

## BECAS/SCHOLARSHIP 2022 CHECK DISTRIBUTION:



On Saturday November 5, and Saturday November 12, we distributed 96 checks to Volcanes Scholarship students.

We now have 100 Volcanes students enrolled in our Becas/Scholarship Program; 35 in University, 35 in High School and 30 in Secondary (middle school).

As of today, 15 of our Volcanes Scholarship students have graduated from university. When we started our VKEP after school program in Volcanes 11 years ago, there were no Volcanes students in High School or University and very few in Secondary school.

In 2023 we expect to have at least 10 more of our scholarship students graduate from university. This program is unique to Puerto Vallarta and Mexico and these results prove its success.

If you are interested in joining our Sponsors and support a student in our scholarship program starting in grade 7 and ending when the student has completed high school or university, please contact Art Fumerton or Kristal Ruiz for more information.





## VKEP SCHOOL PROGRAM CHANGES:

Our VKEP program works very closely with the two Principals of the Primary School next door. Their students are our students. The students go to the Primary school and then come to our program. In essence, we are an extension of their curriculum.

Both of the shifts at the Primary school are completely full, grades 1 through 6. They have one teacher and at least 40 students crammed into a relatively small classroom, intended for no more than 20.

They also have limited resources and do not have the teachers or equipment to teach subjects that are required by the Mexican National School Board, such as English, Computers, Library and music. Also if a student in grades 1, 2 or 3 fall behind the teachers do not have the time for individual assistance.

**THAT WHEN OUR PROGRAM KICKS IN.**

We teach English and Computer classes, and 6 years ago started a Spanish Reading and Writing Intervention class for these students in grade 1 through 4 who either can not read or write in Spanish or are far behind their class. We have started this semester a beginning math class for students in grades 1 through 4 because we have found that our students are seriously behind in basic math.



**Go to school. Stay in school. Dream Big.**

We will start a teens Reading Advance class in January with hard copy books requested by student in grades 5 and 6. We will have details on how you can buy a book from the 50 books suggested by the teens on Amazon and have it delivered directly to our school. We are looking into the possibility of having an advanced computer/coding class for interested teens starting next semester.



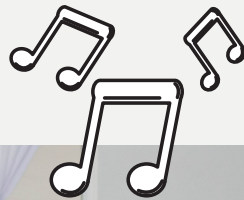


# NOVEMBER 2022- NEWSLETTER

Volcanes Kids Education Program



Our music /band program has evolved into a basic music class with 45 students from grades 4 through 7, which meets daily from 3 to 6 pm and an advance class of about 25 students from Secondary and High School who meet on Saturday mornings under the Direction of our new Music Teacher/Band Director.



25 of our students , teen girls ages 10 to 12, have been involved in a Teen Girls Empowerment Program sponsored by Rotary and held at UNIVA. The initial pilot program 2 months was completed last Friday with a graduation ceremony. We will continue the program at our Volcanes facility every Saturday morning using some of the same techniques used in the pilot program.



These teen girls loved the program and are very excited about continuing with the program on Saturday mornings.





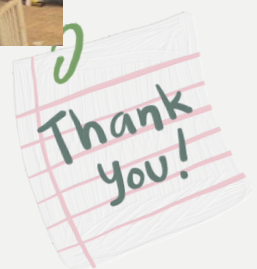


## EAGLEWINGS FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2022:

Eagle Wings Foundation is comprised of 6,000 time share owners from Villa Palmar and Flamingo here in Puerto Vallarta. About 400 members attend the annual event. EWF was the first sponsor of our Volcanes Scholarship Program when we started the VKEP school in 2011. They have 12 scholarship each year since then. They invited our band to play at the meeting (they had sponsored our band's trip to Mexico City) and also invited the 6 EWF sponsored Volcanes students who had graduated from university.



It was a very exciting and a little emotional meeting for everyone especially when the 6 university graduates were introduced to the members.





## NEW OFFICE/MEETING ROOM AT VOLCANES PROJECT COMPLETED WITH FUNDING FROM CALGARY HP ROTARY CLUB



With a very generous donation from Calgary HP Rotary Club, we finally completed the office and meeting room which was the final section of the Volcanes Community Center.

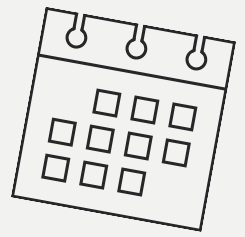
We have now completed all projects related to VKEP and the Volcanes Community Center. The new office and meeting room is ready to be furnished. We will move our current office from my home which is now too small to the new office in Volcanes. The meeting room will be available for meetings from our school and our Finance and Administration departments giving a measure of privacy which we could not enjoy having meetings in the library. The library has become the center of all activities in our school and a meeting place for moms and students while waiting for classes.

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# Upcoming Events



## 1. SISTER CITIES PV/SB 50TH ANIVERSARY.

Gil Garcia and Sister Cities will celebrate 50 years of charity work in Puerto Vallarta. On Thursday December 1 they will visit our Volcanes Sewing School and our VKEP school and Community Center. Sister Cities has been assisting our VKEP program for many years and is an integral part of our funding process.



## 2. VKEP CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY -DECEMBER 16,2022

250 to 300 of our VKEP students will participate in two parties; one from 9 to 12 in the morning and the other from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. We will give a toy to each child and will serve snacks, cake and a small bag of candy. A clown act and various games with prizes will be the entertainment. If you would like to help with the purchase of the toys please contact Kristal Ruiz for more information. 322 193 22 19



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## 3. VKEP TEACHERS CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 17, 2022:

The teachers will have their annual Christmas Party at the Community Center this year with the meal prepared in our Volcanes Kitchen.



## 4. VOLCANES SEWING SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY -DECEMBER 18, 2022:

Five Sewers and 5 Staff will attend the annual party. The staff will cook and bring food for the party.



# HOW TO DONATE:

To make a donation to our kids christmas party on december 16 you can use our paypal account (see link below) or call kristal ruiz. 322 193 22 19.



The 250 to 300 kids in our VKEP program will thank you for making their Christmast this year a wonderfull sucess.



Niños De Roma A.C.

