



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

MARCH 11, 2026



Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 24th. All students will take part in Class Photos, and individuals can be pre-ordered as well. Only students with an order placed by 9:00 am on March 23rd will be photographed individually. Orders must be placed online, and you can do so at mydorian.com.



Secondary Yearbooks are available to purchase through Jostens until May 8. If you'd like a copy for your student, orders can be placed online using the ordering form at [this link](#). Yearbooks must be purchased in advance, so please be sure to do so before the deadline.



Re-enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is complete, thank you to those who submitted it by the deadline! If your plans to return to Sage in the fall change at any time, please reach out ASAP to our registrar at arin.jeffs@sageintl.org. Our lottery is tomorrow, and it is critical to know how many seats we have available between now and August.



Today is the last day to take the [Sage Family Survey](#). This annual survey takes approximately 5–10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. You'll be asked to share your perspectives on student learning, school culture, and your family's experience at Sage. Its results provide Sage with valuable feedback regarding satisfaction, communication, and engagement.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 19: Career Day

March 24: Spring Picture Day

April 6-10: Spring Break - No school

April 20-24: Book Fair

[2026-27 Academic Calendar](#)



Why Sage? I'd Love to Hear From You [HERE](#).

It's lottery season at Sage International School, a season that always fills me with hope. It's the time of year when new families begin asking an important question: *Where will my child be understood?* Where will they grow? Where will they belong? We are thrilled to offer open seats to families who resonate with what we offer as an IB World School, a place where students are safe, supported, challenged, and inspired.

"Why Sage?" It's a question we hear often right now, and one we love to answer. But while we can share what makes Sage exceptional, the most meaningful answers come from you. Our families. Our community.

So, why Sage?

We are proud to be an IB World School, grounded in the International Baccalaureate framework and committed to growing lifelong learners and critical thinkers. Our students build real-world skills, global awareness, and a genuine love of learning. The work is challenging, and our teachers walk alongside students every step of the way, guiding, encouraging, and stretching them to meet high expectations.

But Sage is more than a programme. It is more than academics. It is a community. There are so many reasons families choose and love Sage. It is a place where children are valued for who they are. Where belonging is intentional. Where small school relationships nurture big ideas. Where caring, expert teachers wrap around students and families alike.

Every family has a "Why Sage."

My own "Why Sage" is both professional and deeply personal. As a school leader and as a parent whose own children attended Sage, I have experienced firsthand what makes this place special. I believe deeply in our staff and in the opportunities they create for our students. At Sage, children are not only prepared for the future, but they are also deeply supported, personally connected, and challenged to reach their potential.

Now I would truly love to hear from you. What is your "Why Sage"?

Is it the IB framework? The teacher who made your child feel understood? The friendships? The belonging? The growth you have seen in their confidence?

Your voice matters. I would love to share parent stories in an upcoming newsletter or on social media, because your experiences speak louder than anything we could express.

We'd love for you to share your "Why Sage" with us [HERE](#).

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And as we welcome new families through the lottery, we also invite you to share Sage with friends, neighbors, and colleagues who might be a great fit. Word of mouth is powerful. Wouldn't it be wonderful to help fill your child's classroom with families you already know and love?

Thank you for being part of what makes Sage so special. Lottery season is about more than filling seats. It is about opening our doors wider and inviting new families into a community we cherish, so we can continue growing something truly meaningful together.

With warmth & gratitude,

Emily Downey

CAREER DAY

Join us for Career Day March 19th! We are looking for more volunteers for this annual school-wide event organized by our school counselor, Joy, to help all students explore future career possibilities. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please email joy.kaplanrood@sageintl.org. Throughout the day, students will hear from guest speakers from our community, learn about various careers, and explore post-secondary opportunities from local colleges and career technical programs.

