



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

APRIL 4, 2025



Caldwell Transportation Bus Route 2 Changes: Beginning Monday, April 14th, the Sage Bus Route 2 stop at the Caldwell YMCA will change to the south side of the SISTERS PARK parking lot, which is just across the street from the YMCA parking lot. The address for Sisters Park is [3905 S Indiana Ave. Caldwell](#) and you can view a [map here](#). This change in location is for both AM and PM, and stop times will remain the same.



Our **Fun Run** was a huge success! [MyBooster.com](#), the PTO's fundraising platform, will remain open until April 9th. Families who registered can visit the reward store on your account before Friday April 11th to make your order. Thank you to all who supported our Sage Middleton Fun Run fundraiser!



Looking for a fun way to keep your students who are heading into Kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall active and learning this summer? Check out our [Sage Summer Program](#)! ALL kids are welcome, so tell your friends!



Please check lost and found ASAP if you are missing something, as Wendy will be donating leftover items soon.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 4-11: Spring Break - No School

April 28 - May 2: Book Fair!

May 3: PTO Pancake Feed 9-11 am

May 26 - Memorial Day - No School

May 29: Last Day or School!

The [2025-26 Academic Calendar](#) is available!

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear families and staff of Sage Middleton,

I hope that each of you enjoys the April break and comes back to school rested and ready to learn. Sage Middleton's completed campus has provided so many opportunities to learn and grow this year. We have been incredibly excited to see children playing soccer, gaga ball, climbing on the playground, running around the track and playing spikeball on the field for PE. The bleachers (in the gym and by the track) and gym divider have made our spaces even more flexible and useful. Our library-teaching space is, as we hoped, quickly becoming a place where people gather to relax, learn, find new things to read and make new connections. A huge thank you to our volunteer librarian Gretchen who makes everyone feel welcome and heard. Our teachers and instructional support staff have ensured that our students continue to have many, many opportunities to learn and grow.

Thank you to our families who have been with us for years, for families who found us this year and for the families who are coming to us in the upcoming school year (including many rising 9th Graders joining Sage for high school from MOSAICS Public School). Our families are staying with us and there is a large and growing interest in our school. We had record numbers of families entering our lottery for the open seats for the upcoming year. This is a testament to our strong parent community, strong, effective and caring teachers and strong school leadership.

Finally, on the first and second of May, the International Baccalaureate Organization will visit the school to ascertain that we are ready to offer the Diploma Programme to our incoming 11th Grade students. This is a huge milestone for the school and will mean that we have a continuum of IB programs for our students taking them from Kindergarten to 12th Grade.

Enjoy spring break and encourage your children to come back to school ready to finish the year by doing their best everyday.

All the best,
Andy

Mission: "Engaging students within an inclusive IB learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry."



PYP (K-5TH) WITH AUSTIN AMBROSE



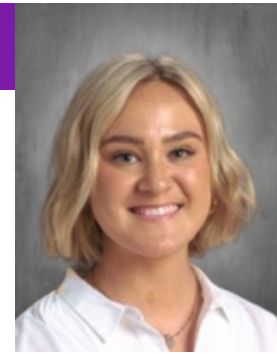
We are down to our last two months of the school year and it is going to be jam-packed with learning, assessing learning, and engaging in community activities. Our fifth-grade students kicked off the assessment season with their Science ISAT assessment this week. Grades third through fifth will pick back up after the break with the ELA ISAT. It is important that students are on time, with a nutritious breakfast in their bellies, and a full night of sleep behind them. We want to ensure that students have the best environment possible to demonstrate their learning from the year. Families, you can be their cheerleaders alongside us and encourage them to take their time and try their best!

In addition to the end-of-year assessments, we will have many engagement activities with the school. We will be having student-led Conferences, a book fair, end-of-year awards, a celebration of Children's Day, and so much more. With this balance of fun and learning, please make sure students are here and ready to appropriately engage in everything happening at the school.

Our fifth grade recently presented their exhibition projects, demonstrating the real-world problems they researched and proposed solutions. This wonderful project is the culmination of the PYP program, demonstrating the many skills they have worked to develop over the years. Almost all the students and their families were able to join us for this evening event. We are proud of our students and the hard work of the team that supported the students through this endeavor. This year in particular is special because this is the first year a student could have started with us in kindergarten and now be in fifth grade, having completed the whole PYP program at Sage Middleton. Congratulations to these students and we look forward to seeing you continue your journey in the MYP next year.



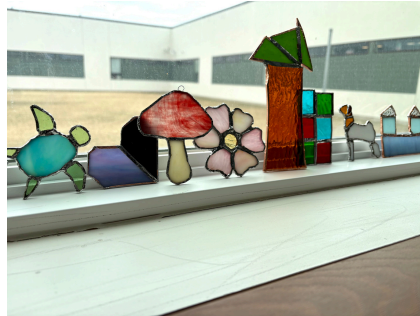
SECONDARY (6-II) WITH JASMINE STANCIU



The busiest time of year, spring, is fully underway. Spring testing, project due dates, trips and Prom are some of the things on the horizon. Check out some of the incredible works of our students in a few of their classes.



Thies' 11th grade students are getting ready to publish their poetry anthology (left)! Physical copies will be available to purchase from our online class [bookstore](#).



In Mrs. Lindsey's art class you will find 10th-grade students' stained glass pieces. Students are creating stained glass works to draw attention to social issues that matter to them personally, including animal adoption, racial equality, gun violence, and body positivity. Pictured above are formative assessments students completed as they built skills through cutting, refining, and soldering the glass. Their summative compositions will be displayed in the new library!

