
WEEKLY NEWS

The International School of Bergen

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Learning for Life

29th May 2008

From the Director's desk.....

Today's newsletter is our last special curriculum edition for the year. The theme in Upper School is the area of interaction of Environments. Lower School have written about their units of inquiry. Please take a few moments to read through the newsletter so that you can find out about all the exciting work going on in the different sections of the school.

GREASE - TONIGHT

Have you seen the billboard in the main entrance hall which features the cast members of *Grease*? We have a great treat in store **this evening at 17:50** with the performance that our Drama Club members, Miss Scaife and Mr Johnson have been working so hard towards. All they need now is a HUGE audience!

SPRING FAIR - MAY 24TH

Many congratulations to our PTO committee and everyone who helped to make last Saturday such a great success. Everyone had a great time, much helped by the superb organisation and the marvellous weather. This event is the major fund-raising event of the year for

the PTO. The money they raise is used to support student activities through the year. This year they have supported two student discos, the *Grease* production, a number of field trips and events such as International Food Night and the Winter Crafts Workshop. Thank you to everyone for their support of the Committee and their work.

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A reminder to all parents and members of the ISB community that the Board of Trustees will host the Annual General Assembly of the ISB foundation on Wednesday, June 4th at 18:00 in one of the rooms in the lower hallway. Please come along to find out more about the financial results for 2007 and which activities the Board has been working on this year.

FROM THE PTO

On behalf of the PTO I would like to say a big thank you for all the hard work that has been done over the last couple of weeks. First the Spring Fair, which was an absolute success. Special mention and thanks must be given to Ximena (Maria

Laura's mother) and Zoe (Margaux's mother) for all the fabulous face painting. On Tuesday evening, we held a disco for Grades 6 through 9 and the visitors from the International School of Telemark - it was a really great night! Thanks go to all our helpers and special thanks to Meisa and Paulina in Grade 8 for announcing and dj-ing. Now we wait, with anticipation, for *Grease*! With all the hard work that has been done, it will be a great success, so to the cast: "Break a leg!". (Mrs Crossley-Nilsen)

LIBRARY NEWS

ALL library books must be returned by Wednesday, June 4th. Please put them in the Returns box, just outside the Library door. The new library system seems to be running fairly well. However, on overdue notes it does mention fines, etc in US Dollars. Please ignore these. Mrs Crossley-Nilsen is currently working on these being removed as the ISB policy is that if a book is deemed "lost" a charge of NOK 200 will be made. If you have any questions, please contact the library. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TELEMAR VISIT Grades 6 & 7 have hosted a

visit from students at the International School of Telemark this week. Some of the students are being hosted by ISB families, and we thank them heartily for this. Together, the groups have climbed Ulriken, had a disco together and today they are having a technology day. Many thanks to Ms Boniface for her support and coordination of the visit.

SCHEDULE SURVEY - RESULTS

We are now in the process of collating the results from the schedule survey. As noted in last week's newsletter, while the response from staff and students was good, there was a disappointing return rate from parents.

RECYCLING IN PRACTICE

Kindergarten and Grade 1 are inquiring into how we can save the planet by recycling, reusing and reducing. We are therefore asking for donations of second hand clothes which the students will use to organise a sale at the end of the unit (date tbc). Any unsold items will be donated to Fretex and any money raised will go to a good cause. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29: Drama Club performance of *Grease*.

June 4: 18:00 Annual General Assembly

June 4 & 5: PYP

authorisation visit.

June 9: PM ISB Sports Day

June 10: PM Transition Day

June 12: 18:00 Awards Night

June 13: 12:00 End of school year.

WHAT'S ON IN BERGEN? SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Is your child interested in science? This summer, students in Grades 7 through 10 can take part in a science summer camp organised through the local science centre, VilVite. There will be three course weeks: June 23 - 27, June 30 - July 4, and August 11 - 15. The courses are free. The day starts at 9:30 and finishes at 15:00. Sign up before it is too late on www.vilvite.no.

FYSAK SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Further up the street from ISB is the FYSAK centre. This sports and activity centre has a wide range of different activities located here. During the period, June 23 - 27, they will have a special programme for students in Grades 8 through 10. More information and registration at www.bergen.kommune.no/idrett

FINALLY

Soon it will be June and then this school year will be coming to a close. There is still a lot to be done before then and one of the key

events in the life of the school will be our visit, next week, from the authorization team for our Primary Years Programme, the curriculum we use in preschool through Grade 5. The two visitors will be reviewing our documentation, visiting classrooms, meeting with teachers, students and parents, before they reflect over their findings and submit a report to the International Baccalaureate Regional Office in Geneva. Their report may recommend authorization with or without some key issues to be addressed, or it may not recommend authorization due to a number of outstanding requirements. Based on the feedback we got from our pre-authorization visitor in February, we are confident that authorization will be granted. There has been a supreme effort made by our Lower School Team over the past few months to get everything into place for these visits. I wish, again, to give special recognition at this time, to Mrs Leppard, our PYP Coordinator, and Mr Sugden, for their coordination skills and dedication to the achievement of the goal of PYP authorization. The achievement of this goal will provide further recognition of ISB as an IB World School.

