BaSICS NEWSLETTER No. 35

RUNATHON FOR INDIA REMINDERS

When: Tuesday May 29 at 11:45am

Where: Track at SVB Paladion Silberweg 18, 71032 Böblingen

Details for the day:

- -Students will walk with teachers from BaSICS to SVB before lunch. **Hot lunch will be** canceled for this day, and students will need to <u>bring a packed lunch AND WATER BOTTLE</u>.
- -Parents are welcome to come cheer on the runners.
- -The event will take place <u>rain or shine</u>. Please bring or send with your child weather appropriate gear such as a hat and sun-screen.
- -After the event, children will walk back to school and dismissal will be at the <u>regular time at</u> school.

Wann: Dienstag 29 Mai 2012, 11.45

Wo: SVB Paladion Gelände Silberweg 18, 71032 Böblingen

Details für der Tag:

- -Die Schulklassen werden vor dem Mittagessen zum SVB laufen. Bitte geben Sie Ihren Kindern ein <u>verpacktes Essen UND WASSERFLASCHE</u> zum Picknick vor Ort mit, da es an diesem Tag **kein warmes Mittagessen gibt.**
- -Die Eltern sind eingeladen, um die Läufer anzufeuern.
- -Die Veranstaltung wird <u>bei jedem Wetter</u> stattfinden. Bitte geben Sie Ihrem Kind entsprechende Kleidung mit (z.B. Schildmütze, Sonnencreme).
- -Danach kommen die Kinder wieder zur Schule zurück, das Schulende ist zur regulären Zeit.

Healthy Breakfast/ Gesundes Frühstück

PTG will be sponsoring a Healthy Breakfast on **Friday**, **May 25**, **2012**. Please remember to send .50 with your children so that they may participate and purchase a healthy snack.

The Healthy Breakfast will take place during snack time.

Am **Freitag den 25. Mai 2012** bietet PTG ein Gesundes Frühstück für die Schüler an. Bitte denken Sie daran, ihrem Kind dafür 50 Cent in die Schule mitzugeben.

Das Gesunde Frühstück findet während der Snack time statt.

Parent Council Meeting 15.5.12

Dear Parents,

The Parent Council members met with me last Tuesday and gave their feedback regarding the academics of the ISS BaSICS campus as they felt represent the BaSICS parents' reflections on ISS school teaching methodologies and communication about learning programmes.

I have communicated the points they raised to the teaching team to help us with our continued and on-going self-reflections and planning for improvement.

The main points that I took with me from the meeting are:

- The need for **continued parent education** about what we do and why, to promote student learning. While handbooks and presentations about the educational programmes and the written curriculum are valuable, the opportunities to discuss allow for better understanding.
- **Communication** about the teaching and learning specific to answering the question "Where is my child in his/her learning?" (in other words about student assessment).
- **Continuity and transparency** in the teaching and learning from grade to grade. The development of the scope and sequence, school-wide, now needs to be seen to be positively affecting student learning.

These are areas that Tim Kelley and his Leadership Team are looking at as we work on the finer details of the Strategic Plan and put together the Operational Plan, that will be announced to the whole school community for the next school year. It is vital that our parents are informed and also understand about the learning approaches we have at ISS so they can feel confident in the quality of teaching their child is receiving. To this end, we will consider the points raised carefully.

Parental constructive feedback is always appreciated and used to guide improvement in learning at ISS.

With best wishes, Sarah

Middle Years Portfolio Sharing - May 29 - June 1st

The week of May 29 - June 1st, middle school and high school students at BaSICS will share their portfolios with their families. This is in following with our school-wide policy to give all students the chance to share their learning in this way two to three times a year. Students have chosen one assessment piece from each subject area which they feel reflects an aspect of their learning in this subject area. They will also include their self-evaluation on a particular piece of work as well as the documentation surrounding it and the teacher's comments/grades. We are looking forward to receiving feedback from all parents on the form included in the portfolio. If your child's portfolio is currently at home, please make sure that it returns to school by Monday, May 21st, so that your child can add his/her new assignments.

BaSICS Summer School

Last year the cooperation of the children's sport section of the Sportvereinigung Böblingen and ISS BaSICS Summer School for our 2011 summer programme ran for the first time. Since it was very successful, we are coming back in 2012 and we are again offering an exciting programme with the motto "Movement and Education." For more information and the registration form, please view the attachments on the "Home" page of the BaSICS Portal.

Letztes Jahr fand die Kooperation zwischen dem Kindersport der Sportvereinigung Böblingen und ISS BaSICS Summer School für unser 2011 Sommerprogramm zum ersten Mal statt. Aufrund des Erfolges und der positiven Rückmeldungen bieten wir in 2012 wieder ein spannendes Programm mit dem Motto "Bewegung und Bildung" an. Auf dem BaSICS Portal "Home" finden Sie den Flyer mit weiteren Informationen und Anmeldeunterlagen zum Herunterladen.

BaSICS Summer Primary School Concert/ Sommerkonzert: June 14

ELC through Grade 5 will be performing in a Summer Concert on Thursday June 14 at 6pm in the Degerloch Aula.

Grades 1-5 will be taken to Degerloch by bus for a dress rehearsal at 2pm. After rehearsal, Grades 1-5 will be provided with pizza for dinner at 5pm before the performance. Students will leave school supplies and backpacks at BaSICS to pick up on Friday, but bring their lunchboxes and waterbottles with them to Degerloch.

ELC students are required to be in Degerloch at **5:30pm**.



School Vacation Calendar 2012/2013

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