



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

November 2, 2015

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

11/4	Veteran's Day Assembly
11/6	Poinsettia Order Forms Due
11/6	AMC 8 Signups Due
11/9	Middle School Badminton Practice Starts
11/9	Staff Appreciation Lunch Hosted by 6th Grade Families
11/9 - 11/10	Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences
11/10	Parent / Teacher Conference "Finger Foods" Hosted by 8th Grade Families
11/11	No School
11/12	Unity Through Diversity Community Event
11/13	Reflections Program Submissions Due

PTSA

PTSA Advocacy Chair Needed!

Are YOU an Advocate?

Have you ever:

- Spoken with your child's teacher?
- Spoken before a school board?
- Written a letter to the editor?
- Attended a city council meeting?
- Spoken to your state/federal legislators?

If your answer is Yes to any of the above, you may consider the Advocacy Chair position. If you are interested, please contact Susan Hainze, VP Outreach, susan@hainze.com.

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.

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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 Teacher Websites](#)

[Parent Internet Viewer \(PIV\)](#)

[Bellevue School District Website](#)

[Bellevue Schools Foundation Website](#)

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?

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.



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.



School News

Poinsettias for Sale - Order Now!

Please support the class of 2016 and their graduation events by purchasing poinsettia plants in red, white or shades of pink. These are Beautiful, large nursery quality in a 6.5" pot with foil wrap for only \$15.

Deadline for orders: Friday, Nov. 6th, 2015

Plants will be available to be picked up at school Monday, Nov. 30th from 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Please use the following link to obtain the Order Form:

[Poinsettia Order Form 2016](#)

Please make checks payable to IS class of 2016 and note "Poinsettia" on memo line. You can send the check to the address on the order form or drop by the IS office and drop the check into the Poinsettia Box. If you prefer to support the class with a cash donation in lieu of receiving plants, your donations are welcome.

Please contact Darlene Daum Papano at papanofamily@gmail.com with any questions.

Ask your friends, relatives, neighbors and business owners!! All proceeds go to offset expenses for graduation events. Thanks for supporting the Class of 2016!



International School will be hosting the AMC 8 math competition for middle school students. All participants need to pay an \$11 fee and register at the office by Friday, 11/6.

Complete details can be found [here](#).

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Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon. 11/9 and Tues. 11/10

Student participation and attendance at conferences is highly encouraged.

For more information about how conferences work at International please click on the link below:

[Fall 2015 Parent Teacher Conference Information](#)

Please come during your assigned time which is based on your student's last name.

Mon. Nov. 9th

3:10p Wall-Zuo
3:55p Stojanovic-Vuchhuru
4:40p Russell-Stoehr
5:25p Mulfinger-Rubel
6:10p Lenderman-Mufti

Conferencing ends at 6:40 pm

Tue. Nov. 10th

3:10p Hwang-Lee
3:55p Getchell-Huynh
4:40p Dana-Gavzilova
5:25p Braun-Damstrom
6:10p Abrahamsson-Bozkus

Conferencing ends at 6:40 pm

PTSA Website: www.isptsa.org

Newsletter

Submissions: news@isptsa.org

Attention 6th Grade Families:

Novembers Staff Appreciation Lunch is on Mon. 11/9

Our class is hosting the November Staff Appreciation Lunch. The theme for the lunch is "finger food" and it will be held during the parent/teacher conferences. The teachers are very busy during this time so the food needs to be easy for them to eat between conferences! Please see the link below and sign up to bring something or to help. The teachers and staff really enjoy these lunches so anything you can do to help is much appreciated!

Here is a link to sign up:

[November Staff Appreciation Lunch Hosted by 6th Grade Families](#)

Here are the details:

Monday, November 9th ~ Please bring donations to the Staff room (it is the left door on the back wall of the commons). You can drop off your donations starting at morning drop off ~ please have all items there by 2:30.

Please bring food in/on disposable containers or plates if possible or make sure your serving dish is labeled with your name.

