



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

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Order YEARBOOKS now to be distributed on the last day of school!

- PYP (K-5) yearbooks are \$16 and must be ordered by **April 17th** online at ybpay.lifetouch.com using Yearbook ID code: 13102823
- **Secondary (6-12th)** yearbooks can be purchased [here](#), cost is \$35 through **May 6th** and after that will increase to \$45.



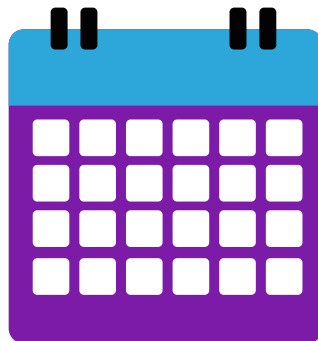
Our PTO is looking for new members and officers! We invite you to learn more and get involved in any capacity you'd like. The next meeting is April 19th at 4 pm at Smoky Mountain Pizza, and they would love for you to come! You can follow them on [Facebook](#) and sign up for their [newsletter here](#).

We are also looking for Parent Ambassadors to help welcome our new Sage Families! We anticipate the time commitment being minimal, you can [sign up here](#). Thank you!



Re-enrollment for current students is now complete for the fall. If plans for your student to return to Sage in August 2023 change, we ask that you fill out [this form](#) as soon as possible. This step informs us that you give your permission for your student's records to be transferred to their new school.

Check out our great new [WEBSITE](#), and find us on social media via the links below!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 10-14 - Spring Break, no school
April 19 - PTO meeting @ 4pm
May 8-11 - Teacher Appreciation week
May 19-21 - PTO Family Camping Trip
May 23 - 2023 Graduation Ceremony
June 1 - Last Day of school

OUR MISSION

Sage International School engages students within an inclusive IB 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,

I hope this note finds you all well. As I write, I am looking out a window at our Middleton campus and am grateful to see and experience sunshine, blustery spring (not winter) winds, and beautiful “Dutch landscape painting” clouds. In previous letters I’ve touched on the importance of early reading and mathematics, the power of asking questions and seeking knowledge, and other aspects of an International Baccalaureate education.

Last Friday, the Senior Visual Arts students exhibited selections of their work to the community. I always associate the Art Show with the first publicly visible signs of the Senior’s preparation (much as crocus flowers are often the first things to bloom in the Spring) for their culminating experiences as International Baccalaureate students at a Sage school. Friday’s exhibition was extraordinary in its depth, breadth and sheer creativity. International Baccalaureate students, particularly those who engage in the full DP or CP programs, are offered the opportunity to engage deeply and widely with a range of subjects and ideas - encouraging flexibility of thinking, perspective taking and resiliency.

At the beginning of May a majority of our 12th-grade students will take one or (many) more IB examinations. These exams are offered at specific times throughout the month of May. Our students will join 100,000+ other students around the northern hemisphere taking these same exams in May (southern hemisphere students take exams in November). I wanted to share a couple of examples from previous exams to showcase the types of questions our students will be able to answer, you can find them [here](#).

As always, reach out to your children’s teachers or division directors (principals) if you have questions about what/how they are learning and how you can support their learning at home.

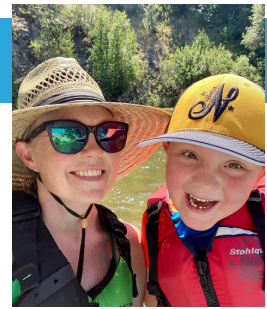
Thank you for your confidence in Sage International Schools and for the opportunity to provide our communities with rigorous, supportive and challenging educations that, we believe, will prepare them for the challenges of whatever they decide to pursue after graduation.

All the best, Andy

THE PYP WITH KATE HUNTER

PYP Parent/Teacher Conferences: May 4-5

In the same spirit as 5th grade Exhibition, spring parent/teacher conferences are an opportunity for students to share, reflect on, and celebrate their learning. Our spring conferences are student-led and are conducted in an open-house format. More details are coming soon on this opportunity to come in and see firsthand what your child/children have been learning.

