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# THE MEDEE

The Weekly Newsletter of the International School of Ulaanbaatar

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Greetings,

I trust this Medee finds you well.

### Annual General Meeting Update

As you know our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held, at the school, October 8. The time for the general meeting will be 1900 hrs. There will be a meeting for those interested in a more detailed financial discussion, at 1800. The board and I look forward to the time we will all spend together the evening of October 8. You will soon be receiving information on candidates running for the board. When you receive this information please review the information on each board candidate and the agenda. You shall be receiving an electronic copy of the financial report brief. Also, if you would like to place a vote and are unable to attend the meeting, please sign the Proxy form that is attached to this week's Medee.

Parents are able to earn five house points for their children by attending the Annual General Meeting.

It is important to attend the meeting, or to send your proxy. By our Articles of Association we need a quorum to officially conduct our meeting and hold elections. We need seventy-two (72) parents/proxies for the AGM to be an official meeting of our parent association. There will be food available at the AGM.

### Nurse on Campus

Starting, October 1<sup>st</sup>, ISU will have a bi-lingual nurse on campus. Our nurse will be on campus from 0945 hrs to 1600 hrs. This will cover our breaks, lunch, and after school activities. We have been exploring options for daily school health needs. While this medical professional will not take the place of your personal physician, we are pleased that we will have a trained nurse on campus to deal with the scrapes and bumps of everyday school life.

### MAP at ISU

The Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) is a form of assessment utilized to assist teachers to better differentiate instruction for improved student learning. We have started this assessment, given twice a year, in our secondary and primary schools. Assessment areas are in math, reading, and language usage.

### Parent Teacher Group

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) will be holding a meeting, at ISU, Tuesday, September 29, at 1500 hrs (3:00PM). Please come and participate in this meeting of parents and teachers.

### Proper bus behavior

It has come to our attention that there is activity on the buses that borders on bullying and intimidation. There is also an issue with potentially unsafe actions.

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These behaviors are not allowed. Please discuss proper behavior on the bus, play grounds, and out of school events. We want to provide a safe and secure environment for all of our students. If a student does not feel safe they cannot learn. The school day begins at the bus stop and at the school gates. Please help your child start the day well.

The bus schedules are created to get the students to school without incident and with minimal waste of time. This does not work when the buses are waiting for students. It is necessary that all students are at the bus stop at the appropriate time. The drivers have been instructed to maintain their schedule. While this may adversely impact having to drive a child to school on occasion, it will allow the majority of students to arrive at school at the proper time.

#### **Parking lot safety**

We greatly appreciate you and/or your drivers parking correctly in our parking area. Parking in this manner helps to keep our students, staff, and parents safe. Please continue to drive slowly on school grounds and in the parking area. Some of the little ones are difficult to see and the larger ones are not always looking.

#### **Weather awareness**

The weather is beginning to become chillier. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed warmly. We want to keep sickness to a minimum.

I wish you a wonderful week.

Greg Rayl, Director

## **FROM THE ISU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Dear ISU Parents,**

**On behalf of the ISU Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you to the new school year and remind you about our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 8th, 2009.**

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for the ISU community to come together, re-view progress, and talk about the school's future. It's also the time of year that we elect new Board members to serve for a two year term. All ISU parents and legal guardians (except for ISU staff and their family members) are eligible to run; it's a great way to serve the school!

**Please note: If you are not able to attend the Annual General Meeting, please prepare and sign a proxy in advance and drop it at the ISU Reception or give it to someone who will attend on October 8th. The proxy form is provided in this issue of Medee.**

Sincerely,

**Shane Rosenthal**  
***Chair, ISU Board of Trustees***  
**shane.rosenthal@gmail.com**

## SECONDARY NEWS

We had a great week in Secondary, as 5 of our staff had the chance to go to IB professional development workshops specific to their areas of teaching. Upon their return, they shared that they had all learned a lot, had a great time, and met new people within our region to network with and collaborate on for classroom ideas and teaching. We are very glad that our school takes such pride in keeping our team of teachers educated, so that they can serve your children to the highest standards.

We are also glad that the intramural middle school soccer matches have begun. The boys had a wonderful time on Saturday of last weekend, and the girls will be coming this Saturday. The Student Council has also arranged Middle School Movie Night for Friday evening, so please encourage your child to participate. There will be 2 fun movies for them to choose from.

