



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

APRIL 6, 2023



Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please stop by to look for your items ASAP, leftover items will be donated after spring break. We recommend labeling coats with your student's name so we can return them when found. Thank you!



April Breakfast and Lunch Menus can be found [here](#). Please be sure you have a positive account balance by logging into Skyward [here](#) and clicking on the food service tab.



Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser! With the help of our PTO and our generous community, we were able to raise over \$10,000 for our school! Those who purchased can pick up their cookie dough on Tuesday, April 18th between 3:30 - 5:30pm. Any dough not picked up at that time will be donated!



Our PTO meets the first Tuesday of every month and the next meeting is on April 18th at 7:30 in our Gym. We welcome all parents to join us!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 10 - 14 - Holiday Break, no school

April 20 - Earth Day Celebrations

May 29 - Memorial Day, no school

May 8-11 - Teacher Appreciation week

June 1 - Last Day of school

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,

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 12th-grade Visual Arts students at Sage Boise 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 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. 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

A NOTE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Springtime at Idaho schools provides an exciting opportunity for students to show us where they are in their learning. The State ISAT testing window is open and Sage Middleton began testing this week. It is incredibly important that your student is able to get a solid night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast to help them do their very best. The schedule is as follows for the week of:

- April 3-6 ELA (grades 3-8)
- April 17-20 Science (grades 5 and 8 only)
- April 24-27 math (grades 3-8)

A new month means a new learner profile to explore! Our students are really embracing the learner profiles and we can see their hard work in the classroom, in hallways, and at play. April's learner profile of the month is **BALANCED**.

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives - intellectual, physical, and emotional - to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live. With this learner profile attribute, I show commitment toward my learning and show self-discipline and responsibility. We will recognize our exemplary learners at the end of April in our K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 learner profile recognition assembly.

How can families help develop Balanced students at home?

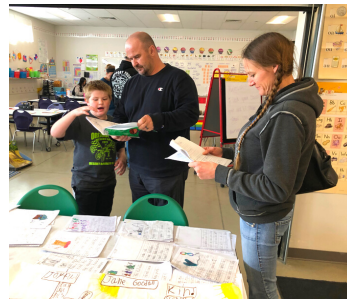
- ~Create a daily schedule that includes time for school work, outside physical activity, arts and music, rest, and balanced meals.
- ~Allow time for a variety of activities daily with your children (school activities, indoor play, outside play, active play and quiet activities)
- ~Model doing a little bit of everything in front of your child: play, learn, exercise, rest, eat healthy foods
- ~Praise your child for demonstrating a balance lifestyle
- ~Visit many different places to learn: libraries, museums, nature trails and nature preserves, parks, Historical Parks
- ~Explore different hobbies: yoga, jogging, knitting, cards, marbles, collecting stickers



THE PYP WITH COORDINATOR NORA STRAUCH

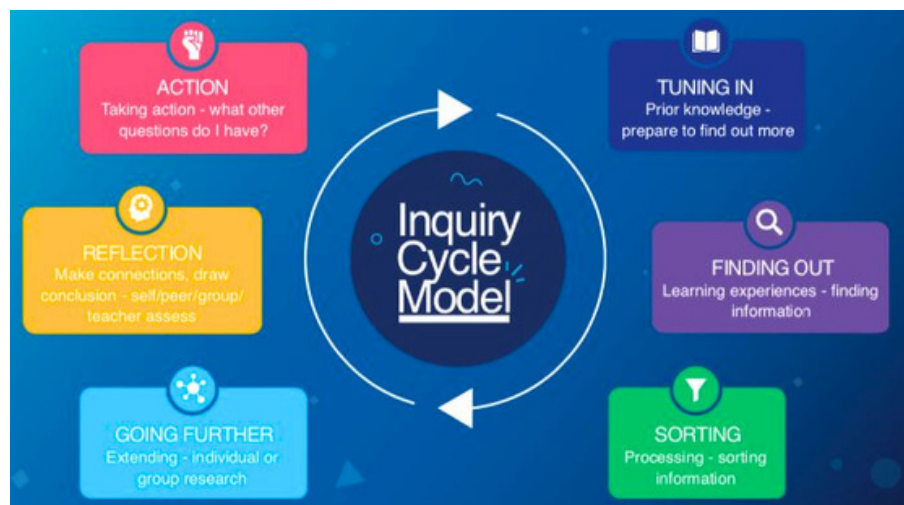


PYP students worked hard to prepare for their Student - Led Conferences and were so excited to share their work with you! Thank you to all who attended, it was wonderful to see so many families engaged with their students' learning. Both teachers and students worked hard to set goals, complete reflections, prepare learning displays and decide which work samples to showcase. It is such an exciting time of the school year, our students are truly the experts of their learning spaces and they are so proud of how much growth they have made. We are VERY proud OF them!



PYP EXHIBITION: Our 5th graders have started their final unit of study – called Exhibition – within the Primary Years Programme at Sage. 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, and we will share further details soon! For now, check out this model to get a sense of the important IB components that students will address through Exhibition.



THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (MYP)

Recently our 6th and 7th grade Language & Literature students composed these creative "Ransom Note" poems, incorporating poetic devices like rhyme and figurative language during this great Poetry unit.



Writers in the School: Lisa Marshall's 6th grade Lang and Lit classes have been participating in "Writers In the School"s, a program offered through [The Cabin](#). The Cabin announced the publication of their annual WITS anthology, *Cambia*, and the following students from Sage Middleton have been chosen to be published in this work! Congratulations and a job well done to: Adelynn C, Berkeley K, Blake T, Elijah M, Kendall W, Liam H, Rachel C, Sara F, and Taylor P!

SPRING DANCE: Mark your calendars, the MYP semi-formal spring dance is coming up on Thursday, April 27th! More details will be shared with families soon.



Shakespeareance: All MYP students had the opportunity to enjoy the play *Much Ado About Nothing*, performed by a group of professional actors and actresses that travel to middle and high schools. Under the guidance of our MYP art teacher Lindsey Olsen, our MYP art students then created masks that connected to the play. In the play, the masks are meant to deceive and hide one's true feelings and are a symbol of insecurity. We were so impressed with both the play AND our students' work!

SUPPORT

Thank you to the families who have donated to **Mind the Gap** to help our school bridge the "Gap" in funding we receive from the state, and what it actually costs to operate our awesome school! As a public charter school, we don't receive any local funds like area school districts and hope you can help. **We are at \$4,725 with 19 generous families donating.** We are hoping for participation from ALL families this year in any amount to help us reach our **BIG goal of \$40,000.** We hope you will consider a gift to support the opportunities we provide your students. **Click [here](#) to learn more, thank you!**

GOAL: \$40,000



ENRICHMENT

Soccer Shots: Returning this spring to the Sage Middleton Campus for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade! This is a 6-week program.

Dates: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm from March 29th - May 10th

Cost: \$126 for the season

Click [here](#) for more info!



Camp Invention Summer Camp: A STEM Summer Camp Program Introducing their all-new program for 2023, "Wonder!" This camp will be held on our Sage Middleton Campus for all students entering Grades K-6 in the fall.

Dates: June 19-23 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

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



Sole KIDS is an 8-week after school running program for students in grades K-6th that takes place right here on campus. Each participant will train and participate in the SoleKIDs 5K, receiving a swag bag upon completion!

Dates: March 13th-May 13th, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:15

Click [here](#) to register.

Middleton Music Academy offers a variety of opportunities here on campus after school. You are invited to their open house on and can [learn more here](#). Sage Middleton students receive a discount for any group class and registration fees, email info@middletonmusicacademy.com 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.