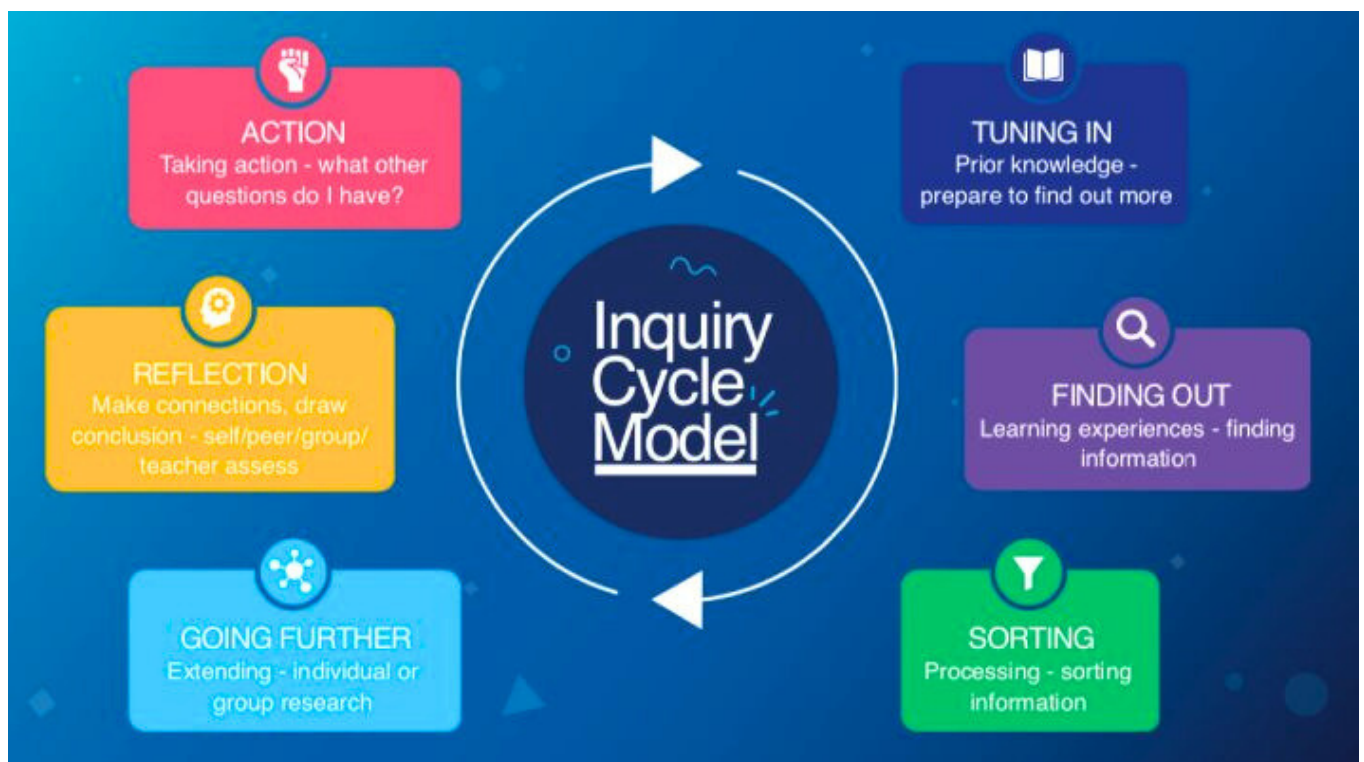


PYP "Rainbow" Family Dance! Mark your calendars for May 11th at 5 pm for this annual celebration of our PYP with their families! Stay tuned, more details to come.

Classroom Spotlight: 5th Grade Exhibition

In spite of our recent wintry weather, spring is most certainly in the air from a teaching and learning perspective. Our 5th graders have started their final unit of study – called Exhibition – within the Primary Years Programme at Sage. Exhibition, according to the IBO, “represents a significant event in the life of a PYP school and student, synthesizing the essential elements of the PYP and sharing them with the school community”.

As part of Sage’s Exhibition, students dive into an individualized inquiry process centered on the universal PYP themes of “How We Express Ourselves” and “Sharing the Planet”. To further guide their work, we use the [UN's Sustainable Development Goals](#) as a framework for topic selection, which helps students hone in on a topic of both international relevance and personal interest.



