



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

MAY 16, 2023



THANK YOU to our parents and PTO for all the wonderful gifts, food, notes, and kind words that you showered our Teachers and staff with for **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We are very grateful to our Sage Community for always showing up for us!



We are enrolling! We still have seats available in many grade levels, you can earn FREE spirit gear by helping us recruit your friends to join the Sage Family! Just be sure to have them list your name on their application, [found here](#). Thank you to those that have referred friends, we will reach out soon with details about your free swag!

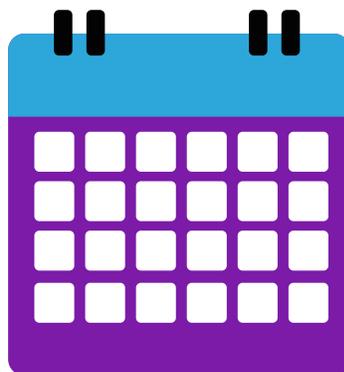


We hope you join us for our **Sage Middleton Community Celebration!** With the support of Bluum, we are celebrating this awesome community that we have built and will be grilling hot dogs, playing games, and have a lot of great prizes! You can [RSVP here](#).



We are hiring! We are really excited about several new team members that we have recently hired, but are still looking for a few! We need your help spreading the word about our Elementary Spanish position, as well as Secondary Math. You can find details about all our open positions on our website [here!](#)

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 19 - PTO Movie Night

May 24 - Grade 5 Exhibition

May 25 - Sage Middleton Celebration

May 29 - Memorial Day, no school

June 1 - Last Day of school! 2nd annual MYP Medieval Tournament and Kindergarten Celebration!

OUR MISSION

Sage 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,

Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. I am grateful for our teachers and staff at both of our campuses and in our Network office. We are all engaged in fulfilling our mission to engage students within an inclusive International Baccalaureate learning environment where everyone is challenged to take risks and to contribute both locally and globally.

I encourage our parents and students to take a moment and thank the teachers in our lives. Our teachers, indeed teachers around the country and world, have truly done tremendous and courageous work teaching through the darkest and most uncertain days of the pandemic and continue to do so in the much brighter days of the Spring of 2023. I also encourage teachers, staff and leaders to take a moment to offer words of thanks to those with whom you work.

Finally, I encourage each of you to think about the teachers who most influenced and inspired you. Share those stories with each other and your children. The three teachers I think about most frequently and for whom I am most grateful are Mrs. Elrod, Jaroslava Soldanova, and Staff Sergeant Paul Shirer. The first two inspired me to love learning languages at very different times in my life. Thanks to Mrs. Elrod in 7th Grade French, I learned that I could be successful (I was a terrible student in elementary school). Jara (Jaroslava) made learning Czech at graduate school a joy, and loved that I brought our infant daughter to class sometimes! Staff Sergeant Paul Shirer inspired me to pursue college and a commission as an officer in our Army. He was an infantry sergeant who was my instructor at the Primary Leadership Development Course at Bad Toelz, West Germany in 1987. All three changed my life for the better and I am incredibly grateful to each of them.

Heartfelt thanks to our teachers at both of our Sage campuses and also to all the teachers who inspired us along the way.

Andy Johnson
Executive Director



A NOTE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Teacher Appreciation Week has always been a special week to me. My mom was a teacher for 33 years and I remember the lovely notes and small tokens of appreciation she received throughout the years. When I think of the teachers who had the greatest impact on my life, I think of my grade 3 teacher, Mrs. O'Connell, and my high school physical education teacher/cross country/track coach Mr. Brady. School was difficult for me and I appreciate their patience and encouragement and am thankful for their guidance and support. They always made me feel that I was important, seen, and cared for.

Sage Middleton families, these next two weeks are our last section of testing. Using MAP Growth as part of a comprehensive and balanced assessment plan, our teachers can confidently tailor instruction to challenge every student, whether they are below, at, or above grade level. MAP Growth student reports also present realistic learning goals by subject areas so that, through a teacher's guidance, students can individually see their progress and be inspired to take charge of their own learning. Taken in the fall, winter, and the spring, provides a wonderful window into the growth your student is making! K-10 MAP Reading is taking place on May 16-17 and 23-24.

A NOTE FROM COUNSELOR JOY



As we enter into these last few weeks of school, we have some important lessons in store for our students! Our 5th graders will receive an introduction to the middle school experience in order to prepare them for what to expect in the fall. Students have been practicing opening lockers using combinations, learning how to stay organized, and discussing those next steps in preparation for our Move-up Day on May 31st. We will also cover a hygiene lesson with our 5th-graders this year, which is especially helpful as they transition into middle school.

We have some knowledgeable guests from ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children's Task Force) coming on May 18th to highlight digital safety with all students in grades 2-10. An important part of that is understanding the responsibilities we all have with the devices that we use, and how to use them safely and responsibly.

