



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2, 2026



Re-enrollment for current Sage students begins this week! You will receive an email from Skyward by Wednesday with the link and instructions. You will have until February 17th to re-enroll your Sage student(s) in order to secure their spot for the 2026-2027 school year. If **your student has a sibling** that you would like to enroll, please do so when you re-enroll your Sage student, and they will receive sibling preference!



Thank you to all our families for their support toward [Mind the Gap](#) so far this year. We have raised \$8,650 and are on our way to reaching our goal of \$25,000 this year. This amounts to just **about \$50 per student**. We really need your help, we are through about 60% of our school year, but only at 35% of our goal. Every donation of any size shows that you support the hard work our students and teachers do at Sage every day! We hope you will consider supporting Sage!



Our annual **Family Engagement Survey opens on February 11**, and you will receive an email from us with information for completing the survey. Sage parents and guardians are invited to participate in our annual Sage Family Survey to share your experience at Sage. We value your voice! Your responses help guide real decisions and strengthen our school community.



Class and Spring Pictures will be on Tuesday, March 24. Mark your calendars, ordering information will come soon!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 3: Re-enrollment for 26-27 School Year

February 7: PTO Flapjack Festival

February 16-20: Winter Break - No School

April 6-10: Spring Break - No school

The [2026-27 Academic Calendar](#) is posted!

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMILY DOWNEY



As we begin a new semester, January offers a natural moment to pause, reflect, and reset. It is a time when routines take shape again, intentions feel fresh, and we have a meaningful opportunity to recommit to the habits that best support our children's learning and well-being.

One of the most impactful of those habits is *regular school attendance*.

Within the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework, learning is intentional, connected, and built over time. Each school day plays an important role in helping students develop not only academic knowledge, but also the skills and dispositions of the IB Learner Profile, such as being knowledgeable, reflective, communicative, and principled.

Consistent attendance is closely linked to *positive academic outcomes*. When students are present each day, they are better able to engage with lessons as they unfold, apply feedback, and make steady progress. This is especially critical in the early and elementary years, when students are building foundational reading skills. Reading instruction is cumulative by nature. Each lesson builds on the last and regular attendance helps ensure students develop the decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills that support learning across all subject areas.

When students attend school consistently, they experience *greater continuity in their learning*, stronger confidence in classroom routines, and deeper connections with both peers and teachers. Daily presence allows students to fully participate in inquiry, collaborate meaningfully with others, and develop the independence, responsibility, and self-management skills that are central to the IB approach, experiences that are difficult to replicate when learning is interrupted.

Attendance also plays an important role in *positive student well-being and mental health*. Being part of a consistent routine, engaging daily with trusted adults, and feeling connected to a learning community all contribute to a child's sense of belonging, purpose, and emotional security. Regular attendance helps children feel grounded and supported, while frequent absences can sometimes make it harder for students to feel confident, connected, or caught up, adding unnecessary stress or anxiety over time.

We also want to acknowledge and celebrate the value of family time. Our school calendar is intentionally designed with several long breaks throughout the year. These breaks are built in to provide families with meaningful opportunities to travel, recharge, and disconnect from the routines of daily life. In light of this, we ask families to intentionally use these scheduled breaks for extended trips and time away, rather than pulling students out during planned school days. We have a limited number of instructional days each year, and each one is thoughtfully designed to support learning, connection, and growth. To fully deliver on the promise of the Sage experience, we truly need to use every school day to its fullest capacity.

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When families and school work in true partnership, students thrive. We ask families to make regular attendance a priority so students can fully experience the richness of the Sage program and develop habits that support them now and in the future.

I want to close with a personal note of gratitude. Leading this school allows me to see, every day, the trust you place in us and the care you show for your children. This trust is shared and honored by every adult on our campus. As we look ahead to the remainder of the semester, I am deeply grateful for our partnership and excited about the growth, connection, and joy that are possible when our students are here each day, learning and growing together. Thank you for allowing us to walk alongside your family and to support your child during such an important chapter of their life.

With warmth and gratitude,

Emily Downey

WELCOME NURSE JAZZY

We are so excited to welcome our new school nurse! Our wonderful front desk receptionist and neighbor, Jessica, said it best this week: *"I am witnessing firsthand how wonderful she is! Her expertise, kindness, and calm demeanor are so apparent, and I'm happy she is a part of our team!"* Here is a short note from Jazzy to introduce herself to our Sage Family:

My name is Jashelle, but I go by Jazzy. I graduated from nursing school in 2011. I worked on a Medical and Surgical floor for a couple of years, then moved into Labor & Delivery/Postpartum, where I spent 12 years of my nursing career. I am so happy to be at Sage Middleton, and a most excited about working with kids in my role as a school nurse here at Sage Middleton. I have 2 kids of my own, and I have always loved to work with our pediatric population. I am excited to be here and hope to bring excellent care to the student population of Sage Middleton.



