



Director's Notes

Celebrating VI Culture Week and teachers modelling service

Photos: Scenes from VI Culture Week: Wearing BVI Colours, dancing to the Lashing Dogs, and singing the Territorial Song.



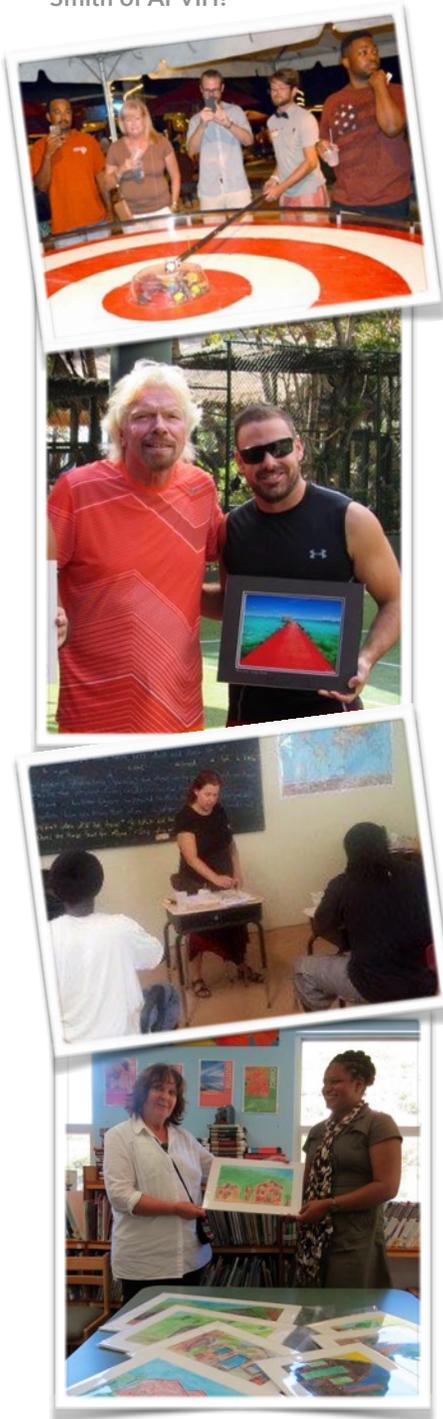
Dear Cedar Families,

It is worth taking a moment to celebrate the success of VI Culture Week. From Monday's opening assembly and libation ceremony to Wednesday's Lashing Dogs performance which saw students of all ages dancing on the pitch to vibrant fungi music, to Friday's display of VI colours, students showed pride in our community. Some of the moments are featured in the photos on this page, though there are many more to see on the school's Facebook site.

Culture Week may be over, but the spirit will continue on Monday, November 23rd, with an auction organised by the Association for the Preservation of VI History (APVIH). The auction will be held in Cedar's Atrium and will benefit the restoration of St. Philip's Church, located across the street from the school. Cedar teachers have actively collaborated with APVIH to make the auction a success, with librarian Ms Margie DeVilliers, working with Dr Katherine Smith of APVIH to plan the auction, and primary art teacher Ms Leslie Cramer incorporating the spirit of service into the curriculum by having Grade 5 students create artwork inspired by the church to be auctioned off at the event.



Photos: Mr Frazee with his Gaming Night contraption; Mr Ennis wins the Necker Aquathon, Ms Johnston teaches art to prisoners, and Mrs Library collaborates with Dr Katherine Smith of APVIH!



Such actions are a reminder of the many ways Cedar teachers find to model the importance of service and action in the community.

Just last week in the news you may have read about three Cedar teachers who volunteer at Her Majesty's Prison as part of the Prisoner Rehabilitation Program. Secondary math teacher Mr David Quesada teaches math to prisoners, while secondary art teacher Ms Patty Johnston teaches art. Ms DeVilliers has been organising and enhancing the prison library since 2014. If you missed the article, you can read about it here: <http://www.bviplatinum.com/news.php?articleId=1447849347>.

You also may have read about secondary science teacher Mr Nick Frazee's contribution to the Humane Society's recent Gaming Night fundraiser. Inspired to help, Mr Frazee and his science students designed and built an automated contraption to start the crab race event. Thus, a hands-on learning opportunity for students also served to benefit the Humane Society.

On November 14th, secondary science teacher Mr Mickey Ennis entered and won the Necker Aquathon, a swim/run race to support Ciboney Centre for Excellence (formerly St. Mary's School) on Virgin Gorda. Mr Ennis is also a regular volunteer for VISAR.

These are just a handful of recent examples of Cedar teachers modelling service in the community. Service is a central part of the IB experience, but it takes dedicated teachers who live that philosophy to embed it into the ethos of a school. I thank these teachers and our many others for being such positive role models for our students and for their contributions to the VI community.

Sincerely,

Scott Crawford, Director

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, Nov 23: APVIH auction to benefit restoration of St. Philip's Church. Auction begins at 6:00pm in the Cedar Atrium.

Monday, Dec 7 - Tuesday, Dec 8: PTA Book Fair

Thursday, Dec 17: Season's Greetings (All school this year!)