Lastly, it is obvious that the weather has now changed to autumn, en route to winter. Please be sure that your child(ren) has the appropriate clothing, drinks plenty of water, and gets plenty of sleep. We need to do our best to help keep our students healthy.

Have a fun weekend and see you at the movie night!

**Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary**

### MYP information evening for parents

On Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October there will be an MYP information evening for all parents in the library from 7-8pm. The following are some of the questions that will be addressed:

What are the areas of interaction?

How is my child's work assessed?

How does the MYP prepare students for the diploma?

What is the personal project?

If you are planning to attend please RSVP to [d.chilton@isumongolia.edu.mn](mailto:d.chilton@isumongolia.edu.mn)

**David Chilton, MYP coordinator**

### STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

As you all know, October is coming up very soon. Next week will be the first Friday of October, which means it's Spirit Day! This month Student Council has decided to make it Pajama Day. Students and teachers are encouraged to wear their pajamas to school, but please, remember the dress code.

Please participate in the upcoming events of ISU Student Council.

## PRIMARY NEWS

### FIELD TRIPS.

**Grade 4** have been enjoying visiting various places of worship and listening to guest speakers from different religious backgrounds in their unit of inquiry about World Religions. Thank you to the guest speakers who have been sharing their beliefs, customs and experiences with us.

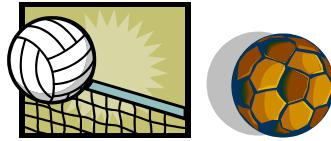
**Grade 2** have been building magnificent houses out of boxes, and this week they visited the Bayan Mongol apartments to see how different residents personalize their apartments.

**Grade 5.** As a follow up to their visit to the Bayanzurk Ger district last week Grade 5 have been working on some proposals for helping the Ger District Community. They would like to be involved in the decision making process for using some of the funds raised at our school fair and plan to present their proposals at the next PTG meeting.

ASSEMBLY. Thanks to Grade 3 for performing at assembly this week. They acted out various conflict scenarios and asked the audience to suggest ways of resolving the conflicts.

ART ROOM: If you have any old newspapers at home please send them to the Art Room and earn some house points for your team.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## Volleyball Practices

The teams continue to practice for the forthcoming ACAMIS tournament in Ningbo. By now the teams have been selected but those students not in the team should continue to attend the practices.

Girls – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.00-5.30 PM

Boys – Wednesdays from 4.00-5.30 PM and Saturdays from 1.00-3.00 PM

## Inter-house Sports

The inter-house football tournament for boys in Grades 6 – 8 turned out to be a closely fought competition and played in an excellent spirit. Blue house was the eventual winner but its team was made to work hard throughout the morning as all teams played well. There were over twenty boys who played in this first inter-house competition of the year. Credit must also go to the team captains (Kristian, Purevbat, Mathias and Misheel) for organizing their teams and making sure that all players had the chance to play. The final standings were:

	Played		Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Blue	6	3	3	0	7	3	12	
Red	6	3	1	2	6	6	10	
Green	6	2	3	1	3	4	6	
Yellow	6	0	0	3	2	5	3	

Goal Scorers:

4 – Mathias (R) 3 – Kristian (B), Justin (B) 2 – Misheel (Y), Jung Hyung (Y) 1 – Joseph (B), Purevbat (G), Sameen (G), Tse Tse (G)

This Saturday is the turn of the girls in Grade 6 – 8 to show off their football skills. “This Saturday is the turn of the girls in Grade 6 – 8 to show off their football skills. The girls’ house captains are:

Blue - Tiffany, Green - Nathalie, Red - Teresa, Yellow – Pulee

Each player must wear a t-shirt of her house color and, as with the previous week, this tournament will last for about two hours and will take place in the gym, starting at 10.00 AM. Participating students should be picked up at midday. Spectators are welcome in the seated viewing area.

There will only be the opportunity for one more inter-house tournament during the first quarter due to SAT’s being held at ISU on October 10<sup>th</sup> and the rapidly approaching fall break and ACAMIS volleyball tournament: October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grades 9-12 girls volleyball

**David Ricketts, Athletics Director**