



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

MAY 23, 2024



Lost & Found: We have a LOT of items in our lost and found, please stop by to take a look for any that may belong to you! ***All items will be donated on Friday, May 31st.*** Thank you!



The SAGE PTO is organizing two great events for the last day of school, Thursday, May 30th:

- They are providing our annual **End of Year Breakfast** for our middle and high school students. We still need a few volunteers and a lot of items! You can [sign up here](#).
- Join us for a **K-12 End of Year Picnic** - 5:30 - 7:30 at [Kristin Armstrong Park](#) in the Chestnut picnic area between the parking lot and playground. You can [view the map here](#). Bring a food item to share, your own drinks, something to sit on, and anything fun to play with!



Grades will be [posted in Skyward](#) on June 7th under the Portfolio tab.

Report Cards will be posted for grades K-8th and transcripts for grades 9-11th. If you have any questions regarding your student(s) grade or classes, please contact their teacher directly. For tips on accessing Skyward, please click [HERE](#).



Student Drivers: Do you have a student starting Driver's Ed soon? The DMV will ask for a letter of verification from your student's school in order to get their permit. You can fill out the [form here](#) to request it, please know that over the summer letters will be emailed directly to the DMV and you must allow 48 (business) hours for them to be sent.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 27: No School

May 30: Last Day of School!

August 1: Back to School Open House K-5

August 2: Back to School Open House 6-12

August 5: First Day of school!

***A special save the date: our FIRST ever Sage Gala to celebrate 15 years on 9/6/24!**

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear Parents and Staff of Sage International School,

Last night was the graduation ceremony for Sage Boise's Class of 2024. Forty-seven graduates, several of whom started at Sage in Kindergarten will graduate. They've finished their IB examinations, cheered each other on, been lauded by their teachers and, in a cool Sage tradition, did the "Senior Walk" Tuesday where over 1000 students, teachers, staff cheered them on as they walked the length of the main hallway and back.

Congratulations to our graduates, their families and all of the people who helped them arrive at this momentous point in their lives.

Thank you for trusting our school with your child(ren) for another fabulous year. Over 95% of our current families have chosen (again) to return next year. Many, many families have applied to join our school. Our high school classes are the largest they've ever been and our programs are stronger than ever under the leadership of our directors, coordinators, teachers and staff.

Thank you for completing the engagement surveys that we sent out earlier this spring. Parents felt strongly that they feel welcome and respected and that Sage prioritizes their children's well-being and safety while encouraging them [the children] to believe in themselves. Our students told us similar things. Their teachers and the school's staff make them feel welcome and respected while making decisions to keep them safe and ensuring they [the children] have what they need to learn. These responses are similar to what you've told us in previous surveys and it is still gratifying to know that our school is a place where people feel safe, respected and welcome. We will strive to always be that place for our families and each other.

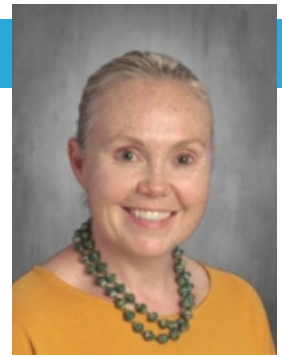
I hope that each of you enjoys the summer holiday and that you all spend time with people you love doing the things you love. See you in August!

All the best,

Andy Johnson

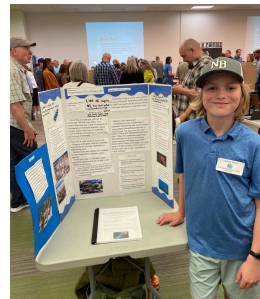
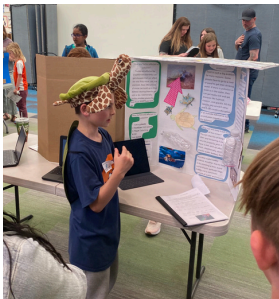
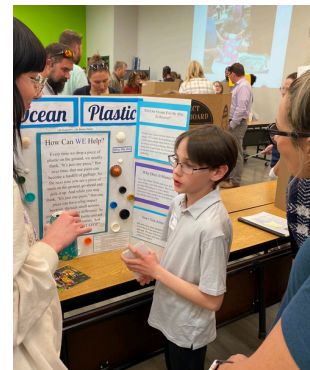
PYP WITH DIRECTOR KATE HUNTER

There is much to celebrate in the PYP as we wrap up the school year. You will continue to hear from us with occasional updates throughout the summer as we prepare for next year and look ahead to welcoming you back to campus in August.



Classroom Spotlight: 5th Grade

Our 5th graders celebrated the culmination of their PYP journey on Wednesday night through the presentation of their capstone projects, called the PYP Exhibition. Students and staff explored the central idea of “through small actions, everyone can make an impact”. We are so proud of how our students dove into topics of personal interest and made their work meaningful and impactful.



