



FORGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

June 8, 2022 Newsletter

A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:

Dear Families and Staff of Sage and Forge International Schools,

In the time since our last newsletter, so much has happened in our world, our country and in our schools.

Please take a moment - pause, and send your love and sympathy to the families of Robb Elementary School and all the other victims of senseless shootings in schools, businesses, churches, mosques and synagogues. The survivors of these tragedies need support.

Take a moment also to remember the people of Ukraine struggling mightily against a brutal and unprovoked Russian invasion - an invasion that has seen Russian forces deliberately attacking schools, hospitals and homes. The people of Ukraine also need support.

In considering the heartbreak and loss of so many, it may feel disconcerting to focus on our good fortune. Our schools have been a safe harbor for 1,400 children. They have learned, grown and been nurtured by an incredible staff, loving families and strong communities. All children deserve that.

As we move into summer, please look for ways to stay engaged with learning and find ways to take action to help others. Oftentimes, taking action, even in the smallest of ways, to help another person or group of people is exactly what we need to feel that we have some agency in the world. The simple act of helping another person by asking how they are, holding the door for them, helping them load something in their car or loaning them a book you love, can make all the difference in their lives. We can all make a difference. We all matter.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, advice and questions over the course of this year. You have each helped our schools be even better places for our children and staff.

Have a safe and happy summer,

All the best,

Andy



STAY CONNECTED!

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Other than school- wide emails and newsletters, our website is the best resource for general info about Forge.

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!

OUR MISSION:

Forge International School engages students within an inclusive international learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 4 - Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop-off

August 8 - First Day of School!

August 25 - Back to school night for families

September 26-30 - Fall Break, No School!



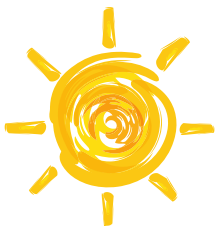
THANK YOU!

We want to give a GIANT shout-out to our **amazing PTO and YOU the parents** who have volunteered, donated, helped, and poured out so much love and hard work this year. Our community is the absolute best, and you make our staff feel so appreciated. Thank you so much, we are already looking forward to more fun events next year! You can follow them on **Facebook** [here](#), and they have the following meetings scheduled this summer in the Forge Gym:

June 14, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

July 12, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

August 9, 7:30 - 9:00 pm



Forge will close its doors for the summer between **June 10th and July 25th**. During that time our front desk will not be staffed and our phones will go to voicemail. We will send out email updates as needed, but if you need assistance or have questions over the summer, **please email info@forgeintl.org** and we will reply as soon as we are able. School supply lists for next year are ready if you would like to get a jump start on your shopping, you can **[find them here](#)**. Thank you and have a wonderful summer break, we will see you in August!

ENRICHMENT AT FORGE

We are exploring the level of interest/need for a program at Forge that would provide care for K-5 students after school, on Fridays, and during the summer. This program would provide fun and engaging activities and enriching field trips. This would be a tuition-based program with the flexibility to design the schedule to meet your needs. The cost would be approximately \$15 for an after-school day and \$45 for full days. This program would be similar to a program at our sister school Sage International that has been providing enrichment opportunities for kids for 11 years. Your input is greatly appreciated! Please take a couple of minutes to fill out **[this survey](#)**.



Middleton Music

We are thrilled to be offering classes to students at Forge through Middleton Music Academy! Classes and private lessons will be offered throughout the summer, please email info@middletonmusicacademy.com if you are interested!



NURSE BLEW'S HEALTH CORNER:

Hello, now that summer is here I would like to remind you all of some increased dangers during the next few months.



1. Drowning accidents- ensure that all children are wearing a life jacket when on a boat, and that young children are supervised at ALL times when around lakes, ponds, ditches, as well as swimming pools. Very young children can even drown in a couple of inches of water, such as on the top of a pool cover.

2. Heat exhaustion/Heat stroke- ensure that kids do not get overheated and/or dehydrated. While out in the heat sweating, they are losing fluids, so they need to drink even more water than they usually do. If you see that they are getting red in the face, breathing fast, etc, they may need to come inside to cool off, and drink some fluids.

