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Ecuadorian teachers share their culture

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NEWBURYPORT ô Immaculate Conception School in Newburyport welcomed two ambassadors from the Rudolf Steiner International School in Quito, Ecuador, last week for a nine-day visit to Newburyport.

Alejandra Davila, the leader of the Ecuadorian school's English Department, and Silvia Medrano, a middle school teacher, shared instructional practices and their culture with the Immaculate Conception students.

The traditions, customs and language of Ecuador were explored in depth with the visitors in Spanish classes taught by Cristina Meissner. Davila and Medrano observed and instructed the Immaculate Conception students during their visit, as well. The Spanish curriculum at Immaculate Conception begins in prekindergarten and continues through grade 8.

The PTO arranged a variety of activities for the teachers to learn more about Newburyport and Massachusetts during their stay. The International Teachers Exchange Program also enriched the Immaculate Conception School community by connecting the students with the Quito Elementary School through a pen-pal program instituted by Meissner.