



TEACHERS ON THE BRAC HOLD UP THEIR CARDS TO VOTE IN A COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY DURING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

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Welcome to the first issue of The Educated Caymanian. This one page newsletter will be a weekly publication which will keep you, the education stakeholder, informed about all that goes on in our system. If you have any news, stories or information that you would like to share with all our Education Professionals, please e-mail our contact at mark.ray@gov.ky. We will be more than happy to include you in our publication.

Primary Specialist Teachers Six Schools on PYP Path

The term Peripatetic Teacher is used to refer to a teacher that moves or travels from one school to another, teaching students at the various locations. In the Cayman Islands, this term is no longer being used, instead, those professionals formerly referred to as peripatetic are now called **Primary Specialist Teachers**. These teachers are now assigned to base schools and have been scheduled to facilitate more collaborative planning time for class teachers.

The Music Specialists Teachers have already met as a group under their new title and the other subjects, ICT and PE, will also have regularly scheduled meetings.

Schools should have already received DES Circular no. 2008/09/001 : Primary Specialist Teachers, which provides more information on these valuable members of the teaching profession.

North Side Primary School, Savannah Primary School, Prospect Primary School and John A Cumber Primary School, have all achieved Candidate Status as International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) Schools; while George Town Primary School and Creek & Spot Bay Primary School have minor adjustments to make to their submissions to achieve status. For more info on the International Baccalaureate go to www.ibo.org



Teachers come together to kick off the new school year

In the picture above, Chief Education Officer Mrs. Shirley Wahler addresses the entire teaching population on Grand Cayman during the Education Professionals Welcome on September 3, 2008 at the Westin. Teacher efficacy was the main theme and teachers were encouraged to continue to work towards helping students achieve to their maximum potential.

Sent from DES this week:

- DES Circular no. 2008/09/001 : Primary Specialist Teachers (formerly known as Peripatetic Teachers)

Start of school delayed on Cayman Brac



Our thoughts are with our colleagues on the Brac and Little Cayman who suffered damage during Hurricane Gustav. The start of school was further delayed on the Brac with inclement weather due to the passing of Hurricane Ike. At left is a picture of a dock that was damaged during the storms.

- A child comes home from his first day at school. His mother asks, "Well, what did you learn today?"
- The child replies, "Not enough. They want me to come back tomorrow."

What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child."

George Bernard Shaw

