



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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



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.



[School supply lists](#) are ready! Feel free to bring supplies with you on August 1st for Meet the Teacher.



Summer Meals are provided in our community for free for children of all ages. You can find meal locations through the USDA's [Sun Meals](#) and also the [Oasis Summer Feeding Program](#).



We are hiring for next year! If you or anyone you know are interested, check out [our website](#) for details about our open positions including K-3 Instructional Intervention Aide, Occupational Therapist, Special Education Teacher, and two MYP positions!



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

August 1: Meet the Teacher 1:00 - 3:00

August 4: First Day of School!

August 14: Back to School Night

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

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."



HEAD OF SCHOOL DARCI STELZNER



As I prepare to step away from my role as Head of School, I find myself filled with both gratitude and reflection. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve this remarkable community, and saying goodbye is not easy.

Over the past six years, I have witnessed the incredible spirit of our students, the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff, and the steadfast support of our families. Together, we have celebrated many triumphs and built a school culture rooted in compassion, curiosity, and excellence.

This school is far more than a place of learning—it is a place of belonging. I have always believed that the strength of a school lies not just in its curriculum or programs, but in the people who bring them to life. I leave knowing that Sage Middleton will continue to thrive in the capable hands of this extraordinary community.

Though I am moving on to a new chapter, Sage Middleton will always hold a special place in my heart. I will carry with me the memories, the lessons, and most importantly, the relationships formed here. I am deeply proud of all we have accomplished together, and I look forward to seeing how the school continues to grow and evolve in the years ahead.

Thank you for the privilege of walking this journey with you.

With deep appreciation and kindest regards,
Darci Stelzner
Head of School

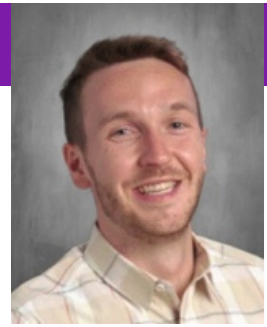
SUMMER LEARNING

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!

PYP (K-5TH) WITH AUSTIN AMBROSE



Hello Families,

Happy Summer! The end of a school year is always bitter-sweet. We enjoy the opportunity to take a break and miss the students while we are away. I hope that you all can take the time off to enjoy special time with family and enjoy the outdoors. Take a moment to sit quietly in nature, read a good book, or journal. Building in these routines and self care is a great way to spend summer and setting good habits for your children.

We had such a wonderful end of the year. Thank you to our PTO, teachers, and families for making our Kinder Graduation a wonderful event! It is always amazing to see how much our youngest students grow in a year and we are excited to watch them on their journey moving forward.



We also had our End-of-Year awards for our 1st-5th grade students, where we came together as a community to celebrate exemplary learning, as well as watch some performances from the grade levels. These events highlight the growth and excellence we strive for with our students, and I am proud of what they accomplished this year in their learning.

Of course we also round up the year with a little fun! Our 3rd-5th graders participated in a field day of activities. We appreciate the volunteers for making this an enjoyable last day for students. Our younger students participated in their own activities within their classrooms. I hope you can find some activities this summer that bring out the same joy!

This is my final time sharing out to this community after four years working at Sage Middleton. I am blessed to have been a part of the growth and development of this school. It is a different place than when I came four years ago, and I'm proud of the efforts from students, staff, families, and the broader community to make this a wonderful learning environment. I will miss this community, and hope to find ways to come and visit in my new role. Sage Middleton will always have a special place in my heart and I send my best wishes to everyone as they continue the journey of this school. I know that you will be in good hands with the new elementary director.

All the best,
Austin Ambrose

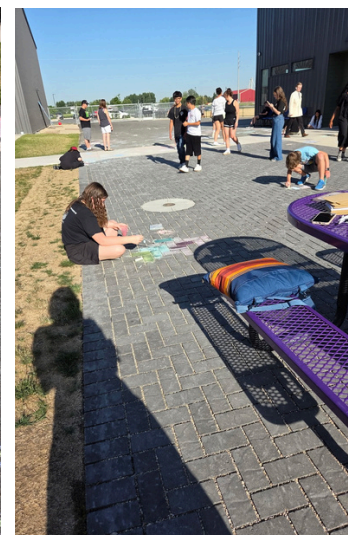
SECONDARY (6-II)

Our 8th graders enjoyed an awesome day at their end of year celebration at Cascade Raft and Kayak Ropes Challenge and Zip Lines. They spent the afternoon on this ropes challenge course alongside the North Fork of the Payette River just outside Horseshoe Bend.

We are so proud of all they accomplished in Middle School, and are excited for them to start high school in August!



The last week of the school year also brought a high school trip to Lake Lowell, bowling, our annual Medieval Tournament, yearbook signing, teacher vs. student dodgeball, chalk art, and an Intercultural Potluck! We were so happy to celebrate our students' hard work and build relationships with these adventures on and off campus.



Sage Summer Camp has started and everyone is already having a blast! We have many exciting activities and active field trips planned this Summer, and your Kinder-6th grade student is still welcome to join us! Registration is available on our website [here](#). Schedules are flexible; you pick and choose when your child attends!



General School Year 2025/26 Registration begins June 30th on our [website](#). School Year ESage welcomes students entering Kinder-6th grade in the Fall, and just like Sage Summer Camp, we aim for field trips and enriching activities every week!

FROM NURSE LORINDA

Hello wonderful Sage Middleton families,

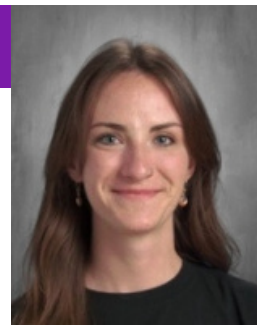
It is with joy and sadness to say that I am retiring from 40 Years of nursing after this school year. I have felt very honored and privileged to be a part of your children's lives over the past 4 years. I will greatly miss seeing them everyday or every week and watching them grow from year to year. I just want to thank you for letting me care for them and be a part of their lives. They have touched my heart in a huge way. Some of them will always be a part of me.

You may still see me around campus in August as I help train our wonderful new nurse we have hired. Your students will continue to be in great hands!

Thank you again,
Lorinda Blew, RN. BS



EXPEDITIONS



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](#)

