



# SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to our Annual Giving campaign, Mind the Gap. We are SO CLOSE to reaching our goal of \$100k! We have raised \$90,635 and would love to have every family participate by gifting any amount. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

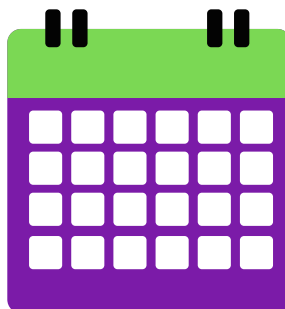


**Both our PYP and Secondary YEARBOOKS** have arrived and will be distributed on the last day of school to those who ordered them. We do not have any extra PYP yearbooks (sorry) but do have some secondary yearbooks available for purchase. If you would like one, please have your student bring \$40 cash or a check written out to Sage International School to Ryan Freers in Room 144. We do not want cost to be a barrier to any student receiving a yearbook that would like one. Please email [ryan.freers@sageintl.org](mailto:ryan.freers@sageintl.org) before Thursday if you are interested in receiving a yearbook scholarship.



We are so excited to announce the launch of our **NEW online Sage Spirit Store!** This website will be posted for ordering year-round, and you will be given the option to pick up items for free from their Boise store, from the school on a monthly basis (starting in August), or have them shipped to your home. We will continue to add new items, so be on the lookout!

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**June 1** - Last Day of school & EOY Picnic

**June 12** - Board of Directors meeting

**August 3** - PYP (K-5) Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop off

**August 4** - Registration for 6-12th

**August 7** - First 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 you are all well. We are at the end of a fabulous year at our schools. There is much to celebrate, including:

- Record enrollment at both campuses, 90+% of our current families are returning for the upcoming school year, and significant growth and learning for our students and staff.
- Renewed partnerships with PTOs at both campuses and several community events such as open houses, math nights, college nights, and career days.
- We are providing extended outdoor learning opportunities for students at both campuses, including in the Frank Church, winter yurt camping, en plein aire painting, a ceramics retreat in Nevada, and opportunities at MOSS and 4H camp for entire grade levels.
- We are moving forward with building phase II of our Middleton campus for an estimated July 2024 opening.
- Finally, the class of 2023 was the first year to include students that started at Sage Boise as Kindergarteners!

Graduation at a Sage school is an opportunity for the entire community to see and hear the power and meaning of an IB education. Our graduates this year, and all the graduates I have heard from since arriving, seem to emphasize similar things:

- Relationships matter. Deeply. Our graduates tell us emphatically that their relationships with their teachers AND classmates were the deciding factor in their success and the thing that “filled their cup” and kept them going.
- The International Baccalaureate can be challenging AND it is achievable with the support of people who care about you. Relationships matter.

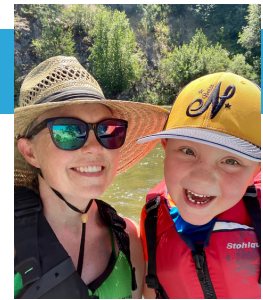
We are a community of IB learners in action to make our schools better for our children.

There is power in the continuous education offered at a K-12 school such as Sage. K-12 schools are unusual in the Treasure Valley and are an experience most commonly found in charter schools such as ours and a handful of private schools. There is compelling evidence that transitioning from an elementary school to a separate middle or junior high school can be extraordinarily difficult for children, which you can read more about [here](#).

K-12 schools like Sage International are different by design. We would love for all of our Kindergarteners to continue with Sage until they graduate. We know that people who feel seen, known and cared for - particularly through big transitions - feel better and do better.

Thank you for trusting Sage with your students! Have a wonderful summer.

# PYP WITH KATE HUNTER



## Field Day

We are excited for our 2023 PYP Field Day! We will have three stations students will rotate through:

1. Water Games
2. Outdoor Games
3. Movie in the cafeteria

Field day will occur from 12:00-2:55 on Thursday, June 1st.

If you would like to be involved, we can use more volunteers and donated materials. You can sign up to help out by following [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact our Dean of Students: [danny.solomon@sageintl.org](mailto:danny.solomon@sageintl.org)

## PYP Exhibition

We are so impressed with the hard work our 5th graders put into their PYP Exhibition projects and presentations! Research questions were created based on the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and covered really important topics such as global warming, mental health, equality, poverty, education, and more. They worked so hard and were able to share their project with family and other Sage students to educate them as well. Way to go 5th grader IB Learners, we know you will make the world a better place!



## Learning Together

One of the awesome things about a K-12 school is that students can share their learning across programs! 2nd-grade students were so excited to have 6th graders visit and share the picture books they wrote in Lang and Lit!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH ZACH PARKER



The entire 8th-grade class was recently invited to take part in a 4-day, 3-night adventure at the Lake Cascade 4H camp! It was a wonderful way for students and teachers to celebrate their years spent together in middle school at Sage, and strengthen friendships as they start their high school journey.

A group of 10 adult chaperones (mostly staff and one brave parent) and about 60 8th-grade students camped out in rustic cabins and enjoyed spending time at the lake swimming, paddleboarding, and kayaking. 4H camp staff also taught them archery, dutch oven cooking, canoeing, and fishing. Students spent hours playing volleyball, reading, playing board games, and exploring camp.



