

### **Upcoming Events:**

Wednesday, December 14: Arielle Buyum to speak to our middle school class

• Friday, December 16: Last Day of the Marking Period

• Saturday, December 17 Sunday, January 8 Winter Vacation

• Monday, January 9: School resumes

• Friday, January 27: Wine and Tapas Fundraiser

#### **Our Holiday Program**

It was an amazing night of Whispering Palms talent at Kanoa Resort. Our students demonstrated their singing dancing, speaking, musical, magical, and theatrical skills. Each classroom prepared a classroom group project which included the four and five year olds singing Jingle Bells, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students singing Let the Sunshine, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders performing a Christmas-themed play titled *Merry Christmas Old Armadillo*, and the middle school students composing and performing a percussive musical piece with instruments they made from objects found in their classroom such as brooms, water jugs, cans, and buckets.

Check out our website for more pictures and videos from the evening. http://www.saipanprivateschool.com



# Middle School Students Sponsor Cultural Fair

The middle school students at Whispering Palms School hosted a Cultural Fair for the rest of the school and parents. The students prepared tri-board informative material for countries of Central America and the Caribbean. They gave oral presentations, answered questions, played games from the chosen country, and served food originating in that country. The rest of the school and parents attended and were able to wander freely from the displays of the countries.

Some of the popular food items were Jamaican lime chicken, fried bananas, and refreshing Refresco de Ensalada. Students enjoyed playing mancala, quarto, and jumping games. All students were given life-like passports pre-made with their names, birthdates, nationality, place of birth, and school photo. As they visited each country display, students collected the handmade passport stamps, which resembled the shape of the country being visited. Visit our website for more pictures of this event.



## Wine and Tapas Fundraiser

The annual wine and tapas auction is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017 at the Hyatt Hotel. This event raises money to run the school, supplementing the tuition that families pay. Mark the date on your calendar!

### Congratulations!

Soarin Oh and Helen Kim participated in elementary forensics, or public speaking, last weekend. Both girls earned first place in the Readers' Forum category. Our girls were in separate rooms, and therefore both able to place first. Congratulations girls!

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