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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

This has been such a busy time of year for our school! We had kids of all ages (and teacher!) helping to clear the soccer pitch on Saturday, the PTG brought them snacks and Mongolia gave a beautiful day! Then we had all sorts of folks in the community come and join our 1st ever Run 4 Water, organized by the 10th graders and Ms. Lohman on Sunday. It was also a glorious day and super event. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether it was running, walking, helping or donating.

The primary school is working on Earth Day projects for this week, including collecting trash for a day, collecting 1000 plastic bags in grade 2 (thanks for all of you who have donated) and learning a lot to take home to their parents! Many of us wore green on Thursday, 22 April, Earth Day around the world, which was a big part of that plan to raise awareness. Thank you to all who participated in that fun day also.

Our students and our teachers are doing a great job of participating in our school community and the outside community. If you or your organization has any ideas of how we could help you, please let us know. We all, K – 12, want to get involved, and you are our most valuable resource.

Lastly, our boys and girls soccer teams have gone off to China for the annual ACAMIS soccer tournament, so we look forward to their report upon return late this weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Greg Rayl, Director

SECONDARY NEWS

The inaugural **Run 4 Water** Sunday the 18th was a huge success. We all have to thank the 10th grade class for initiating ISU into this project, which we plan to continue on for many years to come. Ms. Lohman was instrumental in making this event a success, as well as having received assistance from many people in our school community. Miss Annie in reception, Mrs. Tuul in administration, Mrs. Tsatsral for sending us the guards for the day, all of our support staff for helping and running, and all of the parents and students who came for the event. It was fantastic!

The Saturday Sweep was also a success, and our field is looking more like it ought to for the spring season. Mr. Ricketts and the team of teachers, parents and students who came on Saturday did a nice job. The PTG was here early in the morning to feed everyone too, and that is MOST appreciated!

Ask your child about what happened on Green Thursday, as I am sure that they

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have some new environmental information to share with you.

Enjoy the weekend and think positive thoughts for the ACAMIS soccer teams in Qingdao, China!

Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary

STUDENT COUNCIL NOTICE

Next Thursday, April 29, the Student Council will organize a bake sale during break. Lots of delicious foods like chocolate cake, choc-chip cookies, lamingtons, brownies and even samosas and kimbap will be sold. The profit will be used to fund ISU Prom 2010. Please support us and treat yourself to some delicious food.

Run 4 Water 1st Annual 2010

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Run 4 Water** last Sunday! People from the ISU community, other English-language schools and Ulaanbaatar started flooding through the gates at 09.00. After a short opening ceremony, runners got on the starting blocks for both the 6km and the 2km run and came back panting less than an hour later.

The afternoon followed with even more entertainment, including performances by the well-known Dalantai and Kiwi, as well as a very talented beat boxer. Despite the hot food available, the chilly wind eventually drove everyone home and the Run 4 Water 2010 closed a success. Those who ran the 6k all came back proud but exhausted. Imagine walking that distance *every day* – not to mention carrying litres or gallons of water on the way back. This is the life of those affected by water scarcity.

We hope the run helped you see how fortunate all of us are to have such easy access to drinking water. During the Run 4 Water 2010, we raised **1.7 million tugriks** which will be donated to Habitat For Humanity. This NGO will use the money for water projects in Mongolia. We couldn't have done it without you – hopefully we'll see you next year! Thank you.

Grade 10, Class of 2012



PRIMARY NEWS

Thank you to the Primary families who joined in the Run 4 Water on Sunday. This event was a good lead in to our focus on environmental issues this week and **Earth Day** activities on Thursday. The students have learnt a lot about ways they can help look after our Earth. Grade 2 are discovering how many plastic bags the average family uses and would like some more recycled plastic bags to complete their study. Please send any more plastic bags you have to the Grade 2 classroom.

Assembly: Grade 4F put on a tremendous readers theatre performance of “Charlottes Web” last week and are to be congratulated on the excellent costumes which they made themselves. They also presented some friendship poems they had written and shared what it means to be a good friend to others.

Best Field Trip Ever by Mackenzie Wilson Grade 3

“On Monday the third grade class went to the opera house to sing and dance for U.B.S. which stands for Universe Best Songs. Chaandmon and his band played music and we danced and said some stuff. For the first song we didn’t dance but for the second and third songs we did. It was so fun! There was a fog machine and there was a fog all over the stage it was so cool and the fog was higher than Chaandmon’s brother Sky’s head. Chaandmon’s band is called Seven and a Half. There were so many people who were going to perform but we didn’t watch them because there were 85 people going to perform. That’s way too many to watch. They are going to play it on TV on channel UBS.”

Grade 5 Exhibition

During the next 7 weeks all grade 5 students will be involved in the Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition. The Exhibition is the culminating activity for the final year of the PYP. This significant event will be pursued like any other unit of inquiry where the students will be required to engage in a collaborative, transdisciplinary inquiry process that involves them in identifying and offering solutions to real-life issues, problems that have a local or global impact.

Our ISU PYP Exhibition will take place under the organizing theme How We Share the Planet. (An exploration of our rights and responsibilities as we try to share finite resources with other people, with other living things; of communities and the relationships within and between them).

Central Idea: I Can Make A Difference

The Culminating Event-Exhibition gala evening on the 8th of June and Exhibition day on the 9th of June 2010.

As a culminating event the grade 5 students will share the process they went through during the Exhibition inquiry with others in the ISU community. The Exhibition evening and day will feature displays of work, presentations and performances by grade 5 students.

An Exhibition information evening for the parents and students of grade 5 will be held on **Wednesday the 28th of April**-further details to follow.

Jan Wiggins, Head of Primary