



Students of Yr. 5 Ebanks at Prospect Primary School pose with their teacher before sending off their donation of relief items to Haiti.

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Prospect Year 5 Ebanks donation

As a class, we decided to collect items and make a donation to the citizens of Haiti because they were recently hit by three hurricanes; Hurricane Gustav, Hurricane Hanna, and Hurricane Ike. The people of Haiti are our Caribbean neighbours, which we recently learned in Social Studies so it is imperative that we try to assist them in every way possible.

The students of Year 5 Ebanks made this donation a priority because innocent people and children have lost all of their belongings and are left without homes. Many people were killed while others are left with nothing. We could easily empathize with the citizens of Haiti because just a few years ago, some of us were in the same position after Hurricane Ivan destroyed our islands. We know how it is not to have water, food, and the basic necessities for everyday living.

We decided to help the people of Haiti by donating canned food, clothing, games, water, school supplies, toys, medicine, and toiletries just to name a few. Some of our classmates and their parents helped us organize the various times and locations to pick up and drop off our donations so they could be shipped immediately.

We thought this was one of the most important things we could do as a class because we are helping people who truly need it. As young Caymanians, we are extremely fortunate compared to the children of other Caribbean islands, so we felt that if we could assist in any way, we would do so.

It was a lot easier than we thought because we all worked together cooperatively and got the job done. Teamwork definitely pays off. After making our donations to the citizens of Haiti, we feel exceptionally proud. We are ecstatic to know that we have impacted the lives of young children and adults in a positive way.

By: The students of Year 5 Ebanks



Boxing Gym Underway

The contract has been awarded for the construction of a boxing gym at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex and as such, construction work is to begin soon.

This structure will be built around the existing derelict bathrooms at the southern end of the Netball Courts.

While safety precautions will be taken during construction, all schools, teachers and students using the Truman Bodden Sports Complex, (especially those using the netball courts and changing rooms) should exercise caution in this area. Construction will be ongoing for approximately nine months.

It is important to note that schools will still have access to the netball courts and changing rooms.



Letting Their Light Shine

The Lighthouse School has been featured in the Autumn 2008 publication of the ASDAN bulletin, a periodical which seeks to keep the worldwide ASDAN community informed. The students were pictured in the bulletin with their certificates for the Transition Challenge Programme.

ASDAN is an internationally recognised programme that creates the opportunity for learners to achieve personal and social development through the achievement of **ASDAN Awards and Qualifications**, enhancing self-esteem, aspirations and individual contribution to local, national and global communities.

The School's principal Carla Bodden said: "Lighthouse School is extremely excited to be implementing the ASDAN Preparatory Awards. These awards give our students the opportunity to receive internationally recognised accreditation for the fantastic work that they have been doing. The awards provide a wide range of challenges that give our students access to a broader curriculum, which will help to better equip them with the skills necessary for a high quality of life in today's society."

Teachers Moving Forward with Literacy Strategy

Primary school teachers are making great progress towards enhancing their literacy blocks. Teachers are implementing the literacy strategy with great enthusiasm as they embrace the new materials and methods for teaching.

Although it may sometimes be difficult, many teachers are quickly learning to master the balance between meeting the national curriculum objectives, meeting individual student needs, and using professional discretion in decision making.

Primary school literacy coordinators continue to collaborate and support one another in order to ensure the effective implementation of the CILS. This high caliber of professionalism is surely paying off, as students are visibly more engaged and excited about literacy learning!

He's Got His Man!



On Friday September 26th, the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) visited John Gray High School at lunch and break time to showcase various career areas in the RCIPS. Students had the opportunity to see demonstrations and ask questions about Careers.

In the pictures above, Officers demonstrate their work with the K-9 Unit.

Sent from DES this week:

- BEAM bulletin e-mail on Professional Development - sent from Ms. Tanya Dwight



Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

B. F. Skinner

