



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

April 11, 2016

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

4/18	5:30 PM	Middle School Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Information Night
4/20	7 PM	PTSA General Membership Meeting
4/23	7 AM	5K Spring Fun Run
4/20	7 PM	PTSA General Membership Meeting
4/25 - 4/29		Spirit Week
4/26 - 4/29		Book Fair - Dates and Times shown Within the Article Block Below
4/27	7 PM	Jazz Dessert Night
4/29	6:30 PM	Bite of IS

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5K SPRING FUN RUN

Volunteer Opportunities!

Not a runner, but still want to join the community and share the energy at the 5K Fun Run on April 23rd?

We would love your help, and there are a number of volunteer opportunities available. Please visit <http://help.ISFunRun.com> to sign up for a volunteer role!

As always, registration for the run is at www.ISFunRun.com.

Please remember, the IS PTSA is sponsoring this event and all proceeds from this event go directly to our school.

Weren't Able to Attend the Spring Social and Fundraiser? Still Looking for an Opportunity to Join in?

[Sign Up Today!](#) We still have a couple of events that have a limited number of spaces available. You can sign up online and enjoy the company of other parents while learning something new.

Bridget Foley Author Evening

Thursday May 12th, 6:30PM to 9:00PM, \$35 per person. Only 8 spots available. Purchase a spot! First 3 sign ups, get a free book!

Come enjoy an evening with friends old and new and meet local author Bridget Foley to discuss her novel "Hugo & Rose," which has garnered starred review from Booklist and praises from numerous bestselling authors. Light refreshments will be provided. Adults only, please.

This event will be held on Thursday, May 12th, 2016, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, at the home of Sylvia Abrahamsson.

Tea-tasting and Bracelet Making

Saturday, May 14 2:00PM to 4:00PM, \$45 per person. Only 4 spots available. Purchase a Spot!

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School Directory and Links

ATTENDANCE	425-456-6545
MAIN OFFICE	425-456-6500
COUNSELING	425-456-6542
REGISTRAR	425-456-6535

[IS School Website, Calendar & Titan Times](#)

[IS Staff Directory](#)

[Aspen](#)

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[Bellevue Schools Foundation](#)

Supporting PTSA

You can donate at any time by simply writing your check to the International School PTSA and sending it to school: 445 128th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98005 Or even easier - just donate via PayPal!

Will your employer match your IS contributions?



Join IS parent Liying Tan for an afternoon that includes an incense-burning ceremony, Tea-tasting of 3 types of tea, and Chinese knot bracelet-making.

www.ISPTSA.org

Visit our website keep informed about what is going with ISPTSA including meetings, programs and community events and activities. We hope it will be your home for joining the ISPTSA, volunteering, signing up for the Messenger weekly newsletter and keeping current on what is happening at the school.

Please take a moment to:

- 1) Create an ISPTSA account or update your current information. We will be using this for directory information. We will also have an online directory which will be available to ISPTSA members.
- 2) Join the ISPTSA, just click on the link that says Join.
- 3) Sign up for the Monday Messenger weekly e-newsletter, this is the best way to get the most current information on what is happening at school.
- 4) Volunteer - There are lots of ways to volunteer, both from home and at school. Parent involvement in creating and staffing programs such as Reflections, Staff Appreciation, Grade level representatives, awarding grants and editing the website is what makes IS unique.
- 5) Donate - Your donations to the PTSA allows us to invest, approximately \$100,000 a year toward the school's mission of academic excellence through a broad spectrum of curriculum extension grants, programs, clubs, and community building.

School News

Parking Lot Reminders

Our parking lot is very busy before and after school. Arrive early to beat the congestion. Sending your students on the bus cuts down on the number of cars coming in and out. A few parking lot reminders:

- As the weather warms up, students can walk a bit, so if a parent wants to drop their student off near the school, the student can walk. Find a safe area to park. Do not allow students to exit your vehicle in traffic.
- Students have been seen jumping out in front of the Metro busses. Students should never try to beat the bus while they are being dropped off.
- Parents also need to "Pull Forward". This is not a suggestion, but a way to expedite all cars through the parking lot in a safe and timely manner.
- If students need to retrieve items from a trunk or lift gate, please park. Expedite traffic by keeping all belongings within the main portion of the car.

Thank you to parent volunteer Laurie Beck who helps students arrive safely at school.



