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## Halloween



## Beach BBQ





# Thoughts on the Presidential Outcome

## Students' Voices

"Being one of the many Venezuelans who lives in this great country, I was able to observe directly the way it conducts a presidential election where there is genuine democracy, respect, diplomacy, and the integrity of the vote. Above all, I have witnessed peace in a country that elects its next president without distinguishing between race, gender, national origin or religion. Americans should be proud of the freedom that prevails in their nation ... Congratulations and all the best in this new phase." --Mary Jenny Parra



"I really think it's time for the U.S. to have a change in leadership. 'Change' was Barack Obama's slogan and I'm glad he won." --Willem Boermans

"I've always wondered about living in a country where its people have the power of deciding their own leaders. After being in the U.S. for the last 7 months I've had the opportunity to witness the presidential election and it made me realize the actuality of democracy.

Last week, people in the U.S. chose their new president, Obama, the first African American president, who will work to make the changes that the people have asked for. Nonetheless, it was clear that the people already decided to change the country's political direction from the past 8 years. Mr. Obama has said all over the nation and world 'YES WE CAN' and I think the whole world will hope for it."

--Mosa Sallam



"Love and peace are the most important points that will change the way of life in the U.S...Obama and Americans, Yes They Can." --Ali Alalmal

"Personally, I feel very good on the outcome of the U.S. presidential election. In my opinion, Barack Obama is the ideal person whom the American people needed to choose as president. He projected a greater intelligence and better qualifications between the two candidates. I believe that he is capable of moving people in a positive direction towards change." --Natalie Rechkina





# The 2008 United States Presidential Elections



Democracy is the absolute political power held by the people, and the people from United States of America have decided who the next president will be. The victory of the democratic candidate, Barack Obama, ratifies the remarkable and unique quality of America. This attribute which defines the commitment to succeed has been the motivation to lead and rule the world. More than a historical election, last Tuesday the country made the most objective decision of all times. The people have chosen the solution; in other words, the greatest social barrier of race has been broken.

The Founding Fathers of the country wrote the constitution on the basis of all humans beings as free and equal. Also, the document guarantees the principles of economical and political liberalism which were taught by Locke and Adam Smith. These assumptions served as structure of the development of freedom of the actual social web where the American culture has grown. Now, the president-elect must assure these rights, giving back the confidence to the people.

The Barack Obama's campaign emphasized the idea of change, and it has been a change since the beginning. In 1866 the 14th Amendment to the Constitution grants citizenship to anyone born in the U.S.; extending all rights of citizenship to African Americans. In 1964 the Congress passed the Civil Rights Act outlawing segregation in public accommodations and discrimination in education and employment. On November 4th 2008, the United States has been the first country of white Caucasian settlers which has elected a black president.

A leader must inspire the masses, and the last presidential election is what the masses were waiting for. The president-elect Barack Obama is living proof that all is possible in America; furthermore, he has brought back confidence in the government motivating us to work hard for our goals. I am deeply proud, for he represents me, my family as minorities in the United States. Moreover, he represents the majority of the United States. There is a new reason to trust in America where everyone's dreams can become a reality.

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# Upcoming Events



- Friday, Nov. 14th: Sports Tournament; Boy's Soccer.

- Thanksgiving Potluck lunch: Date TBA

- Paintball: Date TBA



## TOEFL Test Dates



- Sat. Nov. 15, 2008
- Sat. Dec. 6, 2008
- Sat. Dec. 20, 2008
- Fri. Jan. 9, 2009
- Sat. Jan. 24, 2009



# Celebrations at the ELI

**Maria Jose Sol's birthday party in Peter's class**



**Ali Alalmi celebrates the birth of her baby girl**



**Abdullah Alkhachlan's 24th birthday**