As part of Exhibition students bring the various components of the IB PYP together and have an opportunity to share their learning and research findings with the larger community. This year's Exhibition is scheduled for May 24, we will share further details soon! for now, check out these graphics to get a sense of the important IB components that students will address through Exhibition.

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Developing positive interpersonal relationships and collaboration skills
- Developing social-emotional intelligence



RESEARCH SKILLS

- Information-literacy skills
- Media-literacy skills
- Ethical use of media/information



THINKING SKILLS

- Critical-thinking skills
- Creative-thinking skills
- Transfer skills
- Reflection/metacognitive skills



COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Exchanging-information skills
- Literacy skills
- ICT skills



SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Organization skills
- States of mind



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THE KEY CONCEPTS

THESE SUPPORT HIGHER-ORDER THINKING AND PROVIDE LENSES FOR CONSIDERING KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO THE CENTRAL IDEA IN A RANGE OF WAYS

FORM

What is it like?



FUNCTION

How does it work?



CAUSATION

Why is it as it is?



CHANGE

How is it transforming?



CONNECTION

How is it linked to other things?



PERSPECTIVE

What are the points of view?



RESPONSIBILITY

What are our obligations?



Wagons Ho!

This week our 4th graders got to go back in time and experience a day as if they were pioneers traveling the Oregon Trail. "Wagons Ho Idaho" brought in their covered wagon and supplies to teach children how to perform tasks like washing clothes, making butter, lassoing, branding "cattle," and using various tools from that time.



MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH ZACH PARKER



IB Star Program

We are excited to bring back the practice of recognizing students for demonstrating traits of the [IB Learner Profile](#). For each period of learning time in between the [week-long breaks](#) we will focus on a specific IB trait by talking about it, modeling it, and intentionally recognizing students demonstrating that trait. For our current attribute, we have been intentional about celebrating students who demonstrate the IB Attribute **CARING**. When a student earns an IB Card, they place it into a drawing and two lucky winners are drawn each week for cool prizes. For students not drawn this round, more cards can be earned and turned in every single day!

IB Star

This student demonstrated the following IB trait (circle one)

Reflective	Balanced	Knowledgeable	Inquire
Open-minded	Risk-taker	Communicator	
Caring	Principled	Thinker	

Student Name: _____
Date: _____

Trait Observation Summary: _____

Observer Name: _____
Primary Teacher: _____

Caring

They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Student Name: _____
Date: _____

Trait Observation Summary: _____

Observer Name: _____
Primary Teacher: _____

Dance on May 18th!

Middle school student council will be hosting their last dance of the year on May 18th from 6:30 - 9:00 pm outside on the play field!

Middle School at MOSS

Recently 7th-grade students spent an awesome 3 nights at the [McCall Outdoor Science School](#) (MOSS). Their first day was spent snowshoeing, learning about animal adaptations, becoming experts on various tools and their functions, and SWE (Snow-Water-Equivalency). They dug snow holes, measured snow layers, and identified temperatures and different types of snowflakes.

Day 2 was all about inquiry! In groups, students asked a question, made a hypothesis, collected data, and then presented their findings the next day. Students taught each other about the different types of moss found on trees and how it grows, animal tracks, similarities and differences between various snow forts, as well as different types of local trees and their unique characteristics.



HIGH SCHOOL WITH BRANDY BURKETT



Quarter 3 progress grades: Progress grades are now available to view in [Skyward Family Access](#). Please click the "Forgot your Login/ Password" link if needed.

High School Prom will be held on May 5th from 7:30 - 10:30 pm at the Boise Depot. and all students in 11th-12th grade are invited. Details about purchasing tickets will be shared soon with students and parents.

On Friday our **Senior IB Visual Arts** students exhibited some of the art they have conceived, developed and realized over a period of two years. It was an incredible show and a testament to the students' commitment and persistence under the leadership and guidance of their very talented teacher, Ms. Dubkowsi. Thank you to those who came to support them!



Class of 2023 Graduation:

We are so excited for our 2023 Commencement! Here are some details and more will continue to be sent to graduates and their families:

- Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:30pm at The Special Events Center at Boise State University.
- Each graduate will receive 8 tickets and guests must have a ticket to enter.
- Sage will order Caps and Gowns and students will purchase their regalia from Sage for \$34.00 once the shipment arrives.