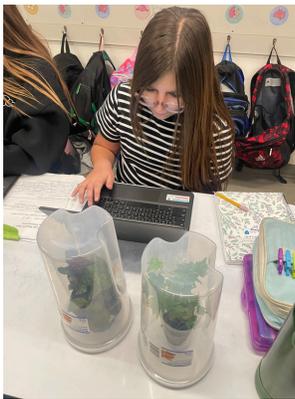
Thanks,
Jashelle (Jazzy) Anderson

PYP (K-5TH) WITH JACQUE BETTENCOURT



Hello PYP Families,

I love getting to share a little snapshot of what we're learning here in the PYP. Today I wanted to share about our current fifth grade unit of inquiry. The central idea they are inquiring into is: The world is full of interacting systems that depend on each other to form a working whole. Each of the students was able to choose their own question and do an experiment to help them gain understanding.

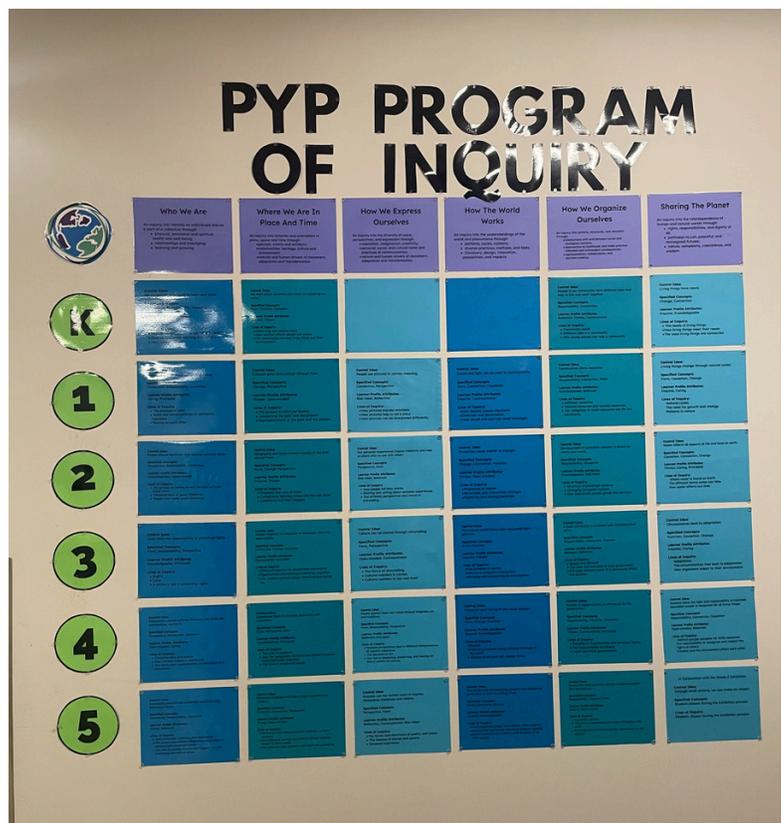


At the left you see a picture of one student measuring condensation from two different plants.



To the right, another student measured if the amount of baking soda would affect the amount of gas collected in the balloon.

What makes learning at Sage truly special is the way our students own their learning, guided by the IB framework and fueled by their curiosity and creativity. To the right is a picture of our Programme of Inquiry wall. This is located right as you enter the PYP building, and we can also provide a hard copy if you are curious to read it more closely. These units are unique to Sage Middleton and were created by our amazing teachers. We use state standards as well as the IB framework to create a comprehensive curriculum for our students. This is why Sage is unique in what we provide our students and is such a wonderful place to be!





Secondary Families,

As we launch a new semester full of fresh opportunities, we want to extend our sincere thanks for your flexibility and support as students adjust to schedule shifts and settle into their learning. Our staff is working closely with students to ensure a smooth transition and continued academic success.

Semester 1 Transcripts are posted for all grades in Skyward Family/Student Access under the Report Cards/Portfolio tab. To access Skyward, please click [HERE](#) and log in. If you don't know your password, click "Forgot your Login/Password". If you have difficulty accessing Skyward, please email our Registrar at arin.jeffs@sageintl.org. If you have any questions regarding your student's grade or classes, please contact their teacher directly.

