



# SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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**Semester 1 grades** have been posted in Skyward Family/Student Access under the Portfolio tab. You should have received an email with instructions, and you can also log into Skyward [here](#). If you do not remember your password, click the "Forgot your Login/Password" link to reset it. Please reach out directly to your student's teacher(s) with questions about grades, and to [arin.jeffs@forgeintl.org](mailto:arin.jeffs@forgeintl.org) with questions about Skyward.



**Re-enrollment for the 2023-24 school year** has begun and you have until February 12th to complete the form in Skyward and secure your student's spot for next year! This is also your opportunity to enter any siblings of current students in the lottery. If your student will not be returning to Sage next year, there are also instructions for that form in the email. Please email [arin.jeffs@forgeintl.org](mailto:arin.jeffs@forgeintl.org) with any questions.



**February Breakfast and Lunch Menus** can be found [here](#), you can order and make a payment through your Skyward account [here](#).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**January 30** - Re-enrollment for 2023-24 opens

**February 7** - Lottery Info Night 4:30 - 5:30

**February 10** - PTO Movie Night

**February 20 - 24** - February Break, no school

**March 9** - New Family Lottery for 2023-24 School Year

**April 10 - 14** - Holiday Break, no school

## STAY IN TOUCH



Other than this newsletter, our website is the best resource for general info about Forge. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

## OUR MISSION

“ Forge International School engages students within an inclusive international learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry. ”

## A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:



Dear Families and Staff of Sage International Schools,

Friday was [Holocaust Remembrance Day](#), the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz - one of the most widely recognized symbols of the Nazi planned and led Holocaust of Jewish people and other vulnerable groups such as LGBTQ people, Sinti, Roma, priests, ministers, people with disabling conditions, and people considered to be enemies of the State (the Nazi Party). Please click [here](#) to learn more about the Holocaust.

I ask each of you to take a moment to remember all of the victims of the Holocaust. If you are on our Boise campus, stop and look at our school's portrait of Anne Frank just inside the main entryway and consider her life and the lives of those swept away in this genocide. Another local place to learn, consider and think about Anne Frank's life and human rights in general is Boise's Wassmuth Center and the adjacent Anne Frank Memorial.

Antisemitism is alive and well in Boise, the United States and around the world. Similarly, hate crimes and violence inspired by hate towards vulnerable groups continues.

Inclusion is at the heart of our mission at Sage International Schools. Take action today to make sure the people around you, the people that you meet and the people with whom you are in contact with electronically feel valued, respected and supported.

All the best in this time of remembrance,  
Andy Johnson

## NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

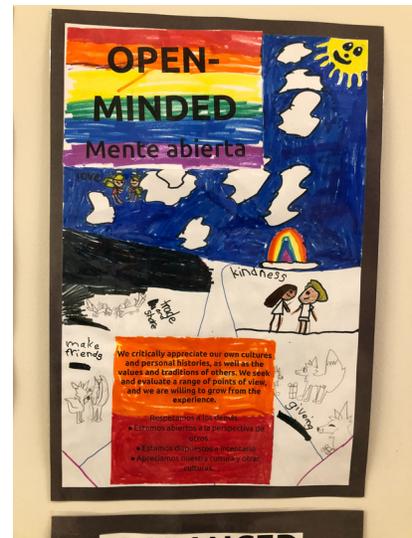
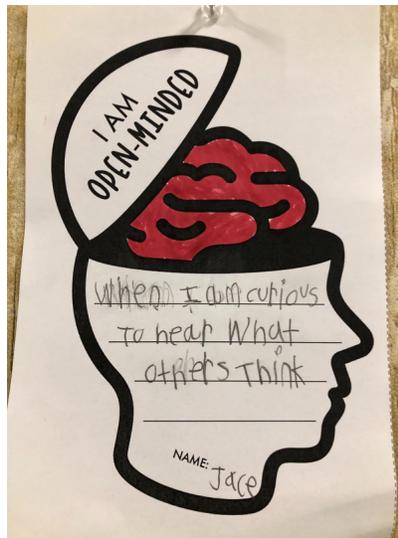
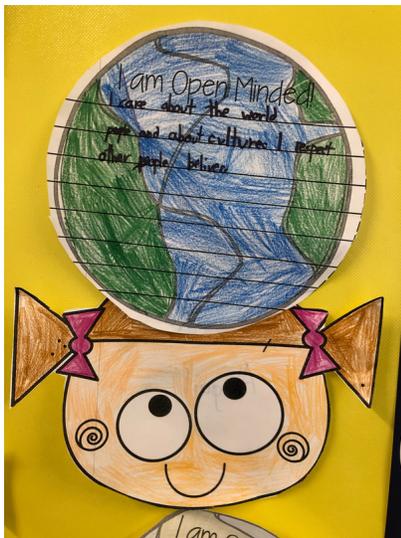
National School Choice Week takes place every year and informs, inspires, and empowers parents to discover the K-12 education options available for their children while generating widespread public awareness of the importance of school choice. School choice means giving parents access to the best K-12 education options for their children. We appreciate and are so grateful for the choice YOU have made to be a part of our Sage International Community!



