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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

The Spring is busy with our many activities and functions. This week we had a PYP/Student-led conference information night. This weekend is a Strategic Planning session. We will be working both Saturday and Sunday. This is the first step, in a multi-week process of work committees, leading to the development of a Strategic Plan, and Action Plan, for ISU. If you have interest in participating in a work committee please contact our Chairman, Shane Rosenthal, at <shane.rosenthal@gmail.com>.

Please note on your calendars that the Student-led conferences will be Wednesday, March 31. Student-led conferences are shown to assist students in verbalizing and explaining their school work. The audience is the student's parents/guardians.

March 29 is the start of Book Week. Please ask your child to read to you during this week. I will be reading in a few of the classrooms here at ISU myself. All parents are welcome to join in!

I very much look forward to seeing you at the many events coming forward at ISU.

My best.

Greg Rayl, Director

DIARY DATES:

March 29 Dress up as your favorite book character /Book Week assembly at 8:30

March 31 Student Led Conferences

SECONDARY NEWS

Please remember to mark space on your calendar to attend your child's Student Led Conference next week on Wednesday, the 31st of March. This is an annual event for the whole school, including grades 6 – 12, and we want to beat last year's record of 95% attendance from parents of secondary students! We are proud of our school, our students, our teachers and our community, so we want to share all of this with you. This day is a typical school day for all of our students, so participation is a must for their official record of attendance.

Quite a few of us will be at the Strategic Planning meetings this weekend, so please be sure to let us know if you are willing to volunteer for the committee work that we know will come out of this growth event for the whole school. Please speak to your board representatives with your ideas and offers of assistance. This is our school for our community, and it can only be as strong as the building blocks that are inside of it. We all need to help with our actions, time and efforts.

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THE MEDEE

The Weekly Newsletter of the International School of Ulaanbaatar

The 3rd quarter will end next week, so please continue to support your child in their focus on their learning. Going to school is a full time job that most of them enjoy, and others need some extra support. We gladly give this support to them from our side, and we hope that all of our parents can give their time on the home front. Please don't hesitate to come in and visit with us with any concerns you may have about your student or the school. We welcome the chance to talk face to face.

Have a great spring weekend!

Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary

Student led conferences

The students in Grade 6 to 10 have been putting together their portfolio in advance of the student led conferences on 31. March and are looking forward to sharing their work with you. In their homeroom they have signed up for timeslots for their conference and will share this with you this week so that you can plan your day. Students have written some questions that parents can ask them during the conference which will help to facilitate a positive discussion. Other question starters could be:

Can you explain...

Can you show me...

Can you tell me why...

Can you tell me more about...

Each conference will last approximately 45 minutes for secondary students and at the end there will be a parent survey for you to complete (available in English, Mongolian and Korean). Please return this to your child's homeroom teacher at the end of the conference.

If you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to contact me.

David Chilton MYP Coordinator d.chilton@isumongolia.edu.mn

PRIMARY NEWS

Book Week:

We are looking forward to an exciting week – remember that students will be coming to school dressed as their favorite book character on Monday.

Student Led Conferences:

We look forward to seeing you all during the day on Wednesday 31st.

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY:

Thank you once again to all the parents who helped out in many different ways. We apologize for inadvertently missing Ae Ran Cho on our list of parent helpers in the program.

Thank you for returning the Photograph and DVD order forms this week.

Reflections from Grade 2:

"I was proud of my acting because I was not shy" Yo Kyung

"The best part of the night was that my Dad came because he is so busy so didn't come to see me lots of times but he came today" Yo Kyung

"When I was on stage I felt awesome like a rock star!" Darius

"The best part of the night was my scene because I was doing an elevator scene and my mom liked it" Darius

"The hardest part of the night was getting ready to line up because all the children was shouting and playing." Temuge

"The best part of the night was acting because it's funny and fun to act." Temuge

"When I was on stage I felt nervous" Justus

"I was loud and clear but my throat was a little bit hurting and I was slow" Tserendorj

"It was hard when I was pointing at the buttons in the elevator because I needed to say [my lines] and point at the buttons." Enkhgerel

"The best part of the night was saying my lines because my mom waited for my lines." Khisghee

"When I was on stage I felt scared because there was a real crowd." Temuujin

"When I was on stage I felt happy and excited." Emre

"The best part of the night was when I talk because my parents can hear." Vilakshan

Here are some quotes from the Charlie reflections that Grade 4F wrote:

"At first I felt excited and nervous and I hoped nothing would go wrong. I was just about to faint when I saw all the parents, teachers and other people. When I finished my lines and all the songs I was proud of myself and all other classes in the primary especially my class because I saw them." By Yash 4F

"When I was acting it was scary because people were taking video and lots of people were looking at me. When I was finished the teachers were proud of all of us." Ama 4F

"I was really nervous but once I got on stage and started speaking, I wasn't nervous anymore. I had lots of fun performing I hope we could do this again soon." Kathleen 4F

"The grandparents looked so great because they had talc powder in their hair to make them look old. I think everyone did a wonderful job." Linnea 4F

FROM PTG

We are happy to announce that the PTG bake sale raised MNT 664,400 on the night of the primary production evening!

We believe this is a new record! Thank you so much for your contribution!

**Berit Adnanes and Kai Ove Berg
PTG Chairs.**