The 9th grade students have been hard at work in Mr. Ellsworth's class designing upcycled fashion pieces. The goal of their summative piece was to develop an upcycled textile product for an authentic user which demonstrates an understanding of how users and designers might make more informed decisions about the products, resources and processes they use and their inherent ecological impact. I see future careers in upcycle fashion design!



Mr. Haney would like to give a shout out to the 9th grade students for how well you did in math last semester. He said you've had incredible growth and accountability! Way to go 9th grade students.

Secondary continued....

A HUGE congratulations to Sage 11th grader, **Edson Guerro**, who was nominated for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders! This prestigious congress is an honors-only program for invited students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. You can read [more details here](#), Edson has been invited to join this 3-day event at the University of Massachusetts. Way to go Edson!!

10th grade students have been working on their Personal Project over the course of this school year. The Personal Project is a **culminating independent project** that allows students to **explore a personal interest, develop self-management skills, and demonstrate their learning from the MYP**. Students choose a topic they are passionate about, set a clear goal, conduct research, and create a final product or outcome. Throughout the process, they document their progress in a process journal and reflect on their learning in a written report. Their Personal Project Exhibition is May 7, 2025. More details to come.

The Student Council is currently planning our very first high school prom, mark your calendar for **May 16th from 8-11 pm!**



Shoutout to our amazing counselor Joy for putting on another splendid career day! Our MYP students got to experience Reality Town and mock interviews with prepared resumes. It's such a joy to see the community come together for these special events.

EXPEDITIONS WITH MEGAN FUROIS

We have wrapped up our winter expeditions and are stoked for the change of seasons bringing new recreation and outdoor learning opportunities! See the list of expeditions below to get a glance at what's coming up:

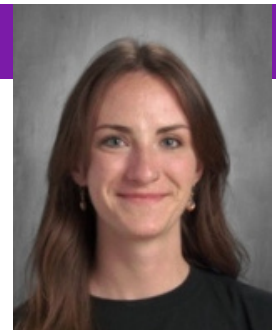
April Expeditions

Friday 4/4- Thursday 4/10- [Spring break camping in Southern Utah](#)

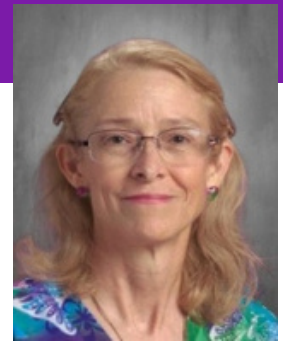
Monday 4/28- Friday 5/2- 5th grade to Idaho Basecamp - Parents check your email for more information!

May Expeditions

[Gym to crag climbing series](#)- FEW SPOTS REMAIN!!



FROM NURSE LORINDA



This month I want to remind you of the rising numbers of [Pertussis](#) in Idaho, also known as Whooping Cough. Pertussis can be serious but may be prevented by the Dtap or Tdap shots vaccine. While vaccinated individuals may still get Pertussis, it is usually a milder case. Pertussis is a bacterial infection that is treatable with antibiotics. The [CDC](#) recommends that adults get a Pertussis booster every 10 years.

I have not been informed of any recent cases at our school, but there have been many students with coughs. I have been told that Pertussis is not routinely tested for when you take your child in for a cough. If your child has been exposed to a known case, I recommend you let your healthcare provider know.

Please notify me and send a doctor's note if your child has tested positive for Pertussis, Influenza, Covid, RSV, Pneumonia, etc. It updates me on their health history but also allows me to track exposures at our school. When I do inform parents of these exposures, I do not share the name of the infected student to protect student privacy.

By working together, we can help protect the health and safety of our students and staff. Feel free to email me with any questions.

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ESAGE

Sage Summer Camp is now open for enrollment! Visit the info and enrollment link on [our website](#) to find out more. Camp is fun and flexible with customizable schedules available. Join us for a couple days, a few weeks, or all Summer! We will do field trips 2-3+ times a week and keep kids active and engaged while exploring all that the Treasure Valley offers. ALL kids heading into Kinder-6th grade are welcome, not just Sage students! Please email us with any questions: esage_middleton@sageintl.org.

We also have space at Esage available after school Monday through Thursday, and all day Fridays. Students in grades K-6 are welcome one or more days per week, or attend on a drop-in basis. All activities, field trips, and daily snacks are included in tuition, plus you can try out ESage for half price on your child's first day!

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We have had a lot of fun this Spring! Some of our recent field trips have included a wheels day at Discovery Park, hiking at Camel's Back Park and Reserve, the Discovery Center of Idaho, and Museum of Natural History. We also have TONS of fun plans for Spring Break - hiking at Jump Creek Falls, swimming at Caldwell YMCA, exploring at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, making fairy houses at Star River Walk, and visiting baby goats at a local farm! We would love to have your child join in on the fun! [Click here to enroll.](#)



BOOK FAIR

Our **FIRST Book Fair benefiting our new Sage Library is coming April 28 - May 2!** This fair is being organized and run by our awesome high school students, so let's support them, raise some money for our library, and stock up for summer reading!

Read about eWallet below, then click the link to get yours set up! More details coming soon.

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BOOK FAIR  [**CLICK HERE**](#)

Create a **Book Fair eWallet** for cash-free shopping.

Convenient and secure, eWallet lets your child choose books they want to read.

Plus, you can share your eWallet link so friends and family can help your child find even more to read. **Unspent funds from a past Fair?** To transfer them to this Fair, log in to your Scholastic account and create a new eWallet—then your previous balance will be available to transfer as an eGift Card.

When you fund an eWallet, you can also contribute to **Share the Fair**, the giving program that **benefits kids in your school** who need help buying new books.

