



# SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

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PYP school supply lists are ready! You can find them on our [website](#). Feel free to bring supplies with you on July 31<sup>st</sup> for Meet the Teacher! Secondary supply information will be shared at the beginning of the school year.



**2025-2026 Bus Ridership Survey:** If you plan for your student to ride the bus during the 2025-26 school year, please [complete this form](#). We will use this information to assess how well the current routes and stops are serving our school community. You will still need to register for the bus in order for your student(s) to ride, and we will send that information by email in July.



We have two fun camps taking place here on the Sage campus this summer! Check out the links to find out more:

- [Summer Marimba Enrichment \(3rd-8th grade\) June 23rd-27th](#)
- [Summer Camp Invention \(K-6th grade\) July 7th-11th](#)



**Free Summer Meals** are provided by both the Boise School District and West Ada School District for ALL children ages 1-18. You can find locations and information here for [West Ada](#) and [Boise](#).



One of our wonderful school counselors, Annie Snyder, put together this helpful list of [Summer Resources](#) available to families for free!



**The Sage Spirit Store** is open year-round, stock up on Sage swag for the new school year! Shop [HERE](#). We always welcome donations of Sage items in good condition that your students have grown out of. Feel free to drop them off at any front desk during school days.

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**July 31:** PYP (K-5) Meet the Teacher

**August 1:** Secondary (6-12) Registration

**August 4:** First Day of School!

**August 14:** PYP Back to School Night

**August 21:** Secondary Back to School Night

[2025-26 Academic Calendar](#)

## FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear families and staff of Sage International Schools,

Thank you for another fabulous year! Our schools are strong because we have such amazing families and staff. We just celebrated our 10th class of graduating Seniors last week at the Boise campus. In 2026, we will celebrate our first class of graduates at our Middleton campus.

This year we achieved - as a community - two significant milestones with our International Baccalaureate programs. First, we achieved authorization to offer the Diploma Programme at Sage Middleton. Middleton is now a continuum campus just like Boise. They offer the PYP, MYP and DP. I am incredibly proud of the work the team at Middleton has done under the leadership of Darci Stelzner and Austin Ambrose.

Similarly, I am proud of the team at Sage Boise. This year we underwent a periodic evaluation of our programmes by the International Baccalaureate Organization. We spent a year preparing, reflecting and improving our programmes. The results were superb.

Our campuses are offering very high-quality, rigorous, college-preparatory programs beginning at age 5 for our students.

As we officially wrap up our work for the 24-25 academic year, we can be - as a community - proud of the support we have shown, the growth our children have enjoyed, and the strength of our schools. We have record enrollment, strong outcomes and families who tell us they continue to feel welcomed and respected.

Enjoy the summer. Enjoy time with your families and friends. Enjoy all the beauty that Idaho offers. We live in a special place.

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."*



## REGISTRAR KATIE ASHBY



Semester 2 grades have been posted in [Skyward Family/Student Access](#) - under the Portfolio tab. Report Cards have been posted for grades K-8th, and Transcripts have been posted for grades 9th-12th.

For tips on accessing Skyward, please click [HERE](#) or visit our website and select 'Skyward' under the 'Parents' tab. If you have any questions regarding your student(s) grades or classes, please contact their teacher directly.

As a reminder, **if your student will not be returning to Sage**, please complete the [Withdrawal from Sage for the 2025–26 School Year](#) form. Your electronic signature on the form authorizes us to release your child(ren)'s records to their new school upon request. It is also important for us to know ASAP in order to solidify plans for next year.

Have a wonderful summer!

## ESAGE

Summer ESage started this week and everyone is already having a blast! We have many exciting activities and active field trips planned this Summer, and your student is still welcome to join us! Registration is available on our website [here](#). (K/1st Grade does have a waitlist for some days this summer)



**General School Year 2025/26 ESage Registration begins June 30th via our [website](#).** Please register early, as we expect to fill quickly, especially for Fridays. School Year ESage welcomes students entering Kindergarten through 5th grade in the Fall.

## SUMMER LEARNING

### National Summer Learning Association - [Parent Toolkit](#)

Help your students stay engaged, learning, and ready to take on the 2025 - 2026 school year with these resources offered by the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA):

- [How to keep Your Kids Learning When Schools are Closed](#) - free ebook
- [Ready to Partner: Five Steps for a Different Kind of School Year:](#)
- [Khan Academy](#) - A great free resource for help to supplement what they're learning in school or to learn something completely new. Also great for teachers and parents!



## PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (K-5)

### 5th grade sendoff – Class of 2032

We had the BEST time celebrating our 5th graders as they completed the PYP and look ahead to the MYP next year as middle schoolers! We could not be more proud of this group and all that they have achieved as students and humans at Sage.



Each student in 5th grade was recognized (with a profile sticker) for an IB Profile trait that they particularly embody.

Additional awards were given for most growth in Math and Reading, conquering Greek and Latin roots (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medal groups!), and for members of the Six Year Club (those who started at Sage in Kindergarten).



A huge thank you to our entire PYP team, many of whom were this crew's very first teachers and have been rooting for them since they were kindergarteners. It truly does take a village! Finally, our heartfelt gratitude to our families for sharing your children with us over these years. We know what a commitment this is and has been, and we are grateful that you are a part of our community.

### Kindergarten Celebration – Class of 2037

On the other end of the PYP rainbow we celebrated the Class of 2037, whose members finished their first year of elementary school last week! Students were recognized individually at this important milestone event, and we loved hearing their songs (including those in French!) and reflecting on their growth this year.



