



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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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!

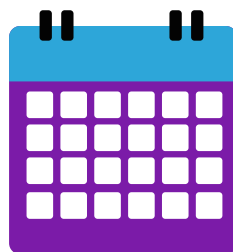


We are so excited about the launch of our [NEW online Sage Spirit Store](#)! This website will be posted for ordering year-round, and you will be given the option to pick up items for free from their Boise store, from the school on a monthly basis (starting in August), or have them shipped to your home. They have the tie-dye bucket hats available for purchase that were so popular as giveaways at the Sage BBQ!



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, 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

June 12 - Board of Directors meeting

August 3 - Meet the Teacher event 1-4 pm

August 7 - First day of school!

Please find our 2023-24 School year calendar [HERE](#). Please make note that we have Friday school on September 8!

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,

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.

A NOTE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Middleton families,

As we bring this year to a close, I want to extend a sincere thank you for a wonderful year. Thank you for committing to us for your child's education. This is an honor. The overwhelmingly positive responses from our families are wonderful. It takes a village and I am grateful for our continued collaboration.

Our local libraries have summer reading programs for the littlest of learners to teens. Please check them out!

[Middleton Public Library](#)

[Emmett Public Library](#)

[Star Public Library](#)

[Eagle Public Library](#)

[Caldwell Public Library](#)

Please mark your calendars for our annual **Meet the Teacher event Thursday, August 3 from 1:00-4:00**. This will be a chance for your student to drop off their school supplies, meet your teacher, and middle school students will get their locker assignment.

2023-2024 New Operational Hours!

K-3 8:20 - 3:40

4-5 8:20 - 3:45

6-10 8:15 - 3:40

Our office will still be open from 8:00-4:00 Monday through Thursday.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

A large, stylized graphic that says "THANK YOU!". The text is in a bold, bubbly font. "THANK" is in green with a blue outline, and "YOU!" is in yellow with a blue outline. The exclamation point is also yellow with a blue outline.

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTO for all their hard work this school year. The support they provide to our staff and students is an integral part of our success, and the sense of community they help build is so valuable. They would love for you to get involved for the upcoming school year, you can follow them on [Facebook](#) and email them at forgepto@gmail.com.

LIFE IN THE PYP

PYP Exhibition

We are so impressed with the hard work our 5th graders put into their PYP Exhibition projects and presentations! They tackled important issues ranging from the environment to poverty, animal cruelty, and more. They worked so hard and were able to share their projects 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!



Kindergarten Graduation!

We had so much fun graduating our wonderful Kinders up to 1st grade! Thank you to all the families who joined us to cheer them on and celebrate the great success they had this year. We already know this group is destined for great things!



MYP EXPEDITIONS

Recently a group of MYP students took a fun fishing adventure on the Owyhee with Ms. Furois' Expeditions and Mr. Mega as their guide. Students showed amazing resilience, patience, and perseverance with a tricky day of fishing and had the joy of seeing some beautiful fish! Even with their amazing guide Zach and all his expertise, they got outsmarted by the fish and left without any fish caught but a strong desire to get back on the water and try again.

We hope to see your MYP students on future Expeditions, stay tuned for our exciting plans for next year!



ENRICHMENT

ESAGE at Middleton! We are working hard to get our "Enrichment at Sage" program known as ESAGE up and running in Middleton! Extended day ESage provides a healthy snack, guided activities, and indoor and outdoor playtime for your child while delivering curriculums with educational concepts and developing life skills. Full days on Fridays and during school breaks are always full of learning, growth, and most importantly... lots of fun!

We are still gathering interest for this program, If you are **potentially** interested in enrolling your student, you can learn more and submit [this form](#) so that we can begin to gauge the number of families we can expect to take part.

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



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.



WHAT A PARTY!

We had SUCH a wonderful time at our Sage Middleton Celebration last week! Thank you so much to all the families that joined us for the BBQ, games, music, and FUN! We are so proud of what our school has become in just four years, and we have our families to thank for that by choosing to be a part of our community.

Remember when the sprinklers went off unexpectedly? 😄 That was fun! It was the best part for many of the kids! A HUGE thank you to **Bluum** for partnering with us on this awesome event and being a constant source of support to our Sage International Schools, along with MANY schools in our community!