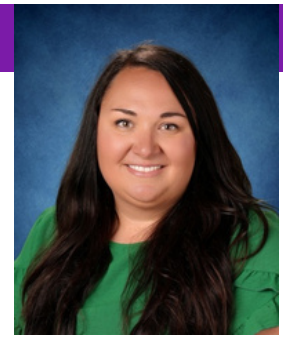
At 10:00 am, the entire school will gather for a special helicopter landing, courtesy of the United States National Guard and Gowen Field (weather permitting). Fingers crossed Mother Nature cooperates so our students can experience this exciting opportunity!

PYP students will welcome professional parent guest speakers in their classrooms to share about their careers and interests. Presenters include parents who are professionals such as doctors, graphic designers, plumbers, and police officers, all doing amazing work in their fields! At 10:30am, PYP students will also enjoy an outdoor Career Day Parade featuring special guests such as Middleton Fire and Police Departments, the Idaho Power Bucket Trucks, and Miss Rodeo Idaho!

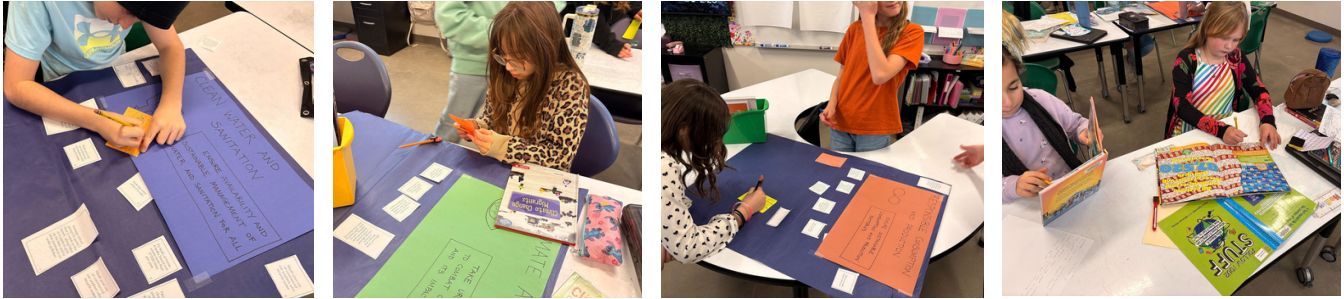
Middle School students will participate in a classroom version of Reality Town in small groups and take part in career-related activities led by Mr. Schwartz, helping them explore real-life career and financial decision-making.

High School students will have the opportunity to meet with colleges and career technical programs and attend presentations from guest speakers to learn more about career pathways and post-secondary opportunities.

This event is a team effort that is not possible without all our wonderful volunteers!



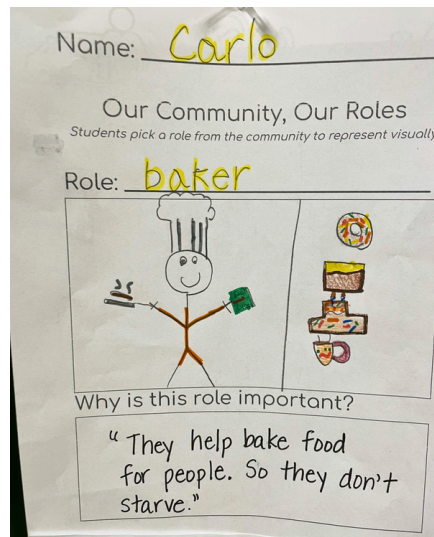
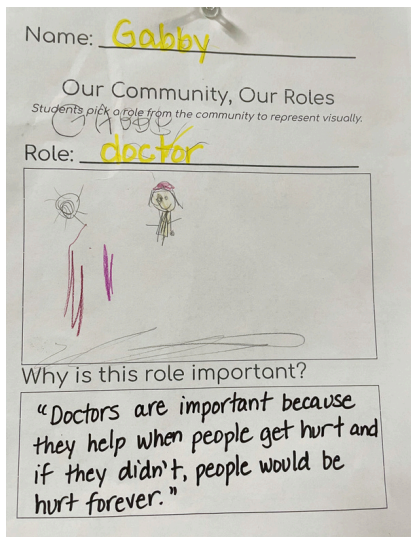
Our fifth graders are fully immersed in their Exhibition work! **PYP Exhibition** is a chance for students in their final year of PYP to follow their curiosity, work together, and dive into real-world issues that truly matter to them. Each group has selected a topic and has a mentor from our Sage community.



