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THE MEDEE

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

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. In this issue of the Medee you shall receive information on candidates running for the board. Please review the information on each board candidate. Next week, if you have an email registered with ISU, 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. You may drop your proxy in the locked box outside of ISU's reception desk.

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 snacks available at the AGM.**

New Staff Members

Yesterday we welcomed two new members to our ISU staff. Denze is working as the teaching assistant in the primary Art and PE class. Sara is our nurse. We are pleased to have these ladies join us.

Important Dates:

Annual General Meeting-October 8,Thursday-19:00 hrs

First quarter after school activities end October 14.

First quarter ends October 16.

Fall Break begins Saturday, October 17. Students return to school, Wednesday, October 28.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Greg Rayl
Director

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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
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SECONDARY NEWS

The weather this week has brought all of us outside during break and lunch for the last warmth of the autumn season. Please do see that your children are dressed warmly enough in the cold mornings, and that they have layers to keep them to the best level of comfort in this climate. Along with that is the need for all to be drinking more water. The students are beginning to comment about headaches, and that is one of the first signs of dehydration. The sun is still very strong here in Mongolia, even though it is autumn, and the air is dry, so please take care of your health.

The Student Council has organized some fun events for all of us already, as well as the Yearbook team having taken photos for your children. There is something going on almost each week, so please do take the time to read the website or your medee. There is valuable information for you, your student, and your whole family. The PTG is meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month, all parents are encouraged to join in. This year there is a co-chair position, being held by Berit Adnanes and Kai Berg. They are happy to have your input and time to assist with all of the fun things that the PTG does for the school. Let them know that you are interested!

We hope that many of you attended the MYP Evening this week on Thursday October 1st, and welcome feedback on that session. You can contact myself or Mr. Chilton directly. We are hoping to share more info throughout the school year to make your life as the “support team at home” as easy as possible for your child (ren).

Looking forward to seeing most of you next week on the 8th, Thursday, in the evening here at school for the Annual General Meeting of the School Board and the elections.

Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary

PRIMARY NEWS

Grade 5 have had a full week involved with the follow up to their recent field trip to the Bayanzurk Ger District. They decided they would like to help the community in some meaningful way so after some further input from Mrs Griffeth they developed a number of proposals. On Tuesday they presented their proposals to the PTG and the PTG will decide which project they would like to support using a portion of the money raised at our Fall Fair. The students also presented a power point about their field trip and their community project proposals to the rest of the Primary School at assembly on Thursday.

Pyjama Day: Many of the Primary students enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas today but there was no sleeping in class!

ART: Thank you to families who have sent newspapers to the art room – more are always welcome.

International Week: If there are any parents or relatives who have skills in calligraphy (Chinese, Mongolian, Japanese, Korean or others) and would like to share these skills in an art session during International week please let us know.

Hygeine: We have had a number of students with gastro related illness lately. It seems very simple but one of the most effective ways to avoid infections is to wash hands well and regularly.

New Staff member: We welcome Mrs Denzendolgor Batsukh as our new Art/PE teacher assistant.

PTG NEWS.

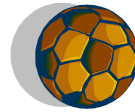
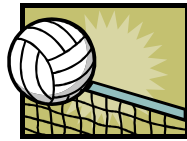
The PTG were most impressed by the Grade 5 presentations of proposals for projects to support the Bayanzurk Ger District Community at the meeting this week.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th October 3pm in the Library.

Decision to be made regarding funding a community project in the Bayanzurk Ger District. Organization for The International Food Fair to be finalized.

Jan Wiggins, Head of Primary

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



Volleyball Teams

The boys' and girls' volleyball teams have now been finalized for the ACAMIS tournament in Ningbo, which takes place after the fall break. In the next couple of weeks, the teams will be able to get some match practice against The American School and The Hobby School. The teams are (subject to satisfactory academic progress):

Boys – Vacek (Captain), Derryn (Vice-captain), Jiri, Beom Su, Merghi, Christian, Misheel, Seung Kyu, Joona, Bilegt.

Girls – Mila (Captain), Reeza, Namuun K, Badmaa, Enkhee, Zina, Nalini, Udval, Elise, Buka

Practices will continue on the following days:

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 second inter-house football tournament of the year was a well-attended event which produced plenty of goals. As with the boys in the previous week, the team captains did great jobs organizing their teams. In the final round of games, there was still plenty to play for but the Blue team eventually proved to be too strong for the rest. This team won the competition but had to survive some tough games against the Reds and Yellows despite the best efforts of the Yellows' vocal supporters.

Results:

B 4 G 0, R 4 Y 1, B 1 R 1, G 0 Y 3, B 4 Y 0, R 1 G 1, B 4 G 0, R 2 Y 1, B 3 R 0, G 1 Y 2, B 2 Y 2, R 1 G 1

Standings:

| | Played | | Won | Drew | Lost | Goals For | Goals Against | Points |
|--------|--------|---|-----|------|------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| Blue | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 3 | 14 | |
| Red | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 9 | |
| Yellow | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 7 | |
| Green | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 2 | |

Top Goal Scorers:

Tiffany (B) – 11, Justine (Y) – 7, Amina (R) – 5, Sabrina (G) - 2

On Saturday 3rd October, the girls in Grade 9 – 12 will have the chance to play volleyball in the next inter-house sports tournament. This will start at 10.00 AM and finish at midday. Supporters are welcome to attend and watch from the viewing gallery. Due to SAT's being held at ISU on October 10th there will be no inter-house sports on the following Saturday.

Grades 9 – 12 House captains:

| | Boys | Girls |
|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Blue | Taivan | Josephine |
| Green | Seung Kyu | Sara |
| Red | Vacek | Buka |
| Yellow | Derryn | Hiba |

David Ricketts, Athletic Director

Student Council

Thank you everyone who attended the Middle School Movie Night last Friday. We hope you had a great time and enjoyed the movies!

The Student Council would like to kindly remind all parents to please have transportation ready for their children on-time after any Student Council events. Most of these events take place on Friday or Saturday evenings, and as a courtesy to the chaperones supervising the events, please be aware of and adhere to pick-up the pick-up times recommended in the event's permission slip.

Thank you again for your participation in ISU's Student Council

Hiba Sayed
President

High School Movie Night

On Friday, October 9th the Student Council will be hosting a high school movie night. We will be showing *Coraline* and *Fast and Furious 4*. The movies will begin at 6pm and end at 7.45pm. Please arrange to pick up your child no later than 7.30. The admission price is 3000 T per student, and permission slips must be returned no later than Tuesday, 6 October. Each student will receive a candy bar, popcorn, and soda and will have the choice of one movie. Please note that no students outside of ISU are allowed to participate.

Thank you,

ISU Student Council