



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

May 2, 2016

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

5/18	7 PM	PTSA General Membership Meeting
5/26	7 PM	High School Band Concert
5/27		No School - Professional Development Day
5/30		No School - Memorial Day
5/31	7 PM	High School Choir Concert

## PTSA



Thank you to all of you who joined us on Saturday April 23rd for the 5K Spring Fun Run! Both runners and volunteers brought high spirits and lots of energy, with a boost from the middle school Cheerleading squad at the start, middle and end of the course.

Some photos of the event can be seen here:

<https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=3947E05B076C9ADC12728&authkey=!AIqMp8Zo5ameM3A&ithint=album%2c>

## ISPTSA Recognizes Students, Educators and Volunteers

It's time to recognize the dedicated students, educators and volunteers that make our school such a thriving community! At the June 8th PTSA business meeting, we would like to acknowledge three such people and we need YOUR help. Please email Kerste Helms at [secretary@isptsa.org](mailto:secretary@isptsa.org) if you know of someone who you believe should receive any of the following awards. Please include a brief statement about why you are nominating this individual.

**Outstanding Educator:** The Outstanding Educator award is presented to an individual who has provided outstanding educational opportunities for children and youth that are beyond the normal scope of their jobs. An educator may be defined as a teacher, assistant, specialist, support staff or administrator.

**Outstanding Student Advocate:** This award is presented to recognize students who have made significant contributions through leadership and service in their schools and communities.

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REGISTRAR 425-456-6535

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

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## 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?

**Golden Acorn:** The Golden Acorn is presented, by a local PTA or council, to a volunteer in recognition of his/her dedication and service to children and youth. This award is presented to those who go above and beyond the normal volunteer level. It does not have to recognize only PTA volunteering. You can, and should, consider volunteers from churches, sports, school staff or other organizations.

Thank you so much for your help with this important recognition!

## [www.ISPTSA.org](http://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

### Help Needed for Staff Appreciation Week!

This week is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. To thank our wonderful Staff and Teachers, we are planning special treats for every day of the week. We still need some help. Please take a look at the signup at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eaca72e5-international/> to see what you can do to show the staff your appreciation for all they do for our kids!

Monday - Top Pot Donuts and Coffee  
Tuesday - Panera bagels, juice and fruit  
Wednesday - Sandwiches from Specialties Bakery  
Thursday - Gourmet Espresso Cart  
Friday - Grab and go snacks

Please let Mary Ellen Nickerson ([mmnick5@aol.com](mailto:mmnick5@aol.com)) know if you have questions or would like to help in other ways.

THANK YOU!

### Speak Up!

If you've ever felt tongue-tied or had a fear of speaking in front of others, this workshop series is for you! Overcome your inhibitions, find your unique voice and relate to others in an astonishing new way.

Join us for our series of [4 Free workshops!](#)

Dates: Wednesdays after school - May 4th, May 25th and June 1st

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Location: International School Library

Refreshments will be provided



### Medina I-Connect

**Building connections, strengthening community**

Chinook I-Connect and Medina I-Connect jointly present, "Reflections on the Educational and Extracurricular Journey from Elementary School through High School - the Students' Perspective."

Please join us as a panel of high school seniors from Bellevue, International, Big Picture, Interlake (GHSP), Sammamish, and Lakeside share their thoughts on classes, workload,



### 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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extracurriculars, and social dynamics. Learn directly from these graduating seniors what classes and extracurricular activities were important to them during middle school and high school. Gain valuable insights from students who have successfully navigated their K-12 school years! Parents and students are welcome.

Where: Medina Elementary Multipurpose Room  
When: Thursday, May 5, 2015, 7:00-8:30 PM  
Cost: Free!

Questions? Please feel free to contact us at [i-connect@medinapta.org](mailto:i-connect@medinapta.org).