Lost & Found

Do any of these items look familiar? Please see Liz Vandenberghe in the office to claim your items.

Come Support Ameya's Senior Project!

Ever wanted to increase your financial assets effortlessly? Find out how at Ameya Gadkari's Senior project in Room 303 after school on Wednesday, April 13th and Wednesday, April 20th for the first and second seminars. Open to all high schoolers. Snacks will be provided!

Please contact Ameya Gadkari at s-gadkaria@bsd405.org with any questions.

Come Support Henry Harder's Senior Project!

Stress Management for Middle Schoolers

International School Store

Show your school spirit! Shop for sweatshirts, t-shirts, duffel bags and more! Visit the [International School Fieldhouse store](#). Proceeds benefit the International School ASB.



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Presentations will be held Thurs. 4/14 & 4/21 in room 105 (Sarah Wallick's room) during lunch. These presentations are open to all middle school students in 6th-8th grade.

Middle School Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Information Night

Dear Families of Bellevue Middle School Students,
You are invited to a [Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Information Night](#) on Monday, April 18 at 5:30 PM at ESC 200 (12111 NE 1st Street, Bellevue).

To ensure that our students have the skills necessary to lead positive and productive lives, the Bellevue School District is committed to adopting a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. This year we have been piloting The RULER Approach and MindUP in classrooms at all seven middle school sites. If your child participated in the pilot, you will receive a short survey to provide input.

If you are unable to attend the information night, but would like to review these proposed instructional materials and provide feedback, they will be available for perusal at the district office. Please call 425-456-4165 or email MiddleSchoolSEL@bsd405.org to schedule a time. If you have any questions or comments about the middle school SEL pilot, please feel free to contact Wendy Powell or Randi Peterson, K-12 Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Developers.

The Middle School Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Adoption Committee will meet later this spring. They will review all feedback and determine whether to recommend district adoption (Policy 2020).

The curricula we are piloting align with the five CASEL competencies (www.casel.org); self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.

Come Support Megan Zahn's Senior Project!

Come be a part of Megan's nature walk on Saturday, April 23rd at 11 AM! We will learn some tips and tricks for taking the best photographs at the community garden at the Pickering Barn in Issaquah. Explore the garden, take photographs and even have the opportunity to be a part of my senior project or my closure! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring your camera (point & shoot, or DSLR) and your enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please email s-zahn@bsd405.org.

Address: 1730 10th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA 98027



IS BookFair Volunteers Needed!

The April 26-29th Book Fair needs 10-15 volunteers for set-up and take down, and during open hours for students, parents and teachers to peruse and buy books.

We have a volunteer sign-up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAB29AAF6B-book, where students and adults can sign-up. Students can get community hours for their volunteer time. The volunteer role during open hours is to: Answer questions, suggest books, straighten books, encourage sales. If you love books, this is a great opportunity to see loads of books and maybe shop yourself.

These are the shifts and the times that volunteers are needed:

Tuesday, 4/26

Book Fair Set-up: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Book Sale Assistance - 12:00pm - 1:00pm and 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday, 4/27

Book Sale Assistance: 12:00pm - 1:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:30pm (Jazz Dessert Night)

Thursday, 4/28

Book Sale Assistance - 12:00pm - 1:00pm and 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Friday, 4/29

Book Sale Assistance - 12:00pm - 1:00pm, 2:30pm - 4:00pm and 5:30pm - 8:30pm (Bite of IS)

Book Fair Take Down - 8:30pm - 10 pm

Any questions please contact Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen (pedersentrio@msn.com) or Michele Dang (dangt@bsd405.org) for more information.

Patio Furniture Wanted

The IS staff would like to enjoy lunch together outside but we don't have patio tables or chairs. If you have any patio furniture you would be willing to donate to IS for staff use please contact:

sullivan@bsd405.org.

Thank you!



Congratulations to the Titans Robotics Team!

Congratulations to Titan Robotics team to making it to the quarter finals at the Mount Vernon District Event. They were picked by the fifth Alliance captain team 3826 Sequim Robotics Federation and teamed up with Valhallabots to play against the fourth alliance in great matches including a match where we captured the castle with last minute shots by Titan Robotics Clubs. We unfortunately lost 2-1 ending our season.

