



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

MAY 26, 2026



All Lost & Found items will be donated at the end of the day on May 29th. Please visit our school entrances and take some time to look through and claim any items your students may be missing!



The Sage Community raised **\$16,085** by 52 generous donors during **Idaho Gives** this year for our annual fundraising campaign, Mind the Gap! Thank you so much to our caring families for supporting our students and staff. As a public charter school, we rely on these generous gifts from our community. Our goal this year is \$125,000, and so far we have raised \$88,080. There is still time to support Sage and we need your help. Visit our [website](#) here!



We are busy planning for the 2026–2027 school year. While we hope your students will be joining us in the fall, if your plans have changed and your student will not be attending Sage, please complete the [withdrawal form](#). Completing this form early helps ensure a smooth transition to your student's next school, should your plans have changed. If you are returning, no action is needed, and we look forward to seeing you next year!



Idaho's Summer Meal Program provides healthy meals all summer long. Many meal sites also offer games and reading activities to build healthy bodies and minds. All kids and teens ages 1-18 years old are welcome. Find locations at [Boise Schools](#) and [West Ada Schools](#).



We are hiring for next year! If you or anyone you know is interested, check out our [Careers website](#) for details about our open positions.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

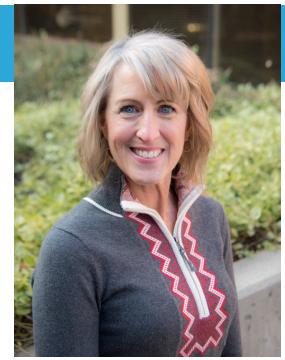
May 27: Class of 2026 Graduation @ Egyptian Theater

May 28: Last Day of School!

August 6: Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop-off

August 7: First Day of School

[2026-27 Academic Calendar](#)



The final weeks of this school year have beautifully captured the heart of what makes Sage so special. Our campuses have been filled with energy, celebration, reflection, and meaningful accomplishment as students across every grade level embraced culminating projects, outdoor adventures, milestone celebrations, and unforgettable learning experiences.

Our Elementary Exhibition students showcased the curiosity, collaboration, and action that define the Primary Years Programme (PYP), demonstrating that even our youngest learners are capable of engaging thoughtfully with real-world issues and creating meaningful change.

Our 10th graders completed their Personal Projects, a major milestone in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) that challenges students to pursue passions, solve problems, and discover greater confidence in their own voice, identity, and abilities.

Our Diploma Programme (DP) students shared powerful art exhibits and culminating projects that reflected creativity, critical thinking, vulnerability, and personal voice, and our Career-related Programme (CP) students celebrated final projects and experiences within each of their career pathways, including an unforgettable Hells Canyon backpacking expedition for students in our Outdoor Education track.

Together, these culminating IB experiences represent so much more than academic achievement. They help students develop resilience, leadership, independence, and a deeper sense of purpose as they prepare to contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

We also celebrated a truly historic moment: the very first graduating class at our Sage Middleton campus. Watching our students walk across the stage was emotional, joyful, and incredibly meaningful for all of us who have helped build this community together. This week, we look forward to celebrating our Sage Boise graduates as they prepare to begin their next chapter equipped not only with knowledge but with the perspective, compassion, and courage that an IB education fosters.

Beyond these major milestones, our students continued learning through meaningful field experiences and outdoor adventures. From trail work and rock climbing to our 5th-grade camping trip, students experienced the joy of outdoor exploration while learning how to recreate responsibly and respectfully in nature. Our middle school students' learning experience connected to the Minidoka Internment Camp similarly challenged students to deepen their empathy, historical understanding, and global awareness through authentic experiences. These opportunities reflect something we deeply believe at Sage: some of the most important learning in a child's life happens when they are immersed in experiences that challenge them, connect them to others, and help them better understand both the world and themselves.

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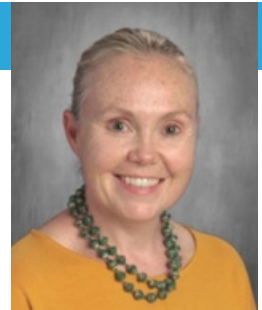
An IB education develops students who are prepared not only for college and careers, but for life. In a world that increasingly demands adaptability, creativity, empathy, and global understanding, the IB approach gives students the tools to thrive. It teaches them how to learn, how to lead, and how to navigate complexity with integrity and confidence.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for choosing a school experience that values curiosity, compassion, challenge, and connection. Together, we have built a learning community where students are known, supported, inspired, and empowered to become thoughtful citizens of the world.