The goal of these assemblies is prevention and awareness. They will teach students simple steps to be safe while using their devices, and how to avoid common dangers that anyone can be exposed to. They will be invited back again in the fall, and we hope to host an evening presentation specifically for parents to learn more about internet safety and what apps and information to be on the lookout for on your student's devices.



LIFE IN THE PYP

Our 5th graders had such a BUSY and FUN week with Idaho Basecamp at their Big Lost Campus 30 miles north of Sun Valley. They were accompanied by Ms. Furois, Mrs. Garrison, and Mr. Cutaia, along with Andy Johnson for a portion of the week! They enjoyed three days and two nights of outdoor adventure education, from morning mindfulness to learning how to build shelters and start fires, to team-building games, to STEAM-aligned curriculum in the outdoor classroom.

We are so proud of the kindness, respect, and courage that every student showed last week and IBC staff had nothing but amazing things to say about our students!

The friendships and community this priceless opportunity builds is something we look forward to every year!



Our PYP students have been having so much fun with our long-term Art substitute, Ms. Ali Beltramo! They recently did a fun project where they created glow stick costumes, turned the lights out, and had some super fun dance parties. [Here](#) is just a short snippet of some of the fun they had! Thank you for this fun project Ms. Ali!



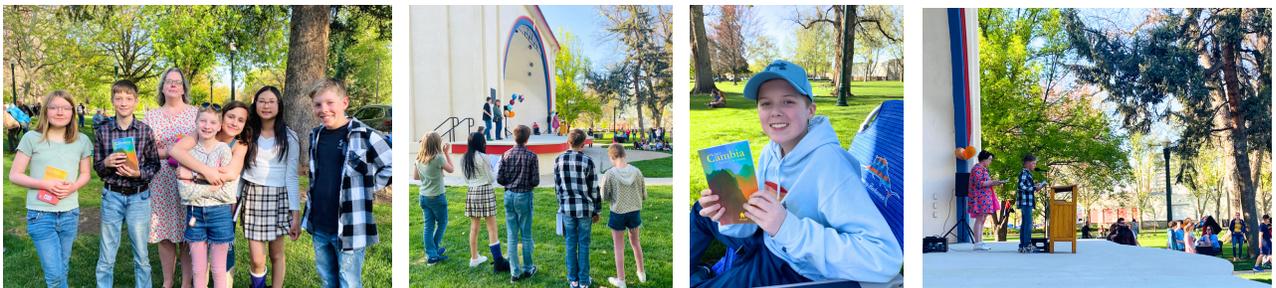
THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (MYP) WITH COORDINATOR LISA MARSHALL



Sage-Middleton's first-ever Personal Project Exhibition is in the books! After a year of research, action, and reflection, our six 10th-grade students created bullet journals and a food pantry, taught gymnastics skills, welded a skate rail, and designed MBTs (Main Battle Tanks). Younger students came to see their final products and hear about their processes.



6th Grade Lang & Lit classrooms at Sage-Middleton participated in The Cabin's Writers In the Schools (WITS) program this year with poet Kerri Webster. The annual WITS anthology, *Cambia*, features nine student authors chosen from the residency! These students were invited to a Celebration and Reading on May 10, in honor of the anthology's release, at the Gene Harris Bandshell in Julia Davis Park in Boise. Each student author received a free copy of *Cambia*. Students also had the choice to read their published work aloud on stage.



MYP Dance - Once again MYP pulled off a FUN spring dance! A big thanks to Ms. Stanciu, Ms. Earl, and the Middle School Student Council for their hard work! Also a shoutout to our resident DJ Kriss Grimaldo who always spins their favorite tunes!



ENRICHMENT

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 9:00am - 3:00pm

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



Middleton Music Academy offers a variety of opportunities here on campus after school. Sage Middleton students receive a discount for any group class and registration fees, you can email info@middletonmusicacademy.com to register!



SAGE MIDDLETON PTO
PRESENTS

Parents Night Out
Movie Night

10.00 PER CHILD

Pizza

PUSS IN BOOTS

FRIDAY MAY 19TH

KIDS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT 6:00PM
MUST BE PICKED UP BY 8:30PM

PIZZA, DRINK, POPCORN AND COOKIE PROVIDED
ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED AND HAVE A WAIVER ON FILE
WAIVER CAN BE FOUND ON FORGE PTO FACEBOOK PAGE

MIND THE GAP

Thank you to the families who have donated to **Mind the Gap** to help our public charter school make up for funding we don't receive from local tax dollars. We are about **halfway to our goal of \$40,000!** We are hoping for participation from ALL families this year in any amount, can you help us? Gifts to this fund help us meet our day-to-day expenses and bridge the gap in funding between what we receive from the state, and what it actually costs to operate our amazing school! **Click [here](#) to learn more, thank you!**

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.