

BEP Celebrates Pi Day!

Four members of the BEP Scholarship Team (Rebecca, Nicole, Bob and Peter) headed to Belize in mid-March (before CoViD changed everything) to celebrate Pi Day (3/14). We spent time visiting all four of the primary school campuses BEP supports and delivered math supplies to the teachers. We also collected applications for the new cycle of BEP scholars to attend Eden High School. The new group will be selected this spring.

We also spent an entire day on the campus of Eden High School, visiting the classrooms of all five math teachers and playing Pi Day games with the kids. We delivered calculators, geometry kits, and other supplies. We also visited the Home Economics department, delivering much needed cooking and sewing equipment to classrooms where math may not be the focus of learning but is very critical to those lessons. The day included a Pi-themed poster contest, with second place going to Kevin Amaya, a 3rd Form BEP scholar. Finally, several contestants took a turn at reciting the digits of Pi, including BEP'ers Melvin Coc (4th Form), Carlos Guerra (2nd Form) and the ultimate winner, Anthony Pineda Cruz (1st Form) who recited Pi to 195 digits!

Although it was a whirlwind trip, we got to spend time with all of our current scholars and several Eden High School graduates who served as student ambassadors and supported us in our mission. We were pleased to award 4th Form student Janin Alcoser with a college scholarship to continue studying at the University of Belize in hopes of becoming a doctor. Financial support for the BEP Celebrates Pi Day trip came from The Lion King fundraiser and the Buddy Baker Memorial Fund.

The BEP Scholarship Team plans to return to Belize in October with the Teacher Team to visit our students and deliver more supplies. We welcome your suggestions and ideas to make your sponsorship experience more meaningful.