Over the past few weeks, classrooms have been buzzing with thoughtful conversations, creative ideas, and plenty of “aha!” moments. Through research, reflection, and action, our students are bringing together all the skills and understandings they’ve built throughout their PYP journey. I have loved getting to be part of this process as a mentor of one of the groups, and as the observer as they work in their classrooms!

We are especially grateful to our classroom teachers, Anna and Sarah, and our PYP Coordinator, Nora, for the thoughtful and intentional way they have prepared our students for this experience. Their earlier units of inquiry were carefully crafted to build essential skills, deepen understanding, and empower students with the confidence to design and lead their own investigations.

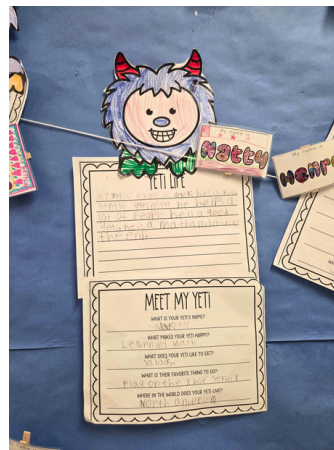
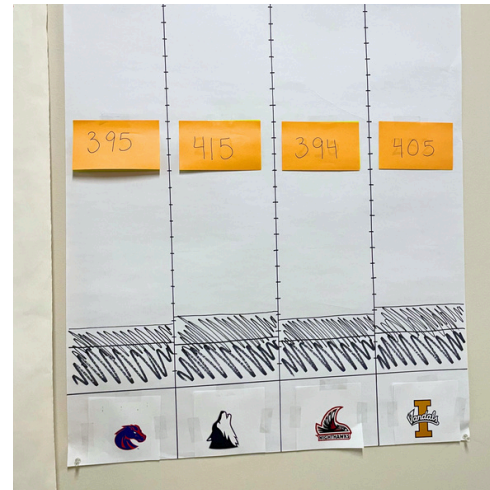
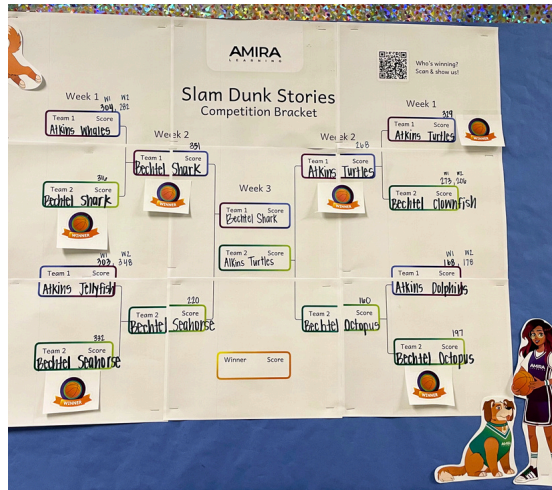
The Exhibition truly reflects what makes our school special – a community that comes together to support and celebrate our learners. This is a moment to recognize how far they’ve come and how ready they are to make a positive difference in the world, and we invite our community to learn from our fifth graders and experience the wonderful work they have put into their exhibition projects! **All are welcome to join us on March 31, 2026 from 5:15 - 6:15 in the gym.**



Kindergarten students recently finished up their unit about community members and their roles, which ties in well with our upcoming Career Day! Here are a couple of student drawings representing what they learned.

