# Los Algarrobos Grammar School

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# **Quito Classic Car Fundraiser 2015**

Our annual classic car show kicks off in Quito as an overland race traversing from the Sierra highlands down to the coastal village of Canoa where a parade of cars begins the day finishing at the grammar school. Quito Classic Autos Club sponsors various ongoing fundraisers throughout the year to bring the grammar school a yearly donation. The car show and races create a fun event that the students and staff look forward to. The event has become so engrained in the culture of Canoa that the townspeople line the streets to watch the races. We are ever grateful to the club for it's continuing support of our school, students and staff.

To view the races from 2012 please click on the link provided here: Watch the Classic Cars race from 2012



Miel para Beccas
Los niños Ring
recogiendo fondos
port la vena de miel
causer y organico!



Quito Genial
Gracias por el aporte y
lindo voluntad de
nuestro comunidad
Quiteno!



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#### **CULTURE WEEK**

A celebration of Ecuadorian heritage, our school's annual culture week kicked off with a parade through town. The students and staff were dressed in traditional

clothing from our rich Manabi (province) heritage. Many of the costumes are hand painted by students, parents and staff. Every day features art, music or theatrical presentations with local judges resulting in prizes for each grade along with an inner school soccer tournament every day. Our final day of Culture Week is a well attended final tournament between parents and staff, with the full support of an excited student body. Please feel free to visit the school for any of our upcoming events (listed on last page).

# PACK FOR A PURPOSE & FREEDOM MOTORCYCLES

Thanks to Court Rand and Sylvan Gallea for supporting our grammar school through their <u>Pack for a Purpose</u> <u>program</u>. Since starting with PFP in August, the overland tour company has delivered 58 KG of school supplies to rural schools in Ecuador. Amazing!



# **ENGLISH CLASSES**

Alternative forms of learning English including Bob Marley songs!

This year we received assistance from NMU Las Cruces, New Mexico with 4 wonderful bilingual volunteers Crystal Marquez, Marcos Peña, Marcos Martinez, and Diana Lopez the English program. We have been so lucky this year to have Laura Cartier from the USA working with the kids in creative and innovative methodologies teaching English.



Watch the video by clicking on the photo

#### **Events**

## **OCTOBER**

#### YOGA LUAU FUNDRAISER

Our Yoga luau sponsored by Betty Surf & Yoga was a fun and festive day of Yoga, live music, silent auction, outdoor surf film, art exhibit and dinner. We would like to express our gratitude to Gina Quincy Schuller and family for their contribution along with the communities of Bahia de Caraguez and Canoa for creating a fun and successful fundraiser event, raised over \$600 for our student scholarship fund through ticket sales, the silent auction and art sales. Thank you to Wendy Edmond for her assistance and donations from: Suki Bar, Surf Shak, Baloo Hotel, Luna Massage, Coco Loco, Loquitas vegetarian foods, Monika's Market vegetarian fare, Jaeson Schuller artisanal beer & Peter Stromberg Paragliding.

## **DECEMBER**

## 21- CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

We are currently looking for local volunteers for our Christmas Flea Market which has become a yearly holiday tradition in Canoa that includes not only used clothes and shoes but also food and an auction. We accept donations of household items or contributions to the auction all year as all your donations go directly to the cost of running the school and helps us offset the tuition of the school children. Thanks to Christine Michellet; Event Organizer.

## **JANUARY**

#### **PSYCHOLOGIST**

Christina Ring will be working with the school in teacher workshops and training reviewing screening and detection of disorders in children such as: ADD, autism and dyslexia. Also providing Group Dynamic Workshops for our faculty and staff.

### **MEDITATION**

Patricia White will also begin training the teachers in mediations techniques from the <u>Niroga Institute</u> as part of the workshop series. The longer term goal is to train the teachers so they may in turn may begin teaching the techniques to students.