Campers also visited the [Cascade Raft & Kayak Ropes Course Adventure](#), which included 7 fun ziplines! We had an excellent cook make meals and cabins took turns cleaning up after meals. Each night finished with s'mores around the campfire, and these are memories this group won't ever forget! A big thank you to Mr. Parker for all the hard work he put into making this happen, and to this team of chaperones!



# HIGH SCHOOL WITH BRANDY BURKETT

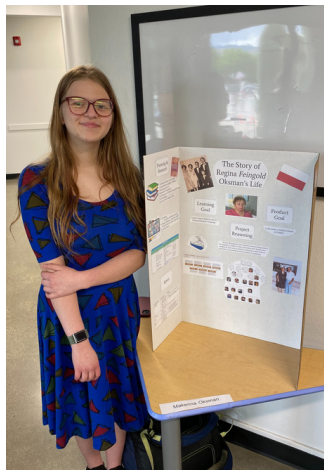


## Introducing the Class of 2023!



This year's graduation was wonderful as always, but extra special and unique as this is the first class that includes students who started at Sage when we opened our doors in 2010 as kindergartners! ALL of this year's graduates are on to amazing things, such as Geophysics at Western Washington, Ballet and Environmental Science at Marymount Manhattan, Nursing at Boise State, Sociology at DePaul, Teaching in France, Industrial Engineering at Montana State, and joining the military. We are in good hands with these world-changers, congratulations to you ALL. A huge thank you to the teachers who have supported them and inspired them to be critical thinkers!

**10th grade personal project:** At the end of their final year of MYP, 10th-grade students explore an area of personal interest over an extended period and present their findings to students and families. It provides them the opportunity to consolidate their learning and develop important skills they'll need in both further education and life beyond the classroom. It also helps them develop the confidence to become principled, lifelong learners as they enter high school. The variety and depth of projects this year were outstanding and included inventions created to meet a need, the study of a family member, creative films, and the exploration of international cuisines.



## FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS



Hi Sage Families,

My family has decided to relocate to Egypt and I am very excited for our next adventure but am also sad to be leaving this amazing community. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to work with your students, I absolutely love them and these past two years have been amazing. This school has the most fantastic teachers, parents, students, and staff ever.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new counselor, Taylor Steele, who will be joining the team next year. She was able to shadow me here at Sage for a day and is wonderful! She is going to be such a great addition to the Sage team, our students will be in such great hands. You can read a note from Taylor below.

I will miss all of you, thank you for everything, and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Rivers  
K-7th Grade Counselor

Hello! I am so excited to join Sage! I have been a counselor since 2017. My background is in child development and family relations. I spent several years working within the community at an after-school program supporting children and families. I also worked with adults at an addiction facility. For the last six years, I have worked at a Title 1 middle school.



When I'm not at work, my husband and I love taking our almost three-year-old son on adventures, which sometimes include travel. We get outside as often as possible; riding bikes, hiking, and gardening. I love to read, do puzzles, and host game nights with friends. Again, I am so excited to be on board to support Sage's students, families and staff.

I'm Looking forward to seeing you August!

Sincerely,  
Taylor Steele

# WELCOME!



**The Annual Sage Family Camp Out** took place May 19-21 at Elks Flat Campground! Thank you to all the families who joined in the fun and helped strengthen our Sage Community! We look forward to more fun adventures together in the future!



**End of Year Breakfast for Grades 6-12:** We still have a few spots open for volunteers and food donations, you can help out with this fun tradition [here](#).

**Last Day of School Family Picnic:** We hope you join us to celebrate this great school year we've had, all Sage Families K-12 are welcome!

**June 1st, 5:00 pm until sunset**  
**Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park**  
**Sweet Gum Pavillion ([view map here](#))**

Bring drinks, chairs, blankets, etc. for your family  
Bring a dish to share:  
Last name begins with A-J: Bring something sweet  
Last name begins with K-Z: Bring something savory



**Our PTO** invites you to get involved! Find the latest details [here](#). You can sign up for their newsletter [here](#) to find out more and follow them on [Facebook](#).

## ENRICHMENT

**ESage is hiring!** We are looking for teachers and bus drivers, for both the summer and beyond! Flexible part-time schedule, having FUN with Sage kids! Find out more info [here](#).

**[Mountain Bike Team](#)** is a competitive athletic team organized through the [Idaho Interscholastic Cycling League](#) for students of all skill levels in grades 6 and up. They practice 3 days/week starting July 1 and travel to participate in 5 interscholastic races throughout Idaho between August and October. You can find more information [here](#).



**[Camp Invention](#):** A STEM Summer Camp for Grades K-6 here 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 - 7/14 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!

**[African Marimba Camp](#):** Offered here at Sage this summer by the founder of [Marimba Boise](#) Heather Steele. Group lessons and games for students aged 9-14 years old with a parent concert on the last day!

**Dates:** 6/26 - 6/30 from 9:00 am to noon

You can find more information [here](#).



If you are interested in Girls on the Run (GOTR) for your student in the fall, please fill out the [interest form here!](#) Registration will officially open for all teams by July 17th for this 10-week program which will start September 4th and finish with a 5k race on November 11th.

**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](mailto:info@sageintl.org).