

**COLEGIO &
ESCUELA
COMPLEMENTARIA
DE CAHUITA**

**IGUALDAD DE
OPORTUNIDADES**

1994

A photograph of a dirt path leading through a wooden fence. The fence is made of vertical wooden slats and is open in the middle, revealing the path. The path is made of dirt and gravel and leads into a wooded area. The word "WELCOME" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the center of the image.

WELCOME

It all started when a group of parents, concerned about the education of their children, joined to plant the seed of what we now know as

Colegio & Escuela Complementaria Cahuita

At a small table in the Pizza Hut in Pavas we began interviewing teachers with the aim to find the right person, capable of guiding our children on the exciting path of learning.

In March 1994 a dream, many considered impossible, was realized in one classroom, with two children and one teacher.

Later on, more parents joined the project and founded the **ASOCIACIÓN PARA LOS ESTUDIOS SUPLEMENTARIOS DE CAHUITA**, a foundation which with the gifts of families, friends, institutions, banks and churches, raised the necessary funds to buy a piece of land and build the kindergarden, the primary school and the college.

15 years on, we can look back at a successful history of education. Nowadays we employ 16 teachers and we have 123 pupils more than when we started. The name COMPLEMENTARIA was picked because we see ourselves as an addition in the lives of our pupils, while the parents remain primarily responsible for the education of their offspring.

Our main interest is a good integrated education for girls and boys. We want to develop and realize an education model, based on the equality between women and men and where differences between races, religion and socio-economical background play no role.

Our motto and goal therefore:

EQUAL CHANCES



Kindergarden: 30 pupils

Primary school: 70 pupils

College: 25 pupils

Our school is recognized by the present government. We work on a non-profit basis and the teacher's wages are paid by the parents.

We have a special school fund for pupils whose parents can not afford the full tuition.

Our pupils originate from 15 different countries, the majority enjoys the Costa Rican nationality.

The teachers and administration are composed of 9 different nationalities.

It is this mix of different races: Afro-Caribs, Asians, Indigenous, Latinos, Europeans and Northern Americans, which enriches our cultural everyday life in a most positive way.

KINDERGARTEN



Our kindergarden consists of:

The Pre-kindergarden, the kindergarden and the pre-school.

The Pre-kindergarden looks after 14 children in the age of 2-4 years.

The kindergarden and pre-school are designed for 16 children, age 4 to 6 years. From this age, the children receive English classes as well.

The organization:

General assembly

Board

Admission committee

Academic Director

Academic council

Pupils

Teachers

Parents

Primary school:

Our primary school has 6 grades.

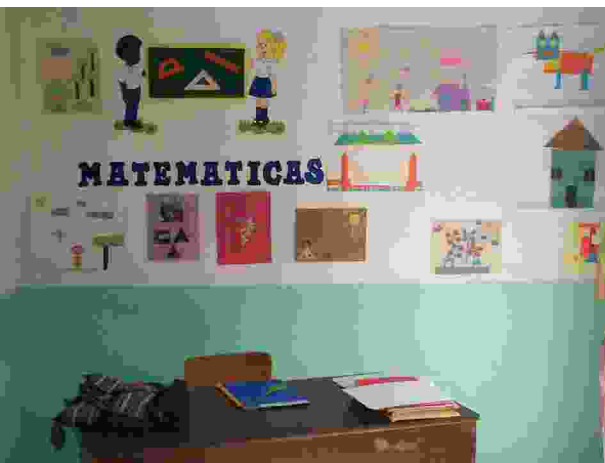
Class for the first grade starts at 7.30h and ends at 12 o'clock.

From the second grade, lessons start at 7.30 and end at 13.30h. Lessons are in Spanish.

We teach: Spanish, English, Math, Social Sciences, Physics, Computer Science, Spelling and Calligraphy, Crafts, Music, Sports . We also teach French where the pupils are not given notes, as we want to give our pupils a start in French without burdening them with an added assignment.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

