

Algarrobos News

“Facilitate people becoming global citizens through language and knowledge in an atmosphere of inquiry and responsible actions”.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Since we are a school situated in the heart of Canoa, we typically ask for help from our community when we have projects. This year was no different and we were pleased that so many stepped up to help us when we needed to paint the concrete floors in the class rooms. Many residents of Playa Dorada, Playa Azul and Playa Del Sol came out to help us do just that. Spearheaded by Paula Patteson and Dannielle Brandon, there were over 14 volunteers who came out to help paint and many others who donated to the cause. Also, thanks to a community raffle of local goods, hosted by Rachel, we were able to buy mattresses and fabric to make comfortable reading corners for each classroom. Big thanks to Micky for sewing the reading mats, plus the painting crew of Tim, Laurel, Pat, Paula, Deb, Carol, Walter, Rose Mary, Ron, Barb, Earl, Jan, Dannielle, Steve, Charlie, Will, Micky, Tom, Wayne, Maggie and all who supported this project.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Los Algarrobos is excited to announce the beginning of our 2017-2018 school year. As most know, last year was a bit tough on all of Canoa, and most of all, on the littlest of the Canoa community. Now, with a bit of reflection, we can see 2016 in the rear view mirror & look to the future by excitedly opening doors again & welcoming new and returning students. We have 98 students this year and are proud to have begun a new first grade class (ages 4-5). Also, we were able to expand our English Department and hire another English teacher, which creates an environment





Soulstainable and Western State University

With the rainy season in full swing, when the leaders of Soulstainable, adventure group, came to visit Los Algarrobos, they saw the need for a retaining wall to be built to help with the drainage of water from the rains into the cafeteria. All this extra water was bringing in more mosquitos plus threatening our foundation of one of the buildings. So, in conjunction with students from Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado, they volunteered to raise the funds and build the retaining wall, which also serves as a garden, where the kids have planted herbs and shrubs to repel the mosquitos naturally.

Although it was extremely hot, the team was able to dig the ditch, set the forms, pour the concrete and help us fill the garden with good soil for plants.

Huge Thank You to Soulstainable and the team from Western State University for their donations, time and effort in helping us with this project! Find out more info at www.soulstainable.com

where the children will now be getting more hours of English. We have hired 3 new Ecuadorian teachers, which has proven to be a good balance for our teaching team. We can't wait to share all that we will be doing this year! Please tune in to our quarterly newsletters for more information and how you can help Los Algarrobos kids!

Make a Difference: Sponsor a Student!

As most of you know, we are always looking for more sponsorships for the kids of Los Algarrobos. Even though 2/3 of our kids are "paying" students, they only pay roughly half of the actual costs to educate each child every year. We reach out to friends, our caring donors of Los Algarrobos, to help subsidize the remaining educational expenses. You make a difference in many young lives by donating through these 3 paths:

Contact us at www.jamesdeanbyrddfoundation.org and email us or click the "DONATE" button with PayPal.

1. You can help by sponsoring a child's education for the entire year, which costs around \$1,000. You could pay this in one lump sum or do a "reoccurring" payment through PayPal, which could be a payment as low as \$83 a month.
2. If \$1000 is too much, you can pay a half scholarship for \$500. Again, this could be paid in one lump sum or split into reoccurring payments through PayPal.
3. Don't have \$500 to spare? Don't worry...we accept any donation, big or small. Even \$10 impacts our ability to buy clean drinking water for all students during the school week.

Remember, we run almost completely on donations, so your

support is extremely important to us to bring these children quality education. We are counting on your support!

These donations are tax deductible for US citizens.