I'd like to give a big shoutout to our boys' basketball team as they continue their season. We are proud of their hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and we appreciate the many families who support our student-athletes throughout the season. We'd love to have you join us to cheer them on at one of their final two home games!



Wednesday, February 11 @ 4:15 vs. Falcon Ridge Middle School
Thursday, February 12 @ 4:15 vs. Horseshoe Bend

A special thank you to our teachers, who continue to do incredible work engaging students in meaningful IB learning experiences each day. Through thoughtful instruction and intentional reflection, they are helping students exemplify the IB Learner Profile, encouraging them to be inquisitive, principled, reflective, and caring members of our community. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to high-quality teaching and learning.



Thank you as well to everyone who participated in our recent coat drive. Thanks to your generosity, our Student Council collected almost 50 coats, which are being donated to local families in need. This effort reflects the kindness and leadership of our students and the strength of our school community coming together to support others.

It has been wonderful to see students engaged in learning, building positive relationships, and contributing to a strong and respectful school culture. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting attendance, engagement, and positive behavior each day.

ENRICHMENT

ESage has been having fun after school and on Fridays! Some great field trips include pottery making and glazing at Catalyst Art Collective, swimming at the YMCA, bowling, a craft class at the Eagle Library, and visiting Celebration Park and other local parks! ***We plan to be open for Winter Break, Feb. 17-20!*** Students in grades K-6 are welcome to attend 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! We would love to have your child join in on the fun. [Click here to enroll](#) and email esage_middleton@sageintl.org with any questions.



[Skyhawks after school for Grades 2nd - 8th - Link to sign up online](#)

Flag Football for Grades 2nd-4th on Mondays, February 23 - March 30

Flag Football for Grades 5th-7th on Tuesdays, February 24 - March 31

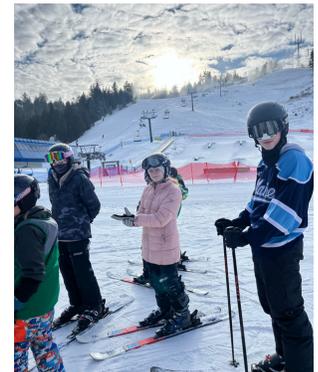
Soccer for Grades 3rd-5th on Mondays, April 13 - May 18

Soccer for Grades 6th-8th Tuesdays, April 14 - May 19

Spring Break Multi Sport Camp for ages 7-12 includes soccer, Flag Football, and Basketball. Monday-Thursday, April 6 - 9th from 9:00-12:00.

EXPEDITIONS

We've had a great time this month going up to our local non-profit mountain with nearly 100 students from both Sage campuses to enjoy the Bogus Basin Lifesports program! These lucky students got to spend 2 to 3 Fridays learning and building their ski and snowboarding skills! This is an opportunity that is offered every year for both campuses and we look forward to getting to put these on again next winter!



We've got some great opportunities coming up for both campuses to enjoy the little snow we have! Check out our catalog linked here to see everything we have coming up and to find the sign up links for open lotteries!

We have spots available on our [Salmon River White Water Kayaking Clinic](#) for this June! This is a beginner course perfect for enthusiastic first-time kayakers set on the gorgeous Salmon River and supported by the professionals at Salmon River Adventure Company. Email Megan Furios to inquire about signing your student up for one of these last remaining spots!

Our [Winter Yurt Camping](#) expedition has an open lottery too! Check out the information on this awesome winter camping experience at Lake Cascade State Park and sign your student up for this lottery before it closes!

JANUARY

Sage Middleton PTO

Newsletter

Skate Night

We are so grateful for the amazing turnout at our recent PTO Skate night! it was incredible to see so many families come out to skate, laugh, and spend time together while supporting our school!



Family Flapjacks Festival

Don't miss our next PTO event on February 7, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Bring the whole family and come hungry for a fun morning together! We'll be serving delicious breakfast plates, hosting local vendors, and welcoming a beverage truck for everyone to enjoy.

Short Stack-\$5 Tall Stack- \$7

Stay Connected

Dont miss a thing! Follow us on social media @SageInternationalmiddletonPTO for fun updates, events, and ways to get involved. We're always looking for volunteers to help make our events possible. Join the fun and make a difference in our school comminuty

Next PTO meeting

February 3rd
7:00PM