## Want to Practice for the New SAT or ACT Exam?

Calling all Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen. The Princeton Review is offering full-scale practice SAT or ACT tests at Bellevue High school on Saturday May 14th 9am-1:15pm (Arrive at 8:30am)

**SIGN UPS OPEN Now until May 10th**

A follow up meeting to review results is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th from 6:30-8:00pm at Bellevue High. (All location details will be emailed after registration). The exams and results review will be administered by Princeton Review representatives. Test Fee is \$35 per student and open to all Bellevue District students. This event is sponsored by the Bellevue H.S. PTSA Class of 2019. To register, please open the link below and look for the SAT/ACT Practice Test Info near the bottom of the BHS PTSA website page.  
<http://www.bellevuehighptsa.com/wp/>

Questions regarding the exams, please contact:  
Princeton Review Rep: Cassie [Gawron-Cassie.Gawron@review.com](mailto:Gawron-Cassie.Gawron@review.com) 206-661-6296  
Payment Questions contact:  
PTSA Parent: Janie Lee- [janieblee@gmail.com](mailto:janieblee@gmail.com) 206-949-2963  
No refunds allowed but can be applied toward future Practice Tests to be scheduled in the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017

## Interested in Going to France in 2017?

We will be having our first informational meeting for families with students interested in participating in the French exchange on Thursday May 12 at 6pm in the IS library.

Applications will be due on Friday May 27. Participants will be selected by a lottery process and will be announced on Friday June 10. If you have any questions, contact Joe Kheriaty at [kheriaty@bsd405.org](mailto:kheriaty@bsd405.org).

## Parking Spots for the 2016-17 School Year

If your student wants to reserve a parking spot for next school year, they must submit the parking regulation form, the parking registration form, photocopy of their driver's license/permit and photocopy of car registration to the attendance office by noon May 31st.

Parking forms are available on the main page of the school's website. Read the forms carefully and make sure all forms are completed and signed. Parent signature required.

## International School Cashier Needed

IS is currently looking for a cashier to work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays for 1.25 hours a day.

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Starts at \$14.13 an hour after 90 working days wages increase to \$15.24

Interested? Please call Kathy Dumas at 425-456 -4561 or Wendy Weyer 425-456-4598



## Lost & Found

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

## The Book Fair Was a Success!

Thanks to all the students and parents and other supporters of International library for making our book sale a success. We made \$400 last week for the IS library. Thanks for all the parent and student volunteers. Our \$25 gift card raffle winners for the week were: Nikitar Chinamanthur, Ben Buckley, Aidan McAlaine and Srishti Bhandaru. Our coloring contest winners were: First prize: Julianna Ma, Second prize: Jasna Chong, Third prize : Laura Zhang.

## 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: [sullivant@bsd405.org](mailto:sullivant@bsd405.org).



## Patio Furniture Wanted

Thanks to 2 generous donations, the IS staff is almost ready to enjoy lunch together outside! We are hoping for 1 more patio table and some chairs.

If you have any patio furniture you would be willing to donate to IS for staff use please contact: [sullivant@bsd405.org](mailto:sullivant@bsd405.org).

## Looking for Volunteer Hours?

Eastgate Elementary school is looking for 30+ volunteers to help with their annual [Carnival/Family Fun Night](#) on Friday, June 3rd from 6pm to 8pm. Eastgate is looking for some fun students to run the carnival games, pass out tickets, face paint, set up decorations and clean up!

You can help with the setup or clean up (5pm to 6pm and 8pm -8:30pm) OR you can sign up for a 2 1/2 hour shift running the carnival games/face paint (5:30pm - 8pm) OR get 4 volunteer hours staying they whole time while helping a local elementary school!

Please email [traceyn@gmail.com](mailto:traceyn@gmail.com) if you are available and interested!

## 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](mailto:yamamotoca@bsd405.org))

## Practice French This Summer

Does your student want fun opportunities to practice French? Do they need extra support? Here are some awesome possibilities for the summer:

- Canoe Island French Camp: a two week camp on a private island in the San Juans, ages 9-16 with counselors from France. All levels welcome! Financial aid available. [www.canoeisland.org](http://www.canoeisland.org) or [info@canoeisland.org](mailto:info@canoeisland.org) for more information.
- Alliance Française : a variety of workshops from 1 to 4 pm for two week chunks. All levels offered in the Wallingford neighborhood in Seattle. [https://afseattle.extranet-aec.com/classes/view/68-teen\\_intensive\\_summer\\_courses/10-children-youth/0-all-levels/1-francais/](https://afseattle.extranet-aec.com/classes/view/68-teen_intensive_summer_courses/10-children-youth/0-all-levels/1-francais/) for more information.

For any questions, please email [caudillog@bsd405.org](mailto:caudillog@bsd405.org) more information.

## 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@isptsa.org](mailto:news@isptsa.org)

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