

Dear Friends and Families of IC,

This year the students have been studying the people and culture of several different countries in Art class. You will have the opportunity to see what they have learned during Arts Night on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

I will have the opportunity to teach drawing and watercolor painting to the children of a unique culture, with my friend and mentor, Joan Gessner, a watercolor artist from Amesbury. Joan has traveled to Amazonia before, and has encouraged me to take part in all of the adventures of the Tahuayo River area of Peru. However, we will work together for a few days with the, the young students of the Amazon.

Their supplies are very limited. We are planning on filling a suitcase with watercolor paper, brushes, water-soluble oil pastels and paint. Our hope is to set up a fund through Amazonia Expeditions to continue to supply the children with what they need for painting. Angels of the Amazon is an organization affiliated with Amazonia Expeditions that assists the indigenous people with important dental, medical supplies and school supplies.

Please visit Amazonia Expeditions on line or [www.perujungle.com](http://www.perujungle.com) with your children to see where their donations will be used. I believe it is an incredible experience to teach our children what they have, and share with others who may not have as much. I am very excited to share what I have learned about the Amazon with your children in the fall.

**We will be taking part in a dress-down day on Friday, May 14. Your child's \$1.00 donation will be used for art supplies for this trip. Thank you for your support!**

Sincerely,  
Lynne Beach, Art Specialist