September 14, 2016

Dear Students and Parents

I am excited to inform you that this semester we have been asked to participate in a virtual classroom exchange with Argentina, which will help our students learn and develop their language skills!

The program is called Access Connects: Fundacion Evolucion, which is a global program of the U.S. Department of State and is connected with the Argentinian Embassy. It begins next week and ends mid December. We will be communicating and collaborating with Asicana in Santiago del Estero, located in northern Argentina.

In our collaborations, we will be communicating with our sister school, getting to know their culture and taking part in various mini-projects based upon videos, readings and the students own opinions. In some cases, we will be creating our projects on the internet through programs our students have probably worked with.

The object is for our students to practice Spanish while Asicana will practice their English with us.

For next week,

Please go to the following website: [**http://access.ar.fundacionevolucion.org.ar/**](http://access.ar.fundacionevolucion.org.ar/)

1) Write in your username **(nombre de usuario)** and password **(contraseña)**

given to you in class

 2) Please go to ***Modulo 0*** and scroll down to **Frequently asked questions and surveys**/Preguntas

frecuentes y encuestas **and fill out** [Student´s form. Pre-project/ Encuesta pre proyecto Access 2016- Estudiantes](http://access.ar.fundacionevolucion.org.ar/mod/url/view.php?id=14). Hint: ONLY scroll on the small page that pops up or you will have to fill out the survey

again before you submit it.

We are going to TRY to make a video as a class on Monday or Tuesday so we have a presentation to upload to the program. I encourage you to read **Actividad: presentación** so as to know what we are doing. Please have (personal ) videos or pictures handy that showcase our beautiful city so we may include them in our presentation.

I invite you to look through the other modules so you know what our schedule is like. Our topics for the mini projects are:

 Módulo 1: **Diversidad en mi ciudad y nación**

 Módulo 2: **Elecciones, participación civica y democracia**

 Módulo 3: **Cambio climático**

 Módulo 4: **despedida**

In cases where ***videos*** or ***lecturas*** have vocabulary you are not familiar with, I may provide you with a word list. This is also where the **Word Reference app** will become a valuable tool for you! If we have not learned the tenses used, I will guide you through it enough for us to be able to put together simple projects.

I am excited for you to the have the opportunity to communicate with students in Argentina, practice your Spanish and learn about their culture!

Cordialmente,

 Sra. Burbano

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