



Noticias del Puente

Comunicación entre el hogar y la escuela
(El Puente News: Communication between home and school)

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Grandville Christian adds El Puente. Excitement is in the air at Grandville Christian School as the El Puente program began this fall. The teachers and staff at GCS have put in many hours in preparation for this new school year and it has been a wonderful blessing to see the classes begin. Grandville Christian currently offers El Puente classes for half-day kindergarten, preschool, and threeschool, and looks forward to adding to the program each year. Already, the students are using Spanish in their classrooms and sharing their excitement for the language with their friends and family.



Maestra Varela teaches a class at GCS

Spanish Tutoring is available for adults and children through personal tutors Karissa Geurink or Jacque Spaulding. Karissa, the daughter of missionaries to Mexico, attends Holland Christian High School and is available during the fall semester. She can be contacted at kjeang@gmail.com. Jacque is the aunt of two of our El Puente students. She can be reached at 616-403-5396, or by email at jacque_dch@hotmail.com. A private, one-hour session costs

\$15.00, and semi-private one-hour sessions are available for up to three students at a cost of \$10.00 per student.

Join us this Saturday at a Car Wash for El Puente in Costa Rica

at Holland's South Side Quality Car Wash at 809 S. Washington Ave. This Car Wash fundraiser will run from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The proceeds from the car wash event will go to support a new mentoring partnership between ZCS and El Puente in Costa Rica. This school plans to teach both international and local Costa Rican children using El Puente materials in English and Spanish.

Highlights for the event include:

- A percentage of all gas and wash sales from this time will go to our program
- Various items for sale from Costa Rica, including jewelry, coffee, crafts made by students at the El Puente school in Costa Rica, and more
- Food for sale from Baja Grill
- A Dunk Tank with Bill VanDyk, principal at ZCS
- Ceci LaBarge from JQ99 will broadcast live from our location throughout the afternoon

Also on Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm, the West Side Marathon Gas Station in Zeeland will donate a portion of their total proceeds to ZCS.

Spanish Books are available online through the Herrick District Library. If you have a Herrick

Library card, you can access Tumble Books. Click on the Kids tab on the Herrick site, and then find "Kids e-books" on the sidebar. Select Tumble Books to view children's books in English or in Spanish. Many of the books are animated. Try Tumble Books as a family for Spanish Story Time.

A Big Thank You to the students who sang at the Tulipanes Festival Worship Service!

Almost 20 students from El Puente and their families came to the Tulipanes Festival Worship Service on Sunday, September 13. The service was based on a theme of breaking down walls and building up a house for all. Our students' presence was a visual reminder of the kind of house God is building among various cultures here in the Holland area.

[The Holland Sentinel](http://www.hollandsentinel.com) posted an article about the worship service, with a picture of our students. If you have received Noticias electronically, click the link to view the article, or find the article at www.hollandsentinel.com.



El Puente Students sing at Tulipanes