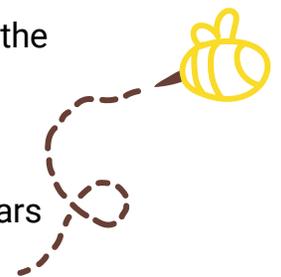
# LIFE IN THE PYP WITH COORDINATOR NORA STRAUCH



January was our month to focus on the I.B. Learner Profile Attribute of being **“Open-Minded”**. In the PYP the students learned about what it means to be open-minded and reflected on all of the different ways they are, and can grow to be, open-minded. Students read books, took part in discussions, made connections, and even looked for the trait of open-mindedness in historical figures. As the month wrapped up, teachers and students nominated those who really demonstrated this attribute. Our open-minded students were recognized last week at our first-ever student-led Learner Profile Recognition Assemblies!



Currently, 47 students from grades 3-8 have been practicing weekly for the school spelling bee. We will narrow down the spellers to two per grade level for our school-wide spelling bee on February 14th. Forge will send one speller to the [Southwest Idaho Regional Scripps Spelling Bee](#) at Boise State on March 18th! A big THANK YOU to parents Shelle Brashears and Nicole Rupp for all their help in working with our students!



We also have 28 students in grades 4-8 who are participating in the [Idaho Battle of the Books](#) (IBOB)! Students have been busy reading this year's books since the beginning of the school year and recently started weekly after-school practices. They are excited to compete against each other (and possibly other schools) in their knowledge of the books! A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Pak, as well as parents Alyssa Chapman, Heather Renk, and Jess Yursa, for all their help with IBOB!

## LIFE IN THE MYP WITH COORDINATOR LISA MARSHALL

We will be welcoming [Shakespeareience](#), a program of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, to present the play *Much Ado About Nothing* to our MYP students on Thursday, February 9th. Ms. Lindsey has been preparing MYP students ahead of time for this opportunity.

Director Dakota Brown says: “Shakespeareience is one of the coolest programs I’ve ever had the pleasure of being a part of. I was lucky enough to go on the road with this tour for 8 years, and now I get to live my dream of directing a touring production of *Much Ado About Nothing*...my favorite Shakespearean Rom-Com. It’s got everything! A ton of hilarious insults? Yup. Masquerade ball? Check. It’s even got a wedding that goes horribly, horribly wrong, and a semi-secret “I was alive the whole time!” twist. On top of all that, this play features one of the best romantic lines in the canon, “I do love nothing in the world so well as you. Is not that strange?” Even 400 years ago, in Elizabethan England, folks were still saying “OMG HOW WEIRD I TOTALLY LIKE YOU.”

These characters—like us—are figuring out where they belong in society, gossiping behind each others’ backs, pranking their buds, lying about embarrassing stuff, getting their hearts broken, and trying to find eternal love.

Shakespeare was not only an incredible poet, but he was a genius at observing human behavior. If you look closely enough, you’ll notice that Shakespeare’s characters are all deeply, profoundly, human. In fact, some of them might remind you of folks you know!”