You can email any graduation-related questions to Brandy Burkett at brandy.burkett@sageintl.org.

ASHLEY RIVERS, K-7 SCHOOL COUNSELOR



Lately, we have been seeing friendships go through some conflicts. I often get to have conversations with your kiddos about the differences between teasing, conflicts, and bullying. It is important that students know the difference and also how to respond in each situation.

Teasing, Bullying, Conflicts: What's the Difference?

Teasing, bullying, and conflict are words often used interchangeably, but involve three distinctly different types of interactions. Understanding the specific behaviors involved can help parents and guardians coach kids on the best way to respond. So, what's the difference?

Teasing can consist of neutral, friendly, playful words and actions but also can be negative, annoying, or hurtful. Teasing is often intended to get attention or provoke a reaction. Strategies such as under-reacting or ignoring often put an end to teasing, but children should be encouraged to seek help from an adult if those strategies aren't effective. When teasing becomes hostile behavior intended to exert power over another person, it can escalate to bullying.

Conflicts are arguments, disagreements, or fights between people and are a normal part of human relationships. While conflicts may involve verbal name-calling or physical aggression, a one-time event of two children fighting with no perceived power imbalance is not an example of bullying.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that is intentional, persistent, severe, pervasive and involves a social or physical power imbalance between the person doing the bullying and the target.

The four types of bullying are verbal (using words to hurt or intimidate); physical (harming a person's body or possessions); social (intended to hurt someone's social relationships or reputation); and cyber (harming others over a device). Children who experience or witness bullying at school are encouraged to stand up to bullying and report it, but parents and guardians should contact the school immediately if bullying occurs. Bullying is serious behavior that cannot be ignored and rarely stops without adult intervention.

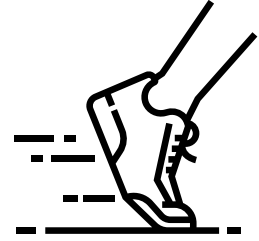
In situations that do not involve the need for adult intervention, it is important to empower our students to be problem-solvers and find ways to manage the problem. Problem solving is an important skill that continues to develop as our children grow and mature. We help to facilitate the development of their self-esteem by allowing them the opportunity to assess situations and develop resolutions that are pleasing to themselves and the groups in which they interact.

Please feel free to explore [this article](#) with tips for teaching your child to deal with smaller conflicts on their own.

Sincerely,
Ashley Rivers
K-7th Counselor

ENRICHMENT

SoleKIDS Spring 2023 - we are currently looking for a coach for Sage International! It is an easy, super fun way to get some exercise and your kiddos join for free!! Training takes place 2 days/ week for 8 weeks with a big SoleKIDS 5K race at the end! If you or anyone you know are interested or would like more information please contact jamie@solekids.org.



Soccer Shots is returning this spring to the Sage Campus for a six-week program on **Mondays at 3:45 pm from March 27th - May 8th**. Available to students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, you can find **more info [here](#), and enroll [HERE](#)**.

Camp Invention: A STEM Summer Camp Program for Grades K-6 introducing their all-new program for 2023, Wonder! This camp is held on our Sage Boise Campus for all students entering Grades K-6 in the fall. Campers do not need to attend Sage.

Dates: 7/10/23 - 7/14/23 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

You can [learn more here](#) and save \$15 with code SAVESPRING15 if you register by 5/17!



Mountain Bike Club for students in 5th-8th grade will ride beginning April 18th! Fun, weekly rides start at the Sage Campus and ride to and around our amazing foothills trails. All skill levels are welcome and there are no dues to participate, just bring your own bike and helmet.

WHEN: Tuesdays from 3:45-5:45

You can find more info and register [here](#).

Come cheer on our **High School Ultimate Frisbee Team**! Games are all at Optimist Fields and are a lot of fun to watch.

April 10 @ 4:30 vs Timberline field # 4, @ 5:30 vs Centennial field #2

April 17 @ 4:30 vs Boise High field #5

More Opportunities - Sage has a large variety of clubs and activities, and you can find **the complete list [here](#)**. You can find other activities offered for all ages in our community [outside of Sage here](#)! If you would like to add something to our Community Opportunities, , please email info@sageintl.org.