



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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Sage Nutrition Program: We are now using [School Cafe'](#) as our system to manage meal purchases and payments for your students. October menus can be found [here](#). Your family may qualify for free or reduced lunch! Please find more info on our [website](#).



Mind the Gap is our annual fundraiser where we invite ALL Sage families to make a donation in support of our public charter school. Unlike District schools, Sage receives zero funding from local tax dollars. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 this year which amounts to about \$100 per student or just \$10/month over the school year. Our goal is for participation from all families this year, in any amount. All gifts will go toward making the awesome opportunities offered at Sage available to your students and those in our community! Please find out more [HERE](#).



Sold a Story: How Teaching Reading Went Awry with Author Emily Hanford
This is an event Hosted by Bluum, with Sage Executive Director Andy Johnson as a guest speaker on the Educator panel. All are welcome!
Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Lincoln Auditorium - Idaho State Capitol



Sage Spirit Store: You can now order Sage T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, hats, and other items through our online Sage Spirit Store year-round! You can pay for shipment to your home or have it delivered to the school on a weekly basis for free. You can [find the link here](#), happy shopping!

Check out our
WEBSITE and find
us on social media
via the links below!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/25 - 29 - Fall Break - no school
10/5 - End of Quarter 1
10/6 - PTO Parent night out
10/19 - 20 - Parent - Teacher Conferences
10/28 - PTO Trunk or Treat

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.

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear parents and staff,

We have arrived at Fall break! It has been an incredible start to the year - lots of strong teaching, deep learning and many, many opportunities for parents, students and teachers to connect. A Sage school experience starts as soon as you walk into one of our school buildings and meet our front desk teams of Robyn, Cassie, Sarah and Natalie at the Boise campus and Jessica, Arin, Amanda and Lorinda at the Middleton campus. They are always sunny, friendly and tirelessly caring toward your children. I am incredibly grateful to each of them.

Governor Little visited Sage Boise last week. He wanted to visit a local Boise high school so that he could talk to the Seniors about [Idaho Launch](#). Idaho Launch was one of the Governor's priorities during the last legislative session. It is a program that provides up to \$8,000 to students over two years for post-secondary education or training for in-demand careers. A few of the fields Governor Little described included those in health care, the trades, IT, the nuclear/atomic industry and other similar fields.

As schools that are intended to be college preparatory experiences, I encourage families of 9th and 10th Graders to talk to their children about the IB's [Diploma Programme \(DP\)](#). We just submitted our DP application this week and really look forward to the growth of our high school at Sage Middleton. All of the learning and growth experiences through the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP) will ensure that a majority of children are ready to successfully complete the Diploma Programme in 12th grade.

Finally, I hope that you all enjoy the length of our breaks and long weekends. These are intentional and designed to be different than the norm. We believe that a longer day over a shorter week interspersed with regular breaks is good for well-being, learning consolidation and importantly, allows for unhurried, lower-stress teacher collaboration. For older students, it allows time to work on longer pieces of work such as the Personal Project, Extended Essay, student-designed inquiry and research projects, the Reflective Project, Service as Action and participate in physical activity. Also and very importantly, when teachers and school leaders have time to engage in collaborative and purposeful work together, outcomes for students improve. Thank you for supporting our approach! We believe it is good for children and good for adults. Enjoy the break and we will see you in October!

All the best,
Andy

FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



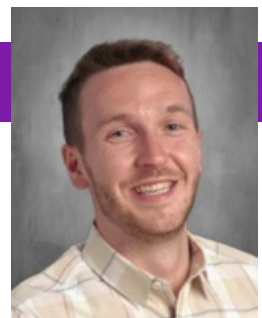
Hello! The learner profile of the month for October is **Thinker**. We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions. With this learner profile attribute we show creativity and think of different ways to solve problems.

How can parents help to develop students who are thinkers at home?

1. Encourage your child to engage in pretend play; children are naturally curious and imaginative.
2. Pause and wait...give your child time to think for him/herself, be patient.
3. Don't intervene immediately, it's okay to let your child explore on their own.
4. Ask open-ended questions.
5. Help children develop hypotheses.
6. Encourage critical thinking in new and different ways.
7. Encourage your child to retell stories, put on plays with story props.
8. Leave time for unstructured play.
9. Encourage your child to play and explore outside.
10. Encourage Creative Thinking.
11. Let your child experience failure, and then let him/her figure out how to turn their failure into a positive learning experience.
12. Provide opportunities to visit Children's Museums and Libraries.

We hope you have a wonderful Fall Break!

FROM PYP DIRECTOR, AUSTIN AMBROSE



Hi Sage Families,

We have finished the beginning of the year testing and are wrapping up the end of the first quarter shortly after break. Teachers will be working on sending data home to show you where your student is at starting this year. We will be doing this through a digital folder that will be shared through Toddle Messenger. You will see how your student did on the MAP assessment for math and reading, as well as the Istation assessment for both math and reading. You will also see documents on how to understand the information in each report. You should receive these sometime during the first week of October. As you take the time to review this information, be sure to write down any thoughts, questions, or concerns to bring to conferences on October 19th & 20th. More information to come after the break!

