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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Greetings,

This has been a good week at ISU. We hope that you all had a wonderful Spring Break. We are now in the fourth and last quarter of the year. Since we have returned we see the secondary play is continuing, today the primary assembly showing "Charlotte's Web" went well, and seniors are preparing for the upcoming IB diploma exams.

Two weeks ago a group of parents, students, teachers, administration, and board members met to work on the Strategic Plan. Much work was done on the two days, but more is needed. Over the next few weeks we will be breaking into smaller work groups. If you have an interest please contact our chairman, Shane Rosenthal, at his email [shane.rosenthal@gmail.com](mailto:shane.rosenthal@gmail.com).

Hiring is going extremely well. We have two positions left to fill. These positions are middle school math and primary ESL. I am pleased to share with you that we have a great variety of teachers coming to ISU next year. I will soon tell you about each of the people, but I will share that we have a certified music teacher and a certified librarian coming to ISU for the 2010/2012 school years.

We will soon be sending out the letter of intent to all parents for the 2010/2011 school year. When you get it we look forward to your prompt reply.

I look forward to seeing you here at school.

**Greg Rayl, Director**

### DIARY DATES:

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Field Sweep 9am – 1pm.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Run for Water (sign up 10 – 10:45 am)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter ASAs start
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Secondary Play (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Creative Arts evening

### **Spring Play "Mother Dear"**

Date: 1 May 2010, Saturday

Venue: Khan Bank Theatre

Matinee performance: 3 - 5pm

Evening performance: 7 - 9pm

Cost of tickets: 3000T

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## SECONDARY NEWS

This week has been full with spring weather changes, getting back into the final quarter of school, and preparation for our first annual Run 4 Water! The grade 10 class chose to take on this exciting project for this coming Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and I hope to see all of you here, either volunteering with the event or running. The planning and experiential learning that has taken the grade 10 students forward is proving itself to be a very positive event for all of them. There are a lot of details that go into such a day, and therefore I do hope that all of you will come and show your support for them as our students, as well as for the cause itself –

water. There will also be an interesting film created by a local person as to how Mongolian children have to get their water. All are welcome!

We will have a special Parent Student Conference afternoon next week on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you receive a letter with your child's report card asking you to come in, please make every effort to do so.

After School Activities will begin again next week, though there will be no boy's football on Monday. We do not have a coach available for the 19<sup>th</sup> – apologies.

Please come by the school to see the artwork that is appearing everywhere, the library as it grows beyond our first Visiting Author and Book Week, and to see how happy your children are learning here. We are proud of our teachers and students, and we want to share that with all of you!

A final thank you to all parents who came to the Student Led Conferences in the week before the vacation. We had a 99% attendance rate in secondary – fantastic!

**Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary**

## PRIMARY NEWS

**Welcome to Quarter 4.** We hope you all had an enjoyable time with your children during Spring break. The Primary Staff worked hard on Monday refining our Math and Language Curriculum documents.

**Run for Water:** We look forward to seeing many of our Primary families at the “Run for Water” on Sunday. If you haven't already signed up you may do so at school between 10am and 10:45am on the day. The run starts at 11am.

**Grade 2 Request:** As part of their “Sharing the Planet” unit of inquiry Grade 2 would like to collect as many plastic bags as possible. Please send along any plastic bags to the Grade 2 classroom.

**Charlie and The Chocolate Factory:** The DVDs have been ordered and should arrive any day now. If anyone still wants to purchase photographs taken by Chris De Nogales you may send in a late order with the correct money plus an extra **2000tg late fee** by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Photos and photo codes can be found at [www.flickr.com/photos/denogalesphoto](http://www.flickr.com/photos/denogalesphoto) 13X18cm = 700tg 16X22cm = 1500tg

**Jan Wiggins, Head of Primary**

### **Primary School Unit of Inquiry.**

The Grade 4s have started a unit on **energy** and we are looking for a **field trip** and **guest speakers**. If you work in the energy business or have connections that can either help us with a field trip to the power plant or a mine, or can come and talk to us about solar, hydro or nuclear power we would be very grateful. Please contact Ms D'Souza or Ms Faber if you can help.

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### **IWAM Toiletries Drive.**

Thank you for sending along the toiletries you have collected during your Spring break travels. If you still have any at home please send them along to school on Monday so an IWAM member can collect and distribute the items to needy families. Wash cloths (flannels) and socks from airline packs are also most welcome.

### **Saturday Sweep**

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, ISU is organizing a Saturday Sweep activity at the school campus. The main aim is to clear the soccer field of the gravel that has returned after the winter, to make it a safer area for students to play during break-times, at lunch-times, after school and, of course, during PE lessons. ISU is asking for volunteers from the secondary school students and parents to assist with this project. Please note that hours contributed by students will count towards their community and service and CAS commitment.

The start time for this community effort will be 9.00 AM and, hopefully, with the aid of plenty of student and parent volunteers, the playground will be cleared of gravel by 1.00 PM. ISU will provide brooms, shovels and wheel barrows during the day, but students and parents are welcome to bring along their own implements. The area will be watered before the sweeping starts in order to reduce amount of dust that will inevitably be disturbed. For this reason, ISU will also provide students with goggles and masks but some students may feel more comfortable if they bring their own masks, gloves, goggles or sunglasses.

Water and snacks will be available throughout the day and a football match will be arranged for those students who are present at the end of the session.