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# Finishing Up



## Another School Year Coming to a Close

By Jennifer Garcia

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Looking back on it brings a smile to my face. Our staff and students have accomplished so much in such a short amount of time. As the students move up to the next grade, they take with them a strong set of new ICT and web fluency skills mixed in with those consolidated on from previous years. They carry with them a more complete toolkit than any of their predecessors and are adept at leveraging the web. They are now better able to search, cite, evaluate and share sources. They can build in 3D with Sketchup, and Reaction Grid, program with Scratch, collaborate with Google Apps and wikis, utilise a huge variety of digital storytelling devices as well as array of other applications. We couldn't be prouder of our students and the staff members who have guided them through these learning discoveries. As a result we have showcased their work on our ABCICT Wiki for the world to enjoy.

Rest assured that even as we break for summer holidays, groundbreaking plans have already begun for a brilliant school year 2012/13. It promises to be one full of creativity, challenges and even more dynamic learning experiences..

Our best wishes for a restful summer holiday packed with family and fun.



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## ABC DVA

By Rodrigo Alfaro

A full year has gone by since the premiere of the first ABC video competition, the ABC Oscars in 2011. This year's 2nd Digital Video Awards screening was held on May 29th at the ABC PAC and instead of 'Oscars', it was titled: *The ABC Digital Video Awards (DVA)*. The change from 'Oscars' to 'DVA' was agreed as a consensus amongst the organizers, to better contextualize the event as an in-house production of the ABC. Once more there were high expectations for what proved to be a memorable evening screening.

This year's event was divided into 7 categories and included highlights from all key stages of learning. The evening also spotlighted excellent musical performances by staff and students in between categories.

The theme for this year was Black and White, which included a monochromatic trophy design of a sacred Mayan symbol called The *Hunab Ku* (Galactic Butterfly). The symbol is said to represent the balance of opposites which comprises the universe-- a mesoamerican version of the 'ying and yang' balance of polarities. We used this symbol to represent the balance of visual and audio content that we expect our winning videos to have.

As film making is usually a group endeavor, we tried to recognize each winner individually for their contribution to their projects. In total, over 30 Hunab Ku plaques were awarded and over 75 certificates were given as honorable mentions..

The grand prize ( a silver Hunab Ku was won by Camila

## Poetry Week

By Hilda Gomez

Este año los poemas están dedicados a la tierra, así que los alumnos se convirtieron en: **Poetas de La Tierra.**



Los alumnos participaron en diferentes actividades creativas tales como: elaboración de poemas acrósticos, poemas de forma, trabalenguas, adivinanzas, etc. Con estas actividades se pretende descubrir y fomentar el hábito por la creación literaria en nuestros estudiantes. A continuación comparto con ustedes un poema dedicado al "Día de la Tierra" escrito por Graciela Bolaños Font alumna de 8°. Grado

**Perditorum Clamore**

¡Hacéme de tierra mamá!  
De tierra quemada  
De tierra estéril  
Hacéme de la senda empapada

Dejáme caer, rodar, volar  
Dame el río de tu llanto  
El fuego de tu infierno  
La hiel de tus entrañas

Laváme con tu río, mamá.  
Quiero el yugo olvidar  
Llové sobre mi alma negra.  
¡Decime que de tierra me harás!

Después de traicionarte,  
El cazador te acuchilló  
Mamá muéres sin pecado,  
El machete es su Dios

¡Mamál! ¡Mamál!  
¿Dónde estás?  
Escrito por: Graciela Bolaños Font

*Semana de la Poesía!*

Tablas, Oscar Romero, Saul Padilla, Maria Fernanda Hernandez and Mira Kim; for their amazing *Hunger Games Book Trailer*.

Throughout the year, hundreds of videos are filmed within the ABC school community-- whether they be documentation of important events or class assignments more and more of daily life is captured through a lens. To some, the prospect of being recorded unexpectedly might be unsettling, however to an aspiring film maker, it is an excellent opportunity to explore the possibilities of becoming a story teller.

This yearly contest was a great opportunity to demonstrate dominion an understanding of the technical aspects of film making, like sound production, lighting and camera operation. All in all, I'm confident to say the ABC DVA's and the quality of the videos produced here in school are constantly improving.

## Library Week Workshop

By Yensi Vides

En el marco de la celebración de la XXIII Semana Cultural del Bibliotecario Salvadoreño 2012 denominada "Desde la Lectura fortaleciendo tu Asociación" La Asociación de Bibliotecarios realizó una semana de actividades profesionales y culturales.



El Learning Resouces Centre de la Academia Británica no se quedó atrás con su participación, impartió un taller denominado "Google Apps para Bibliotecas" por Jennifer García maestra certificada por Google y maestra de ICT. El taller tuvo una asistencia de 65 personas de diferentes instituciones. Dicha actividad estuvo dirigida por Yensi Vides presidenta de la Asociación y Bibliotecaria del LRC.



