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By Jet van Heijnsbergen

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

By Teacher Carlotta Grant

Special Education caters for students with learning disabilities.

Students are listed then referred to this class where in small groups they are taught using different teaching strategies and materials that are suitable for their stage of intellectual development.



The lessons are geared to motivate and stimulate weak students to learn in a relaxed environment. Students are eager to learn and they enjoy the lessons because they participate in all activities and they have shown signs of improvement.

BOOK SERVICE

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As discussed at the parent evening with **Dr. Lennox Bernard** in November, you can order books through the **Innovations Bureau**. Enclosed in this brochure you will receive the order form.

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The price of the books is in Antillean guilders. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

RESOLUTIONS

By Commissioner Lisa Hassell

At the start of each New Year, we all make resolutions that we would like to achieve. I am sure that teachers as well as students also make their resolutions on what they would like to accomplish in the New Year. We all try to make our **resolutions become reality** by working hard towards them.

In education there are changes coming on line that we have to be prepared for. As Commissioner of Education it is my duty and responsibility to make sure that we are prepared as an Island to take on the changes in education in this New Year.



As a community we have to work together towards our future. One of our biggest challenges this year will be to have a sound **Education Policy** implemented. For too long we have been working without a good policy manuscript and it is my hope that **all stakeholders will work along** to make this policy a reality.

This past year we have seen many positive changes in education on our Island and those will continue to bear positive fruits in the New Year. With the new **constitutional reform** we have to make sure that we have everything in place in order to take on these new challenges.

Let me take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a blessed and peaceful New Year and may all of your dreams become reality.

TEACHER ASSESSMENT

By Jet van Heijnsbergen

In talking to Tr. Sam it is clear that he is adamant about **raising the standards** in education on Saba for as long as the Belmar couple resides here.

Tr. Sam has been working with the staff of both schools on the topic of professional appraisal.



“We need to have a system in place that promotes accountability in teachers,” Tr. Sam explained.

The system will work like this:

- At the beginning of the schoolyear, the teacher sets goals for the class for all development areas.
- After a period of about 6 weeks, the teachers will be assessed to see whether the goals have been achieved.
- The assessment will be done by a neutral assessor.

According to Tr. Sam: “If a teacher foresees that a goal won’t be met, action needs to be taken by the teacher. This shows the **responsibility of the teacher** for the functioning of the students.”

Teacher and Assessor can set up an improvement plan, to upgrade certain teaching skills. As you see, our staffs are looking into raising the standards on every level.



The performance appraisal will be part of the **Education Policy**.