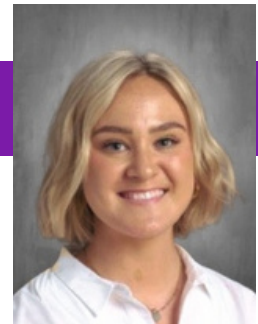
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Our 5th graders have wrapped up their five-week excursion to Gowen Field for their StarBase program. This is an incredible opportunity where our students get to engage in STEM-based activities each day to foster academic success in STEM, encourage a growth mind-set, and increase awareness of STEM career fields. We look forward to that continued partnership for our students to attend in the future.



Be sure to stay tuned in to the weekly updates for more information about things happening around the school, such as our Learner Profile awards and exciting activities happening in classrooms.

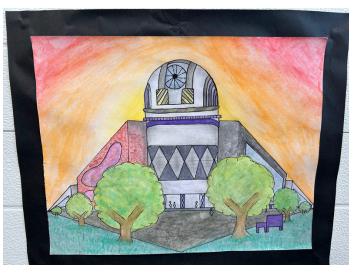
THE MYP WITH COORDINATOR JASMINE STANCIU



Hello Sage families! As we approach the end of Quarter 1, please review the [IB Terms and Assessment Quick Guide](#) to identify what assessments and grades you should look for in Toddle. If you are having trouble getting connected to Toddle please email MYP Coordinator Jasmine Stanciu at jasmine.stanciu@sageintl.org.

- Our [MYP at Sage International Middleton blog](#) is up and running for the school year. Keep a look out for updates on Learner Profile awards, assemblies, instruction in the MYP classrooms and exciting events happening in our community.
- 10th Grade students will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 18th.
- October 26th we will have an MYP Movie Night!

In an interdisciplinary unit with Integrated Arts and Design, 9th-grade students are designing a theme park! These are some student renderings of an exhibit within their park.



NURSE LORINDA BLU



Hello parents! Cold and Flu season is fast approaching. Please see the Sage [2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook](#) for guidance on when to keep sick kids home from school. A very basic guideline is that students must be free of vomiting, diarrhea, and/or fever over 100 degrees for 24 hours in order to return. There may be exceptions for chronic health issues causing vomiting or diarrhea. I can help assess if your student starts feeling ill at school and needs to go home, and appreciate a heads-up if you have information to share that may help me do so. Please feel free to email me any time at lorinda.blew@sageintl.org.

Sage follows [CDC guidelines](#) regarding COVID-19 infections. The CDC is currently advising isolation at home for 5 days (longer with significant symptoms) and then masking for 5 days.

It is important for kids to attend school every day as long as they feel well enough and are not contagious. Thank you for your help keeping our students and staff safe and healthy!

- [Here's a link](#) to a free webinar for parents of kids dealing with Anxiety and/or OCD being held on October 3rd.
- My office could really use donations of Boys and Girls pull-on type pants, t-shirts, and underwear, especially in sizes for KG-2nd grade. Drop them off any time.
- Vaccine Clinic: Friday, October 6th, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Sage Front Office. This is OPTIONAL for Sage Staff and their Family as well as Students and their Family.
 - If you plan to receive a vaccine, please pick up a consent form and complete it prior to coming. Don't forget your insurance card!
 - Vaccines Available: Influenza (Flu), Tetanus, Pneumonia, Shingles, RSV, Hepatitis A&B, COVID-19.

SAGE MIDDLETON PTO

We are always looking for families to join us! General meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 in the gym. You can find Events on the [Facebook Page](#). Everyone is invited to join in on the fun events coming up:

10/6 - 6:00 - 8:30 - Parents' night out - Drop your kids off for a night of fun!

10/9 through 10/19 - Canned Food Drive - Collecting cans for our local food bank. Winners will be awarded by grade level!



10/28 - Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 - Come and join the festivities, food trucks and hot chocolate will be available for purchase. We are looking for trunks to be decorated and kiddos to join the fun! If you would like to join in, please scan the QR code or [SIGN UP HERE!](#)



ENRICHMENT AT SAGE

ESage Middleton: Our ESage Students are having SO MUCH FUN! Some recent adventures included picking apples at a local orchard, petting lots of animals including kangaroos at Babby Farms, and visiting a number of local parks. We have upcoming Fridays that include Municipal Park and the MK Nature Center, the Warhawk Air Museum, Lowe Family Farmstead, Zoo Boise and Ann Morrison Park! Esage tuition covers the cost of all field trips AND two snacks! You can find out more and register [here](#).



Girls Basketball - Practices will start on Monday, October 2nd. We will post the game schedule soon!

Cross Country is having a great season! We will post photos soon.

We're so proud of our **volleyball team** (right) for the great season they had! A huge thank you to both of our awesome coaches: Mr. Nicholas Cutaia as head coach and Ms. Morgan Marshall as Assistant coach!



We have several clubs and activities available for students to join, and the list keeps growing:

- [Crochet Club \(6th-7th grade\)](#)
- [Debate Club \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Go Green Club \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Idaho Battle of the Books \(4th-8th grade\)](#)
- [Sole KIDS \(K-6th grade\)](#)
- [Student Council \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Yearbook Club \(6th-9th grade\)](#)

SAGE EXPEDITIONS WITH MEGAIN FUROIS

This week we have a group of MYP students camping in Deschutes National Forest for fall break! Ms. Furois and other staff are having so much fun on these outdoor learning opportunities with our students. Some future opportunities include:

October 27- 4th and 5th-grade Hiking and Exploration around Silver City Idaho

November 10 - MYP Service Opportunity: Rake Up Boise

Stay tuned for information on how to sign up for these opportunities!