
WEEKLY NEWS

The International School of Bergen

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Learning for Life

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From the Director's desk.....

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

SPIRIT WEEK

So far this week, we have stunned local residents with our range of sleepwear, surprised our classmates and fellow students with our amazing hat creations, followed the threads of wool through the school to hidden treasures, and shown our affection and regard for others through the posting of special messages to one another. So far today, I have spotted a lot of red and there are two little favourite friends of mine sitting in my office. Later today students will be involved in Gym Games and tomorrow, Lower School will go ice skating and the winners of all the competitions will be announced. All these elements have contributed to make Spirit Week a great success. So many, many thanks to all the students, staff and parents who have helped to ensure this success, by showing good spirit. A special thanks to PTO Committee members and Mrs Crossley-Nilsen for their organisational talents.

LIBRARY NEWS

In the Library we have started an International section which consists of mother tongue books. Our aim is to have books for every mother tongue that is spoken in the school. They can be completely in the mother tongue language i.e. all Arabic or Mandarin or a mix i.e. Mandarin and English such as a Mandarin and English dictionary. This does not include Norwegian as we have our own separate Norwegian Sections. If you have any books such as these at home that you wish to donate, please give them either directly to the Library or to a class teacher who will pass them on to the Library. Thank you for your donations.

CIRCUS SCHOOL

Please note that there will be no Circus School in the week after the Winter Holiday Week. The next time will be Tuesday, March 4th.

DRAMA CLUB

Miss Scaife and Ms Watson are starting up a Drama Club, after school on Thursdays from 15:00 - 16:00, from February 28th. The Drama Club is open to students in Grades 6 through 10 and will be offered at no cost. The production has been chosen,

but will not be revealed until the first session! As well as budding actors, the Club will also be for those interested in stage design, choreography or sound and lighting.

PARENT CONFERENCE REMINDER

Upper School parents are reminded that the deadline for returning the reply slips regarding parent conferences in March is tomorrow. Thank you.

MILK ORDER REMINDER

The deadline for milk orders for the rest of the school year has now passed and the orders have been registered with the dairy. Please remember there will be no milk delivery on Monday, February 25th, the first day after the holiday.

REGISTER NOW FOR PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN FOR 2008/09

If you have not already registered a child born between 2003 and 2005 as a new applicant for a Preschool place within Bergen Kommune (that includes ISB), then you must do so before March 1st if their application is to be considered in the first round of offers. All applications to

ISB's preschool and kindergarten programmes must be registered in the database of the central admissions office in Bergen Kommune (Barnehageservice) in addition to ISB's application. If you have a Norwegian personal number then follow the instructions given on www.bergen-kommune.no/barnehage under FINN OG SØK BARNEHAGE. If you would like a form in English or you do not have a Norwegian personal number, please contact the school office. If your child is already enrolled at ISB or is registered, then you do not need to apply again or re-register. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, 55 30 63 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14: PM Gym Games

February 15: Last day of second trimester

February 18 - 22: Winter week holiday

March 4 & 6: Noon dismissal. Parent conferences.

March 5: World Book Day

March 10 & 11: Grade 10 Personal Project Interviews

WHAT'S ON IN BERGEN

Through our newsletter, we try to keep ISB families informed about events and activities of interest in the local community.

MARITIME MUSEUM

During the school Winter Holiday Week, daily treasure hunts are held at the Maritime Museum (Sjøfartsmuseet), children's films are shown, the museum pirate makes visits, and lots of other child-friendly activities are organized. Open from 11:00 until 14:00 Monday through Friday.

BERGEN CINEMA

Bergen Cinema is offering tickets at 50 kroner only throughout the Winter Week Holiday for all viewings that start before 12:00. Featured films are: Hanna Montana, Alvin and the Gang, SOS Svartskjær (an adventure film for children filmed in and around the islands off the coast of Bergen), and Asterix and the Olympic Games.

SPORTS HALLS

More information about opening hours for sports, ice and swimming halls at

www.bergen.kommune.no/idretts/

FINALLY.....

Our Grade Ten students have now delivered their Personal Projects. The Personal Project is a key part of the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP). It provides an opportunity for each student to choose a topic they are really interested in and work on it independently over an extended period of time. Each student has a supervisor that they meet with on a regular basis to get feedback and also advice. The Personal Project has to be developed through one of the Areas of Interaction, another key feature of the MYP. This year the projects have covered a wide range of topics including gaining a pilot's license, developing a tool to identify future potential career choices, designing a new food product, city planning, dealing with fear in sports activities, and child brides. So well done to all of the Grade Ten students for your accomplishments in completing this extensive piece of work!

SPIRIT WEEK

DAY	EVENT	GRADE
Monday	<p>Have a longer weekend and come to school in your Pyjamas!</p> <p>Skate Exchange in the Library 3.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.</p> <p>Guess the number of sweets in the jar and How many things can you put into a small matchbox competitions start today.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
Tuesday	Treasure Hunt Day	Pre-school
Wednesday	<p>Crazy Hat Day "Where does your hat come from?" Make a hat to show which country you come from - it can be a National hat or a crazy hat - you decide!</p> <p>Prizes will be given to the best hat in:- Preschool, KG to Grade 5 and Upper School</p> <p>Cake Sale - Lunch Time</p> <p>Valentine's Disco 18.00 to 20.30 In the School Gym</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Grades 8, 9, & 10</p>
Thursday	<p>Wear Red Day and "Bring a loved one" - Bring your favourite teddy or toy to spend the day at school!</p> <p>Cake Sale - Lunch Time</p> <p>PM Gym Games</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>KG to G 6</p>
Friday	<p>Ice Skating 9.00 a.m. Bergenshallen</p> <p>Cake Sale - Lunch Time</p> <p>Results of Competitions</p>	<p>KG to G 5</p> <p>All</p>