Specials Spotlight: PE with Mr. D

Springtime PE has been a lot of fun this year as we have added a few new units for the upper grade levels. In March we worked on frisbee throwing and catching and students finished the unit with a modified round of frisbee golf. We then spent two weeks batting off of tees and it was great to see our students build and develop their hand-eye coordination. We then transitioned to golf. We were able to purchase some golf equipment with money we received from Master Kim's Taekwondo, and the students enjoyed getting familiar with swinging a club. All of these units were new to me, but ones I plan on bringing back in the future!



PYP continued...

K-5 Rainbow Dance

Our incredible PTO hosted a super fun family dance earlier this month, featuring Sage middle schoolers and former PYPers as DJs! We are proud of these cross-division relationships and we cherish our time together with you, our families.



MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH DIRECTOR ZACH PARKER

This week has been a wonderful way to wrap up another great school year. Both academically and celebratory, we'll start with academic news!

Ms. Baker's 6th Grade Design students once again turned up strong in the 2023/24 Climate Innovation Challenge! A BIG congratulations to Oliwia Stout for winning the award for Most Creative/Engaging Project in Middle School with her video, "[Fixing Climate Change with Oyster Shells](#)". Oliwia won \$200 – excellent work Oliwia!

Congratulations to three other Sage students whose videos earned honorable mentions and won an award of \$50: Hannah Johnson and Oscar Sisson for their video "[Regenerative Cow Farm](#)" and Niko Eder for his video "[Making Oyster Marshes](#)".

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In addition to celebrating these 4 students, Sage was given a special shoutout in the [CIC Student Awards Showcase video](#) for having the MOST entries of any participating school- we submitted 50 videos! Congrats 6th graders!

Hard copies of ISAT scores will be passed out to students next week. You can expect these by Wednesday. Please understand that this is just one portion of the many ways we assess our students' progress and there is much more involved in their success as a student.

Student growth is very important at Sage, and Middle School will be holding an assembly next week and awarding students who have shown exceptional growth this school year with prizes that include In-and-Out burger coupons, free golf lessons, go-kart driving passes and Village Gift bags!

From a student activity perspective, our 8th graders returned from the 2nd annual End of Year Celebration. This year students stayed at the YMCA Horsethief facility. Students slept in yurts, canoed, rock climbed, ziplined, participated in a night hike and had a campfire to make smores! Although the weather was cooler and wetter than hoped for, students endured and made great memories.



7th grade students were able to take a day at Wahooz Fun Center where they could play laser tag, drive mini race karts, play games, eat pizza and simply relax with friends and teachers.

From an entire Middle School standpoint, last Thursday the Student Council and Sources of Strength held the Summer Send-Off party. Music was played, cornhole challenges played, volleyball and gaga ball games competed in along with plenty of food to eat.

I want to thank parents for your support and encouragement along the way. Education in general, at the elementary level, during the middle school years and later into high school, is a process. Thank you for your trust in joining our Sage team in this journey.

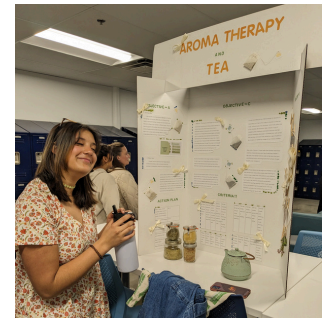
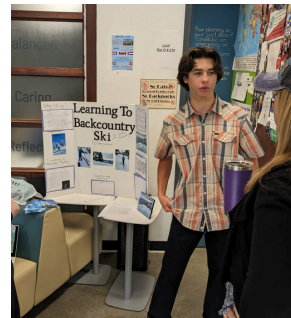
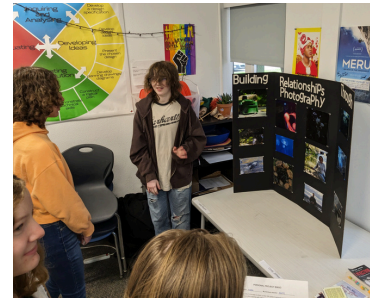
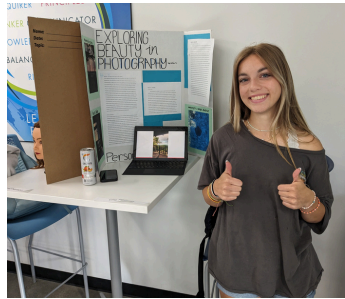
HIGH SCHOOL WITH DIRECTOR BRANDY BURKETT

Hello Sage Families,

It has been a busy couple of weeks at the high school as we celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our students!



First, the Personal Project is an MYP Capstone project that is a year-long, self-led project students undertake throughout their 10th-grade year. Starting in November, they choose a learning goal and create a product goal that will demonstrate their learning in a subject they care about. This project takes about 25 hours over the course of five months and we had some very impressive projects you can check out below! You can read more about the [Personal Project at Sage here](#).



The Class of 2024, Sage Boise's 9th Graduating Class!

We are so proud of our 9th class of graduates who have completed a rigorous IB education at Sage International! They are moving on to amazing things...ranging from studying neuroscience at Lawrence University to autobody courses here in Boise to psychology in Newfoundland to Americorps...we know they will work hard toward their dreams and make the world a better place while doing it. Congratulations, and thank you for choosing us for your high school education! It's truly been an honor.