We are all so proud of everything our students have accomplished this year and feel inspired by the incredible opportunities, growth, and discoveries that await them as they continue their journey at Sage year after year.

The future is bright for our students at Sage.

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME WITH KATE HUNTER



I'd like to share some highlights from each grade level in the PYP, celebrating an incredible school year! More information for families regarding any end-of-year details will come via Toddle. Thank you to our incredible staff, families, and other stakeholders for a fantastic year!



Our 5th graders (above) took an overnight adventure at the end of April, heading out to Garden Valley for Sage Boise's first annual 5th Grade Campout! Students and staff alike engaged in community building, reflection, planning, and working to bridge the gap between elementary school (PYP) and middle school (MYP).

PYP continued...

4th graders (right) also took part in a full-day outdoor Sage Expedition at Celebration Park. Students and staff engaged in the park's "Stories in Stone" program, which immerses students in a place-based archaeological experience with the rich cultural and natural history of southwest Idaho.



Our third-grade cohort took a field trip recently to the MK Nature Center (left), where they did everything from attempting to build a dam like a beaver would to learning about how local animals adapt to survive and thrive in their environment.

Second graders (right) recently wrapped up their "How We Express Ourselves" unit of inquiry, which focuses on the key concepts of perspective and form. Through this unit, students investigated how people use creativity to express themselves.



First graders (left) are currently engaged in their "How the World Works" unit, which explores the idea that "patterns in nature help us understand change". Students have

learned all about life cycles, and they have seen that cycle at work first-hand by hosting chicks in their classrooms.

Not to be outdone, our kindergarten cohort is at the tail end of their *ABC Countdown*. Featured at right is a picture celebrating "N for Nature". Students took part in a nature walk, which not only allowed for sunshine and community building, but also scientific study and data tracking!

Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in August!



MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH ZACH PARKER



All,

It's the last week of the school year, and we are looking forward to ending it on a great note. Thank you for all your support this year.

We look forward to fun field trips for all middle school students on Tuesday, May 26th. 6th graders are headed to Urban Air, 7th graders to the BSU Student Union Building for bowling and other games, and the 8th graders are off to Wahooz. We know it's going to be a blast for all and a fun reward for all their hard work this year.

Earlier in May, our 7th graders visited Minidoka for an annual field trip, exploring the Japanese Internment Camps that were established during World War II. This camp once housed over 13,000 Japanese Americans, and students were able to explore the history, resilience, and legacy of those incarcerated through exhibits and personal stories.



- It's time for our annual last day of school Parent-Run Breakfast. Similar to the Gratitude Day Thanksgiving Feast, this is a fun community-building event where parents donate breakfast and serve our students to celebrate a great year. But it's not possible without generous volunteers! If you are able to help, you can find the sign-up link [HERE](#) to either donate items or volunteer your time. Thank you for your support, as always.
- Be on the lookout for your student's end-of-year MAP testing scores coming home this week. These scores are one helpful tool that provides us with a picture of student growth and where we should start in the fall.
- Yearbooks will be passed out this week, and students will be given time to sign them. We have a few extra yearbooks for families who did not order in time. Please reach out to zach.parker@sageintl.org if you would like to purchase one.

Finally, I genuinely thank you for trusting in our staff and school enough to let us be a part of your students' lives. I'm so proud of the ways our students have grown this year, as learners, friends, leaders, and members of our community. There truly is a special strength in this Sage community.

HIGH SCHOOL WITH BRANDY BURKETT



Hello Sage Families,

I can't believe there is only one more week of the school year! Spring has felt like such a whirlwind, and we have had so many amazing things to celebrate here at school. Before I dive into all the amazing things that I have to share, I want to thank you all for being such engaged and wonderful families. It is truly my honor to serve you and your children.

Our IB Attribute of the Month is: **Reflective**. As reflective people, we thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experiences. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.



In our MYP, we would like to celebrate 9th grader **Landon Thayer** for his reflectiveness. Mrs. V shared the following about Landon, *"Landon is a quiet and thoughtful student who consistently shows the IB Learner Profile attribute of being reflective. He takes time to truly think about questions and his learning, accepts feedback positively, and is always looking for ways to improve. Landon is very self-aware, honest about challenges, and brings a calm and respectful presence to the classroom every day."* Landon, congratulations on being selected!

Our DP Reflective student is **Lillian Clark**! Lillian is wrapping up her first year in the Diploma Program and was nominated by Mr. Fraley, who had this to share: *"Lilly is ALWAYS engaged in French class. She automatically answers in French and asks excellent questions that provide the class with the information needed to better understand what we are covering. Her curiosity and desire to learn are enhanced by her ability to ask that one question that everyone needs to ask."* Lillian, thank you for all you add to our community!