### Field Day

Last but certainly not least, all PYP students launched into summer with our annual field day. Thank you to all the incredible parent volunteers who made this happen! This year, 4th and 5th grade students leveled up and enjoyed an off-site afternoon at a nearby park.

Thank you again for a wonderful year. Looking forward to seeing you all in August!



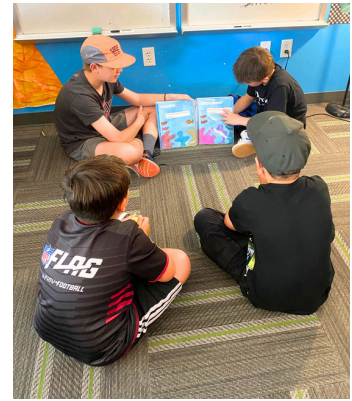
## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Tucci Webert's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language and Literature students spent time reading the picture books they created to Mrs. VanOrsow's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. Each book was illustrated using a variety of mediums, including watercolor, colored pencils, graphite pencil, Sharpies, and other markers.

This project was guided by our statement of inquiry: *Effective narratives communicate knowledge about relationships through creative*

*expression. As part of this, students explored our unit's debatable question: Can younger students learn about friendship from a picture book?*

In Mrs. Trevino's 8th-grade Art class (right), students learned about printmaking to create backgrounds for Andy Warhol-inspired self-portraits.

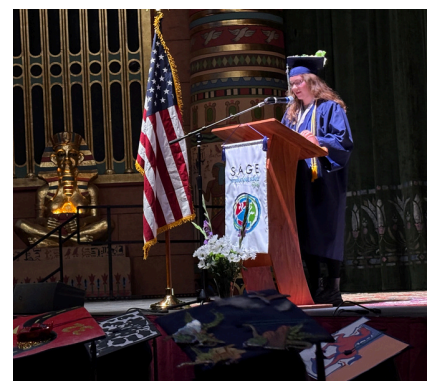


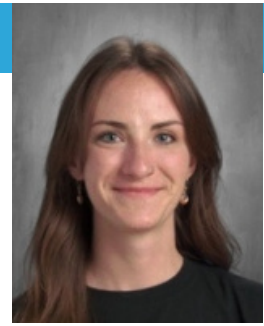
## HIGH SCHOOL

The end of the school year was full of lots of hard work finishing up the semester, and lots of fun and excitement! We celebrated Sage's 10<sup>th</sup> graduating class as a school with our graduation walk, a Sage tradition where they parade through the halls with all students and staff cheering them on.

Our commencement ceremony took place with our biggest graduating class yet, 60 students, on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Egyptian Theatre. You can view the video from [graduation HERE](#), it was a very special night highlighting the power of a Sage education!

Valedictorian Helena Schwarthoff is one of the 9 students in the class of 2025 who attended Sage for their whole Kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> grade career!





As the school year winds down, we're reflecting with pride and gratitude on the incredible outdoor experiences students participated in across both our Middleton and Boise campuses.

This year, **693 students spent over 1,200 days immersed in nature**—hiking, climbing, snowshoeing, camping, and learning outside the classroom. Whether scaling granite walls at City of Rocks, exploring the Owyhee Desert, rafting the Salmon River, or snowshoeing through quiet mountain forests, students challenged themselves, built community, and made meaningful connections with the natural world. Each expedition provided new experiences that encouraged curiosity, resilience, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for wild places.

Outdoor education is more than an adventure—it's an extension of the classroom that deepens student learning and fosters the traits of the IB Learner Profile. In the field, students practiced being inquirers and communicators as they asked questions about ecosystems and collaborated with peers. They became risk-takers and thinkers as they navigated new environments and solved real-world problems together. Whether reflecting during solo time or making group decisions, students engaged with their surroundings in ways that nurtured empathy, confidence, and global awareness. These moments build lasting connections between academic content and lived experience.

While a few expeditions were impacted by weather and unforeseen challenges, we remain proud of our flexibility and commitment to delivering meaningful experiences. The year's success was built on the dedication of passionate educators, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our families and school communities. As we look to next year, we're excited to continue creating opportunities for students to grow, connect, and explore. **Thank you for trusting us to be part of your student's journey—we can't wait for what's ahead!**

If you and your students love our outdoors program or are interested in participating for the first time next year, please take our engagement survey below to let us know what kind of expeditions you would like to see for your student in the next school year!

### [2025-2026 Expeditions Engagement Survey](#)





This school year was FULL of fun events, thank you to those that volunteered and participated! The Sage Family Campout at Elk Flat Campground was such a blast with hot springs, campfires, and even karaoke! Thank you to Dawn Jones-Pickett for being our camp host.



Heading into the summer, we are looking for new some new members to join! Please contact our President, Brittany, at [president@sagepto.org](mailto:president@sagepto.org) if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, or join us for our next meeting on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Sage cafeteria to learn more. We have open board positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Thank you to our amazing PTO for ALL their hard work this year. They created numerous fun-filled family events for our community that would not have been possible without them. Our PTO Board this year was:

Brittany Mitko, President  
 Sunrise Ayers, Vice President & MS Liaison  
 Melissa Jannusch, Treasurer  
 Micki Love, Secretary  
 Stephanie Mansanti Donahue, PYP Liaison  
 Gwen Hernandez, HS Liaison

We will be hosting **playdates at Kristin Armstrong Park** for incoming Sage Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade families on June 19th, July 10th, and July 17th at 2:00 pm. We would love for you to join, no need to RSVP! Returning families, wear your Sage t-shirts if you have one or the color BLUE!

Our first meeting of the 2025-26 school year will be on **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria, time TBD.**

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