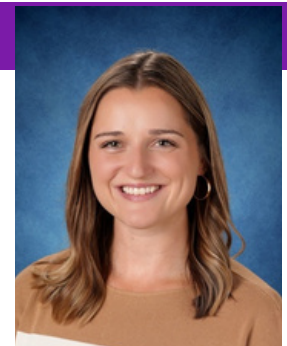
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We have been challenging PYP students to increase their reading participation minutes with Amira! We have seen so much growth in our data because of this contest!



We love seeing student work lining our hallways! Second graders created their own unique yetis, complete with details about their lives and things they like.

SECONDARY WITH SARAH JENSEN



Hello Secondary Families!

As we move into March, I want to take a moment to celebrate the strong momentum we're seeing across our campus. Classrooms are filled with thoughtful discussions, meaningful inquiry, and students who are truly engaging in their learning. It's been exciting to see our IB approaches to learning in action. Students are collaborating, thinking critically, and taking ownership of their growth.

Middle school recently celebrated first semester accomplishments with an assembly! Students were recognized for honor roll and displaying the IB Learner Profile.

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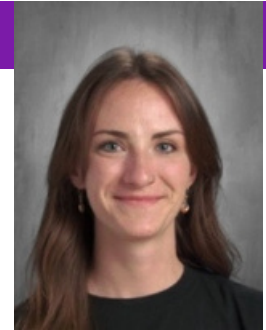
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DP Information Night

All 10th-grade students and their families are invited and encouraged to attend our Diploma Program (DP) Information Night on **Wednesday, March 18, at 5:30 PM** in the high school building. This session will provide an overview of the structure, expectations, and benefits of the two-year program. We look forward to partnering with families as students prepare for this important next step in their academic journey.

EXPEDITIONS

We are preparing to wrap up our winter activities with 1 more snowy expeditions planned for our Sage Middleton students in March and looking forward to warmer and sunnier days after that! We currently have TWO opportunities with open spots for Sage Middleton students:



- The [Salmon River White Water Kayaking clinic](#) has 2 spots remaining open! Snag one by emailing megan.furois@sageintl.org directly!
- The April [Rock climbing camp in City of Rocks](#) has an open lottery until March 16 at 8:00 am!

For other opportunities offered by our outdoor education program, take a look at our [Expeditions Catalog!](#)

ESAGE

ESage has been having fun after school and Fridays this school year! Some of our recent field trips have included the Boise Art Museum, Roystone Hot Springs, Foothills Learning Center and enjoying many different local parks! We would love to have your child join in on the fun! [Click here to enroll.](#)

We still have space available to enroll Mon-Fri and, pending enrollment, **we will be open for Spring Break, April 6-10!** 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!***

Sage Summer Camp registration is now open! Sign your student up now and get priority registration for Sage students through the end of March. From April 1 on, ALL students in K-6th grade, not just Sage students, are welcome to enroll for a fun Summer full of action and adventure! Please email esage_middleton@sageintl.org with any questions.

ENRICHMENT

Skyhawks after school for Grades 2nd - 8th

[Link to sign up online](#)

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.

PTO

Upcoming Events:

Fun Run - The Sage Middleton Fun Run kicks off soon! We're attempting to raise \$20,000 for shade structures, and we need your help! You can register online at MyBooster.com!

Kickoff March 23 - Students will learn all about this year's Fun Run in class and how they can participate to support their school.

Fun Run Event April 2 - Let the fun begin!



Garbonzos Pizza Fundraiser – March 24

Take a night off from cooking and support our school! Join us for a PTO fundraiser at Garbonzos Pizza at 206 E Main St. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to our school PTO, helping fund events for our students. Bring your family and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting a great cause!

PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting will be on **March 31 at 7:00 PM** in the school gym. As the school year begins to wind down, we will also be starting the process of voting for next year's PTO board members.

Several board positions will be open for the upcoming school year. If you're looking for a great way to get more involved in the school, connect with other parents, and help build a strong community for our kids, serving on the PTO board could be a perfect fit. We would love to see new faces and welcome anyone interested in learning more!

Thank You

Thank you to our families for supporting the PTO. Your involvement helps make our school community stronger for every student.