Finally, we are excited to celebrate our IB Teacher of the Month, **Karelia Dubkowski**! Ms. D has been at Sage for over 10 years and teaches all four grade levels of Visual Arts. DP junior Alyson Welch shared, *"Ms. D has created a wonderful environment for all art students, encourages creativity, and is willing to be flexible in her plans. She helps keep us organized and on track. She is a fantastic teacher."* Liam Sweeny, CP junior added, *"Ms. D consistently has students reflect on their work and how they can improve. With formal art critique and even just brainstorming, Ms. D. always helps me understand new perspectives and ways to approach an art piece. She is also very good at helping me grow as an artist, and reflect on my weaknesses so I can work to better myself."* Thank you, Karelia, for all your hard work.



Thank you to every student and teacher who nominated someone for IB awards this year, and congratulations to everyone who received an award this year!

High School continued...

Before I sign off for the summer, I want to highlight several amazing things that have happened at school this month.

Tenth grader Molly Steenhoven is passionate about civic engagement. As a result, she brought Babe Vote to Sage this election season. Babe Vote is a nonprofit, pro-democracy organization that advocates for young people's civic engagement. Sage's Babe Vote chapter recently held voter registration week and registered over 15 age-eligible students. In other meetings, they have explored democracy through art, learned about current policies, and more! I want to thank Molly and her peers for their work in this space.



Eleventh-grade CP students Rosie Harris and Lilly Pajak have worked with the local nonprofit Go Team Therapy Dogs. They recently partnered with the organization to bring the dogs to Sage to assist with general and test anxiety. The CP requires students to engage in a community-focused project, and this is an example of how our students partner with our community to spread awareness and make an impact.



Personal Project Exhibition: Our 10th graders had a chance to showcase their Personal Projects this week, and they truly outdid themselves. Mrs. Morgan led all 10th graders throughout this school year in this MYP capstone project and she did an incredible job!



We saw a wide range of topics and ideas at the exhibition. I want to send a big thank you to Mrs. Morgan for her leadership, and to all the families who were able to attend!

We look forward to sending off the Class of 2026 in Pomp and Circumstance on Wednesday, May 27th. A huge congratulations to our graduates and their families. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Thank you again for an amazing year. Sage is truly the most special community, and I am honored to be a part of it. Have A Great Summer (HAGS!) -Burkett



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer ESage: Enroll your rising K-6th grade student for an exciting summer full of fun and adventure. Kids stay active and engaged with daily activities like swimming at local pools, hiking the foothills, and exploring Treasure Valley parks. ***We currently have limited availability for 2nd-6th grade, with a waitlist for kindergarten & 1st grade.***



Middle School Adventure ESage Camps are for students entering grades 6-8 for the 2026/27 school year. Each camp lasts 2 weeks (June 8-11 & July 13-16) and meets 2 days per week. Students can sign up for the Cultural Track on Mon/Wed, the Outdoor Track on Tues/Thur, or both. The Mon/Wed group will focus on art, science, and cultural enrichment through hands-on experiences and local exploration. The Tues/Thur group will focus on outdoor exploration and physical adventure around Boise.

The cost is only \$110/week for one track (2 days/week) or \$185/week for both (4 days/week). Discounts are available for siblings of Summer ESage students or families with multiple students attending camp together. Sign your middle school student up for a week or two of fun, adventure, and exploration!

Enroll in both programs on our [website](#), or email esage@sageintl.org with any questions. Enrolling in ESage for summer or camps gives you priority for fall registration!

PTO

Thank you to all our Sage families for a wonderful year filled with community and connection! The Sage team would also like to give a huge shout-out to our PTO members, who have dedicated so much time and energy to leading and organizing fantastic opportunities for our students and families. We are especially grateful to PTO President Megan Brausen for her leadership and commitment throughout the year.

Please check out their [May PTO Newsletter](#) for all the latest information, and here are some upcoming events to look forward to:

May 28th 3:30 - 5:30 - End of the Year Bash at Smoky Mountain Pizza! The PTO will provide popsicles for everyone; families are responsible for their own food purchases. As always, families must attend with their students.

Summer First Friday Playdate on June 5th at 1:30 pm at the Boise WaterShed Environmental Education Center, 6411 N. Ansell Ave. Free to attend!

School Supply Fundraiser - These prepackaged K-8 school supply kits help families get ready for school while also supporting the PTO. Each kit includes the teacher-requested supplies for a student's grade level, making back-to-school shopping convenient. [Order here](#) by July 17th to ensure your supply kit will be available at Meet the Teacher on August 6th.