If you have any questions please contact your class reps:

Katie Artz at artzfamily@gmail.com

Candice Soderquist at kirkandcandice@comcast.net

Katie Surbeck at katiesurbeck@gmail.com

Attention 8th Grade Families:

Parent / Teacher Conferences Tues. 11/10

We are in responsible for providing "finger food" for our teachers and staff during the parent/teacher conferences on November 10th. The teachers are very busy during this time so the food needs to be easy for them to eat between conferences! Your involvement is important to making this event a huge success. Please see the link below and sign up to bring something or to help.

Here is a link to sign up:

[Parent / Teacher Conference "Finger Food" Hosted by 8th Grade Families](#)

Here are the details:

Tuesday, November 10th ~ Please bring donations to the Staff room (it is the left door on the back wall of the commons). You can drop off your donations starting at morning drop off ~ please have all items there by 2:30.

Please bring food in/on disposable containers or plates if possible or make sure your serving dish is labeled with your name.

Any questions please contact bethcowie@hotmail.com

Attention Middle School Badminton Players!

The after school badminton team will start practice on Nov. 9th. Practice is every day except Wed. until 4:00. Games are usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will finish at 5:00. We do not have buses so parents are responsible for getting their students to the games. The season ends in January. ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

Please email TempleJ@bsd405.org with any questions.

Unity Through Diversity

The City of Bellevue Youth Link & Diversity Advantage program is presenting the first "Unity Through Diversity" community event on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Bellevue Youth Theatre - 16051 SE 10th Street, Bellevue.

The event will showcase various performances from community groups sharing their stories of inspiration, unique perspectives, and message of unity.

Complete event details can be found [here](#).

Reflections Program Deadline Fri. 11/13!

You can now start dropping off submissions at the school front office in the Reflections bin.

2 more weeks to go until the deadline!

For inspiration, see last year's winners at the National level here: <http://onevoice.pta.org/?p=5955>

Grab the forms from the Reflections display in the commons and get busy!

For more info, contact Reflections chair, Josephine Anderson, liudesign@aol.com.



Drop off submissions in collection bin at front office!

Reflections Program
2015-2016 Theme:
Let Your Imagination Fly
Deadline: **November 13th**

2 more weeks until deadline!

**Dance Choreography • Film Production • Literature
Music Composition • Photography • Visual Arts**

Volunteers Needed!

Help Make Sure that International School's Campus is Safe as our Students Arrive and Depart!

We need additional volunteers to:

- help guide pick up and drop off drivers
- make sure that students use the crosswalks
- help students and parents navigate the parking lot safely

Volunteers are needed before and after school. Time commitment is only about 30 minutes. If you are able to contribute, please contact T.J. Hanify at hanifyt@bsd405.org.

School Messenger

We had our second try at sending a text on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 and realized we still need many of you to make changes in your School Messenger account as most of you are not set up to get text messages from us.

If you would like to receive text messages in the event of an emergency please go to the following website: www.bsd405.org/stayconnected

Directions for completing can be found [here](#).



The Bellevue City Hall is holding their annual Kids Care Coat Drive for the youth of Bellevue. Please bring new or gently used coats to the box in the commons at International School. Hats, gloves, scarves and adult sizes are all accepted. Coats will be collected until January 11.

Any questions? You can contact Patrick Alina, the Bellevue Youth Link Coordinator, at PAlina@bellevuewa.gov.

Ski or Snowboard on Wednesday

Ski or snowboard after school on Wednesdays and be back in time for dinner!

Enjoy bus transportation to and from the Summit @ Snoqualmie.
Dates: January 6th 2016 to February 10th or March 3rd depending on weather conditions.

Complete details can be found [here](#).

Board and Ski with Bellevue Ski School in 2015-16!

Join the Saturday Bellevue Ski School Program. Give your student (2nd thru 12th grade) 6 and/or 8 Week Sessions, 8 hours on the mountain, with the best trained and dedicated staff. Transportation provided by BSD and Coach Buses. BSD reps on hill each Saturday. Sign up before Dec 15.

Affiliated with the Bellevue School District since 1958. Visit the web site for more information at www.bellevueskischool.com or email: info@BellevueSkiSchool.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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