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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

I want to thank you for your understanding and patience as ISU works through the latest growth of H1N1 to provide a top quality education for your children. The reports of the H1N1 outbreak is bringing new information to us daily. Thank you for those who have sent information to us from your personal sources. We are in touch with SOS, medical professionals, and monitor the CDC website. We will continue to keep you informed, as quickly as possible, as we move through this time.

We sent you an e-mail with a survey link in it. The link is to a survey that will, upon compilation of the data, allow ISU teachers, board, and administration, to continue to move the school in a direction that is positive for the future of our school. The survey is due, November 6, at 12:00 AM. We are having a consultant come to ISU, November 11 and 12 to conduct a school evaluation. In the interest of life long learning our school board will also receive a day of training with the consultant. We have annual board training to insure our board and administration are following the best practices of governance.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Greg Rayl, Director

Dear Parents,

The school has been monitoring the situation with H1N1 outbreak carefully and maintaining contact with the relevant authorities to ensure that we are kept up to date with information.

As a precaution, at ISU we already have hygiene measures in place. ISU is taking reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of illnesses at school:

- All rooms have antibacterial wipes and antibacterial gel for students' and staff use
- All door handles, desk tops, and chairs are cleaned with disinfectant cleaning liquids three times a day
- All bathrooms are cleaned thoroughly with disinfectant substances
- School nurse is available and monitors the hygiene requirements and assists staff and students as per recommendations from Ministry of Health
- All teachers and staff make students wash their hands thoroughly before eating or after using bathrooms and also educate students on how to keep safe by drinking a lot of liquids, taking vitamins and by not shaking hands or sharing their drinking bottles
- Any staff member or student who has symptoms of flu are sent home immediately

Parents need to understand that all these precautions will be effective if you reinforce them at home as well with your children.

It means check your child's condition before he/she leaves in the morning and keep him/her at home and maintain adequate fluid intake and seek medical

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attention if there is high fever or vomiting, or at any time if you are worried.

Tuul Arildii, Deputy Director

From the Board of Trustees

Parents: Please Complete our Online Survey by November 6

As part of our continuing efforts to strengthen ISU, the school has invited Douglas Halladay of Halladay Education Group, an international specialist in strategic planning and management for private schools, to advise the Director and Board of Trustees on strategies to improve educational programming and operations and management of our school.

To help prepare for Mr. Halladay's visit, he has asked that parents complete a brief online survey. Staff and Board members will also be completing a similar survey. The responses, including any narrative comments made on the survey, will be seen only by Mr. Halladay and will be kept completely anonymous. Please complete the survey by 6 November. It should only take 5 minutes and can be accessed at a link that has been sent to you by e-mail (call Ms Annie at reception 70160010 if you have not received our e-mail).

Mr. Halladay will be meeting with a number of parents in small groups during 11-13 November. We will be in touch with you separately concerning your availability to participate.

Conclusions from Mr. Halladay's visit will be shared with the ISU Board of Trustees in December, at which time we will also share his recommendations with parents and staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Hanselmann at 70160010 or by e-mail at secondaryhead@isumongolia.edu.mn

Thank you!

SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a wonderful vacation week. I was lucky enough to be able to travel to the Gobi and I was thrilled that I went. It is a beautiful place that I recommend all people to visit. With the return of school and the colder weather comes my recurring reminder to dress warmly, sleep enough each evening, and drink plenty of water. Help your bodies stay healthy by treating them correctly.

The 2nd quarter has also begun this week, so your students should be ready to show you their newest units of work and topics.

Please note that we will have Parent Teacher Conferences on the 10th of November, and all of you are invited to come to school with your student on that day to talk to any or all of their teachers. We look forward to being able to have time with you to discuss the progress of your child.

Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back from Fall break – I trust you had an enjoyable time with your children.

Assembly: Grade 2 entertained us on Thursday presenting and describing the wonderful houses they built as part of their recent unit of inquiry. They gained an understanding of how people personalize their homes and each pair of students certainly designed, constructed and decorated their house in an interesting way. In preparation for the assembly presentation they practiced their speaking skills and also their word processing skills on the computer. Well done Grade 2!

Halloween: Many students dressed up in Halloween costumes today and enjoyed various activities in their classrooms. Thank you to Grade 3 for organizing a Spooky Story contest.

Parent-Teacher Conferences Tuesday 10th November: Primary families will have received their appointment times by now and the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you on this pupil-free day.

Jan Wiggins, Head of Primary

PTG

Next PTG meeting is on Tuesday 3rd November in the Library at 3pm.

Quiz night Friday 13th November. (see Flier).