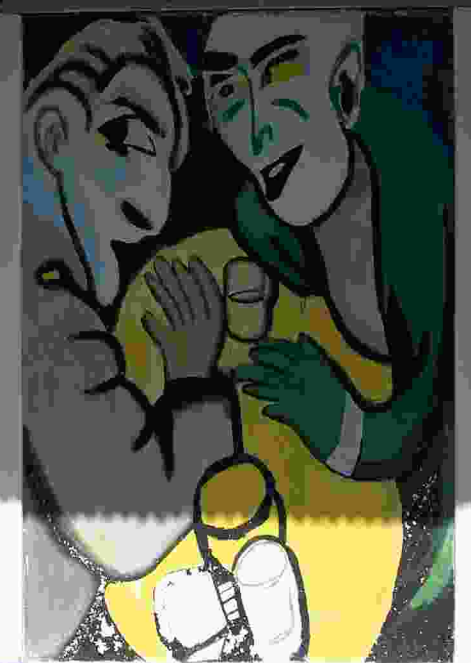
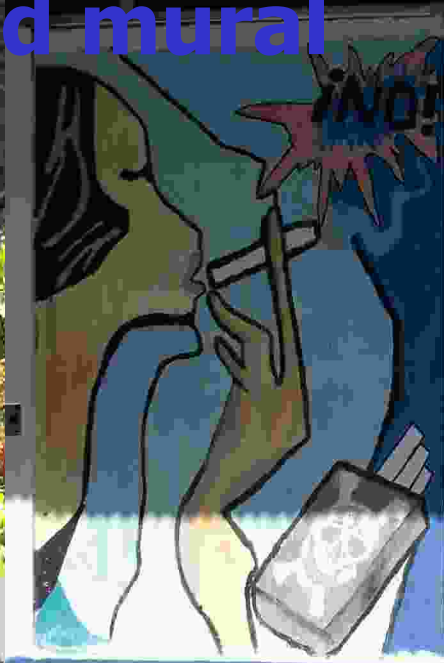
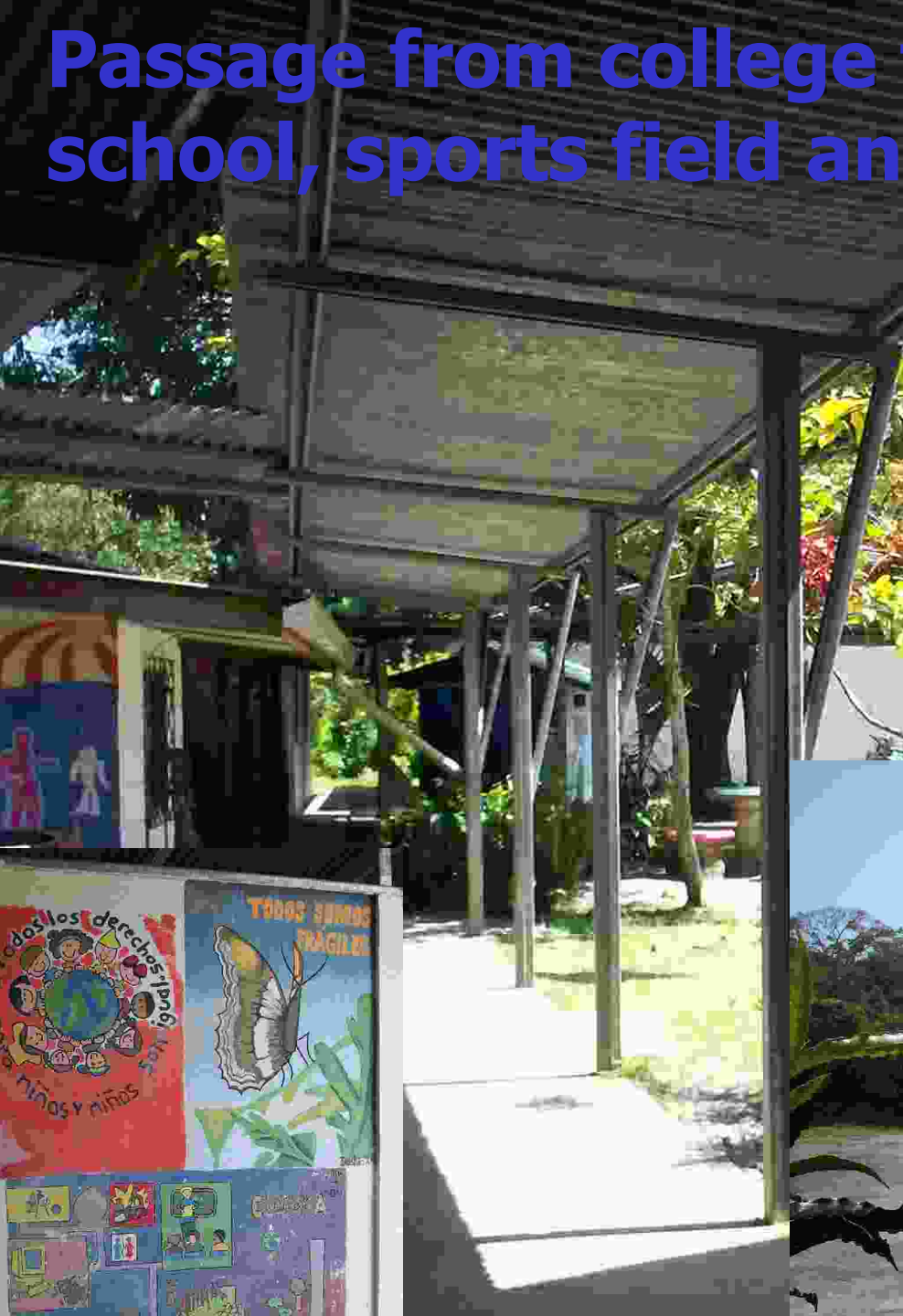


Primary school



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Passage from college to primary school, sports field and mural



College

The college has 5 grades.

Lessons: 7.30 – 13.30h.

Classes: Spanish, English, French, Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Science and Sociology, Arts, Music, Sports and Computer Science.

After graduation, our pupils have the opportunity to study at every state university in Costa Rica.

College



College



College:



Thank you very much for your attention and we hope you enjoyed our little presentation.

If you want to support our project, please contact our board. Our president Andrea Brombacher will answer any question you might have.

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All contributions, small and large, help us to continue!

Thank you very much!

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