Congratulations to all the work the students put into the robot Escargot. It carried and shot balls into a low goal and went over all seven types of defenses into this year's games. Students put more than 1200 hours into just the 9 week build and competition season and that doesn't count the hundreds of hours students put in organizing the club during the rest of the year and the thousands of hours the mentors put in helping the students during the entire year. Thank you for all the hard work!

2016-2017 Host Families for IS Interns

Interested in hosting our wonderful Swiss intern next year? We are currently looking for quarter or semester long host families. Please contact Traci Sullivan for more information: sullivan@bsd405.org.



Current Junior Parents - We Need You!

We're seeking leadership for the following roles related to making Graduation 2017 a great experience. The plan is to have parent leaders identified for each of these roles soon to observe the events this year, and be well-prepared for next year. If you're interested in taking a leadership, co-leadership or support role, contact Marianne Heywood, marianneheywood@gmail.com.

Chair or Co-Chair for Graduation 2017
Communications (can be combined with Chair/Lead)
Finance
Underclass Volunteer Coordinator
Poinsettia Sale
Hydrangea Sale (these two can be combined)
Staff/Senior Lunch
Baccalaureate
Commencement
Appreciations and Gratitudes
Grad Night Party



Our Approach is Simple. Our results..... Exceptional.

We offer tutoring, test preparation, and homework help to high school students in Bellevue, Seattle, and the surrounding areas, specializing in subject areas related to the STEM curriculum:

Science: Biology, Chemistry & Physics (including AP)

Math: Algebra, Geometry, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus (including AP)

Our goal is that every student will enjoy their time with us, master the difficult content and acquire a bit of contagious confidence - knowing that if they can successfully tackle one particular subject area, they will also be able to do the same with others.

Our framework for success:

connect • learn • grow



For additional information or to sign up, please visit us at:
<http://tutoringstem.com/client-resources.html>

Want to Show Your Titan Pride?

Get a pair of custom designed Strideline socks for only \$15!



The Class of 2019 is selling 100 pairs of green & 200 pairs of black, custom designed, Titan socks. Starting Tuesday, orders are being taken and delivery is expected in three weeks.

You can pay with cash at the ASB Window or with check or card in the office. (Checks should be made payable to International School.)

Make sure to fill out the [order form](#) to reserve the color you want. Socks will be delivered in about three weeks.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!
Questions? Contact ASB Advisor, Carol Anne Yamamoto (yamamotoca@bsd405.org)

BIOINFORMATICS Summer Coding Program

Bioinformatics is the hottest emerging area of STEM with all major universities and colleges including Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Berkeley, University of Washington and others developing cutting-edge programs. This is a major focus of investment for technology companies such as Google and many job opportunities are being created in this field. Skills are much in demand in this high STEM job growth area.

Our 2016 STEM summer program will open doors of this exciting field to students thinking of future careers in biology, computer science and medicine. This course is led by Dr. M Samanta who has extensive experience in BIOINFORMATICS and is an International Maths Olympian and ex-NASA scientist.

Organized with the Washington Student Science Association (WSSA)

Sessions held:
July 5th - July 18th or July 20th - August 2nd (10 working days)
10 am - 2 pm
Bellevue College location
Course Fee \$750 (10% discount offered if enrolled with a friend)
Registration link: <http://coding4medicine.com>

Information sessions will be arranged soon for parents and students. Please check at the link above or on our Facebook page: Coding4Medicine.

Sports Opportunities

High School Athletic Opportunities

Does your child want to get involved in High School Athletics?
Of course they do!

Find all registration information on the District Athletic Page:
<http://www.bsd405.org/departments/athletics-activities/>



Hoops4Life Basketball Summer Camp

We are excited to announce that registration for the Basketball / Life Skills camp sessions at the Hidden Valley Boys and Girls Club in Bellevue is now open.
Session 1 will be held July 11-15.
Session 2 will be held August 1-5.

The cost for each session is \$199. Camp is from 9am-4pm, Monday thru Friday of each week.

For more information go to: <http://www.hoops4life206.com>

Messenger Submissions

Want to submit information to publish in the Messenger? Please submit your information by **FRIDAY**. (*Submissions are subject to PTA approval*). Plain text is preferred, although you are welcome to send along an image or icon to include. Need to link to a registration form? Send us the link to include or a pdf copy. *Note: you will no longer receive an automatic confirmation response when submitting.*

Questions or submissions should go to news@ispts.org

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