Of course they showed their individuality by decorating the tops of their caps!



OUTDOOR EXPEDITIONS

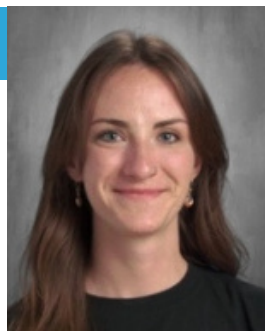
Sage Expeditions is SO happy to be back on the Boise campus and couldn't have asked for a better year to kick the program off.

Over the course of this year the program was able to reach over 270 students for students grades 4-12, offering 10+ expeditions for those students to choose from. Over the course of 25 outdoor days, students had the opportunity to experience activities such as camping, service work, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing/snowboarding, nordic skiing, backpacking and rock climbing! We visited some incredible places such as Hells Canyon, the Wood River Valley, Silver City, Bogus Basin and more!

Thank you to everyone who supported the outdoors program this year and we look forward to another busy year of learning and growing together in outdoor spaces! Take a look below at just SOME of the fun adventures we enjoyed this year!

Summer Expeditions Opportunities:

- July 15-19 Storytelling, Rock Climbing, and Camping Summer Camp
- July 26-27 Wilderness First Aid course- [INTEREST FORM HERE!](#)



Camping and trail work in the Wood River Valley



Bogus Basin Ski Lessons



Exploring Silver City Ghost Town

High School Rock Climbing Clinic



Backpacking Hells Canyon



SEAL OF BILITERACY

Sage is pleased to announce that we will be awarding the network's first Seals of Biliteracy to members of this year's graduating class. The Seal of Biliteracy, adopted by the Idaho Legislature in Spring 2020, gives official recognition on high school transcripts to graduating seniors who have achieved a high level of proficiency in English plus additional languages, including home languages.

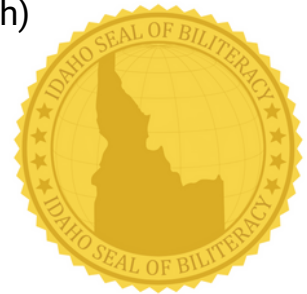
This spring students were offered the opportunity to take the STAMP test (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency) in order to qualify for the Seal. We are proud to announce the following students achieved Seal of Biliteracy level scores:

12th Grade - Olivia Burruel (French) and Erik Geary (French)

11th Grade - Helena Schwarthoff (German) and Elliot Hoopes (French)

9th Grade - Lamis Alhussaini (Arabic)

Congratulations to all! We will continue to work with students next year who are interested in obtaining the seal.



FROM REGISTRAR KATIE ASHBY

We have had another amazing year here at Sage and I wish you all a wonderful summer! Please let us know if your plans have changed for next year. If your student will not be returning to Sage, please fill out the [Withdrawal Form](#). This ensures we can expedite the transfer of records between schools, and allows us notice of what seats we need to fill. Thank you!

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Marimba Summer camp](#): June 10th-14th here at Sage from 9:00-12:00 for students in 4th-8th grade. Click the link for more details or to register!

[Cross Country summer training](#): Is your middle schooler interested in joining us for Cross Country in the fall? Registration for students entering grades 6th-8th will open July 8th. Keep an eye out for an email to register, and in the meantime you can find a guide via the link above to help you prepare for the upcoming season at Sage!



The ESage Summer Program is enrolling now! Enrollment info is available on our [website](#) and remaining spaces are limited, so sign your rising K-6th grader up for a Summer of fun, learning, and field trips ASAP.

The ESage group has been having a lot of fun lately, with Spring Break and Friday field trips to the Boise Aquarium, Hiking Table Rock, Celebration Park, the MK Nature Center, Zoo Boise, Idaho Reptile Zoo, swimming at the YMCA, Pojo's, along with planting seeds, making bird feeders, and biking on the Greenbelt to the Downtown Library.

Stay tuned for fall registration! If you'd like more information, please email esage@sageintl.org or check out our [website](#).

PTO



There have been many great family events this spring, THANK YOU to our wonderful PTO for all they have done this year and to the families who have helped out and showed up! We would like to recognize and thank PTO President Denys Collins (left) for the endless hours she spent leading these great events to our Sage community this year. We are so grateful for you and your team!



In addition to the PYP Family/Rainbow Dance, our families REALLY showed up to thank our staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. The meals, treats, sweet cards and messages, and gifts really made us feel the love, THANK YOU!

High Schoolers had an absolute blast at our first PTO-sponsored bowling night at BSU!



Over 30 families participated in our annual Sage Family Campout at Elks Flat Campground! Thank you to the Stark Family for being our camp hosts!

We hope to see you on May 30 for our K-12 End of Year Picnic from 5:30-7:30 at [Kristin Armstrong Park](#)! Find out more about our PTO events, social media links and more [HERE](#)!