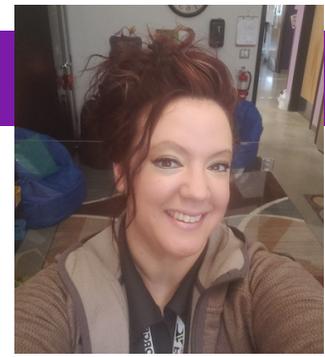


If you want to know more about Shakespeare and *Much Ado*, feel free to check out the [Study Guide from Shakespeareience here!](#)

### **WITS Program**

Sixth-grade Lang & Lit students will also have the opportunity to participate in the [Writers in the Schools \(WITS\) program](#) through The Cabin and Idaho Commission on the Arts. [Kerri Webster](#), a poet, will be working with the sixth graders throughout their poetry unit. Each student will publish a piece of creative writing in a classroom anthology and have the opportunity to share a piece with their peers at the end-of-residency reading and celebration. More information coming soon!

## CAREER DAY WITH MS. JOY



We are preparing for another wonderful Career Day coming up on **Thursday, March 30th** for all our Sage Middleton students. Last year Career Day was a huge success thanks to the wonderful support from our PTO, the Parent volunteers, local businesses, and our community. We need your help to keep this going!



We will be holding an exciting parade again, which will begin at 10:00 am. Our headlining participants this year include: Miss Rodeo Idaho, National Guard, Fire Department, Police Department, CAT Rental, ICCU, Campbell Tractor Company, Canyon County Paramedics, and the list goes on. The more the merrier if you know of anyone who may like to participate!

Here are 3 main areas for which we need volunteers:

### **ELEMENTARY:**

We need YOUR experiences! We are in need of volunteers to share their profession with our 3rd-5th graders. We are looking for people interested in spending a few hours talking with our elementary students about their careers. Many students are unaware of the career opportunities available to them, and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of potential career paths.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

We are also looking for a group of volunteers to participate in our Middle School Financial Life Planning Simulation called "Reality Town". This year we are combining tasks at each table to ensure there are enough volunteers to assist students.

### **HIGH SCHOOL:**

We are looking for volunteers for a panel of business professionals to assist with actual live mock interviews with our students. Prior to Career Day, students will research a career and apply for a job, and will be prepared to present you their application, cover letter, and resume. You will help to interview each student in 8th-10th grade, asking them interview questions to help them obtain real-life experience.

If you or someone else is interested in volunteering please contact our school counselor Joy Kaplan at [joy.kaplanrood@forgeintl.org](mailto:joy.kaplanrood@forgeintl.org) or by phone at (208) 244-0577 ex. 140.

Thank you in advance for being involved in this great event, more details to come!

# GET INVOLVED



## Book Exchange:

Please join us for a book exchange taking place on **February 2nd from 4:30-6:30** here at the school. Tables will line the hallways with free books for you to choose from. We hope you can join us!

**Forge Expeditions** has some exciting opportunities coming up:

**February 3-5** - [MYP winter camping trip](#) at the ISU Skyline Yurt

**February 10** - Grades 3-10 Ski/snowboard day at Bogus (this trip is full).

**March 6-9** - [10th Grade to MOSS](#) (McCall Outdoor Science School)

You can find more info about all of our expeditions on our [website!](#)



**Boys Basketball** is playing well, having fun, and learning a lot! We'd love to grow our cheering section! Here are there upcoming games:



Tues, Jan 31st vs Notus 4:30

Wed, Feb 1st vs Riverstone 4:30

Mon, Feb 6th @ Horseshoe Bend 4:15

Wed, Feb 8th @ TVCA 4:15

Fri, Feb 10th @ Rolling Hills Charter 1:30

Wed, Feb 15th @ Riverstone 4:30

## Middleton Music Academy

We have several opportunities available to our students after school here on campus. Group classes offered after school include Violin/Viola ensemble, Guitar basics, and Brighter Notes Piano. Private lessons are also available at different times throughout the week for Guitar, Piano, Voice, Strings, and Drums.



Sage Middleton students receive a discount for any group class and registration fees, and also receive registration preference. Classes are open to the general public as well and spots are filling up! Please email [info@middletonmusicacademy.com](mailto:info@middletonmusicacademy.com) ASAP to secure your spot!

**Community Opportunities** - You can find other activities offered in our community [here!](#) If you have something to add, please email it to [info@forgeintl.org](mailto:info@forgeintl.org).