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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Even though I am out of country recruiting, I want to let all of you in the community know how proud I am of all that is going on at ISU in my absence. I thank the administrators and teachers for continuing to do a nice job with the students while I am away.

Of note are congratulations to the grade 4 Class working on the support for the Zud victims, the ACAMIS basketball teams, the Qatar MUN group of students, and so on. We do wonderful things at our school, and it is a pleasure to work here!

Just as a reminder toward safety, please ask your drivers to park their cars in our parking lot before letting the children out. It can be dangerous to the students, the cars behind and the back-up of traffic that is caused unnecessarily.

I also wanted to thank our MYP Coordinator, Mr. Dave Chilton for leading an MYP Report Card information evening. We had hoped that more parents would have taken advantage of this offer, but those that came found it to be valuable.

My best,

Greg Rayl, Director

DIARY DATES:

February 12	Whole School Tsagaan Sar Assembly-8:30 am
February 15, 16	Tsagaan Sar Holiday-No School
February 18	Secondary Parent Teacher Conference
February 23	PTG meeting-7:00 pm
March 5	Primary Movie Afternoon
March 18	Primary Production

SECONDARY NEWS

Please offer your congratulations to both of our basketball teams, boys and girls, for winning the 2nd place in our division of ACAMIS last weekend! The girls also were awarded the Sportsmanship Award, which makes all of us proud. It is important for young adults to realize that there is more to any event than winning it, and their performance was certainly deserving the vote.

Thank you to Mr. Dave Chilton, our MYP Coordinator, for running an MYP Report Card information night. We had translators for both Korean and Mongolian, and the parents who chose to join in learned a lot.

The teachers have all been working hard of gathering data and writing up the reports for all of our students, grade 6 – 12. I hope that you will all read and discuss your report card with your own child. It is important for you to understand what they are learning here at ISU, and for them to know that you are involved in their education. Students learn best with the team of Teacher - Parent - Child working together. All of our teachers can be reached via email, and all addresses can be found in our website. Please do address any questions or concerns you have directly to the teachers or myself.

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THE MEDEE

The Weekly Newsletter of the International School of Ulaanbaatar

We are happy to work with you to make the best learning environment possible. If you prefer an appointment, please call Khaliunna / Annie, our receptionist, and she can gladly arrange one for you. Enjoy the weekend and remember that next week we have the Tsagaan Sar assembly on Friday, and we would be glad to see you all here.

Please be sure to ask your child for their report card today, and to sign the sheet acknowledging that you have read it, and send it back to their homeroom teacher. Thank you!

Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary

MUN

On Wednesday, five students returned to ISU from Qatar, a small nation in the Middle East, where were participating in the annual Model United Nations conference. This is the second year that a group of students from ISU has attended the conference, which is held in the Doha Marriott hotel. While there, the students were also invited to tour the Museum of Islamic Art, visit the Georgetown campus in Education City, and do lots of shopping!

This year, three of our students were representing Jordan, and two students worked with the press committee representing CNN and BBC. It was a lot of fun, as well as a fantastic learning experience. The students were well-behaved, worked hard, and made many new friends from around the world. One of the issues that came out of this MUN for the students was that the cost was very high. We discovered that most of the students there had received grants or assistance. Our students plan to do fundraising to cover some of the costs of flying to Qatar next year.

Melanie Wilson, MUN Organizer

PRIMARY NEWS

Thank you to the families who have sent items for the **“Toys for Tots” charity drive** organized by the United States Marine Corps. I know the children at the Verbist Center will appreciate your donations.

ISU Zud Relief Drive. The Grade 4 students decided to take some action to assist rural families affected by the Zud. At a whole school assembly today they made a short presentation and each grade was allocated a particular item to contribute. Could families please support the students in collecting the item their grade has been allocated. In addition we would also appreciate any old clothes and boxes to put our donations in. The grade which has been the most enthusiastic in supporting this drive will receive a surprise! Thank you from Grade 4.

PRIMARY NEWS.

The teachers have been extremely busy organizing our upcoming **Primary Production** “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” Your children may be coming home with scripts to practice at home in addition to their regular homework and we appreciate your support in this leading up to the event. There will be a working-bee meeting in the Grade 5 classroom on MONDAY 8th Feb for parents who expressed interest in helping out with the props. Anyone else who would like to help out with the Production please contact and let Ms. Carroll know.

Semester One Reports have come home with the students today. Could you please return the acknowledgment slip to the class teacher as soon as possible. There are a number of N/A (not assessed) indicators in the achievement column for Mathematics as a number of areas of the Mathematics curriculum will be more fully covered and assessed during Semester 2.

Assembly: Thank you to grade 3 for an entertaining “Choral Poetry” assembly on Thursday. They chose poems to perform that expressed a range of different feelings and emotions. After the assembly they showed their parents the wonderful art work they produced during their unit of inquiry about how they express themselves.

Jan Wiggins, Head of Primary