field trips and other learning tools.

**Other ways to give:**

Make a One-Time or a [Monthly Recurring Donation](#) using [PayPal](#) or mail a check to:

ISAAC Annual Fund  
190 Governor Winthrop Blvd.  
New London, CT 06320

By donating to ISAAC, you confirm your commitment to the next generation. As an EL Education School, we are preparing our student for the creative problem solving they will required. But they--and we--cannot do it alone. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to our future citizens.

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