3. Sunburn- Remember to put sunscreen on children often, even if it is cloudy, as they can still get a sunburn through the clouds. Even the sunscreens that say "waterproof" are usually not completely waterproof or sweatproof, so you will need to reapply every few hours. Getting blistering sunburns before the age of 12 puts them at a significantly higher risk of developing skin cancer later on, although frequent sun exposure puts everyone at risk of skin cancer. Fortunately, the sun also helps us produce Vitamin D which is also important to our bodies and immune systems, but you get enough from just a few minutes of sun exposure.

4. Bug bites/stings- Use mosquito repellant to decrease mosquito bites that can potentially carry the West Nile Virus, but mostly just to prevent miserable itching. Watch for bee/wasp stings, especially if allergic.

5. Keep kids away from fireworks- Kids (and adults) can suffer severe burns if they are not careful.

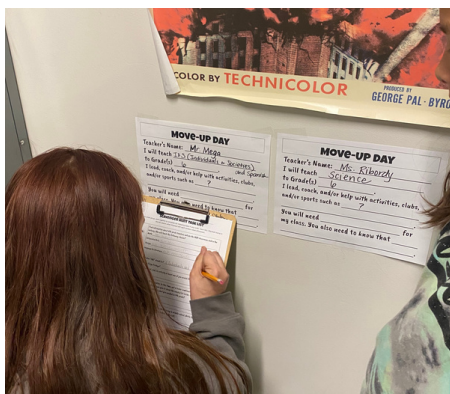
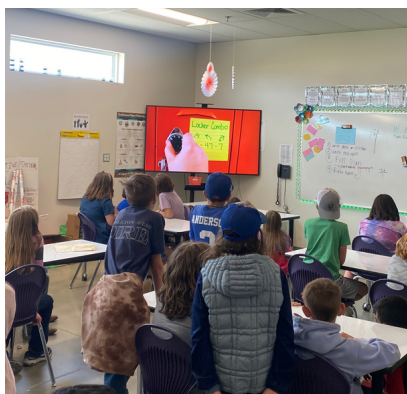
6. Bike safety- If you haven't already, please consider investing in a bike helmet that fits properly, to help prevent head injuries

7. Illness prevention- Covid is still in our community, so keep that in mind when gathering in groups. Fortunately during the summer, it is easier to have outdoor activities, allowing self-distancing.

Have a safe, healthy, and FUN summer!



May 19TH we had a school-wide "**Move up day**" to help prepare our students for next year! Each grade level was able to visit next year's classrooms and hear what to expect. 5th graders were led on a scavenger hunt to learn what middle school is all about, including opening their LOCKERS!





PYP (K-5th):

Wow! It has been such an amazing year in PYP at Forge. We all have so much to be proud of. This year, we became a fully Authorized IB World PYP school. This is a huge accomplishment and it was the result of a lot of work from students, teachers, families, and the community. This year, our K-5 learners completed 6 Units of Inquiry, grew as readers, writers, mathematicians, and as a learning community. 5th graders wrapped up their time in PYP with their Grade 5 PYP Exhibition. It was amazing to see them show and share all of their learning in this way. We have so much to look forward to and we cannot thank you enough for all of your support this year!



MYP (6-9):

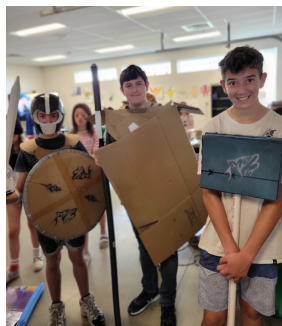
Congratulations to our **Balanced** students we celebrated in April with Learner Profile awards: Cora G., Kailen S., Autumn H., Isaiah G., and Daniel M.!



Thank you to MYP Spanish Profe Chapman and numerous parent volunteers for taking time for an optional field trip to the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Oregon.



MYP held its first (maybe annual?) Medieval Tournament on the last day of school! Students in grades 6-9 were grouped into "houses" for their advisory period and built cardboard "fortresses". We participated in a variety of competitive activities as well as an epic water battle. Awards were given for hand-crafted armor, foam weaponry design, and pool noodle jousting! Ms. Stelzner "knighted" award winners in a special ceremony, such fun!



Students AND staff had an awesome time at our Middle School Dance!



As always, information about all the great things happening in the MYP at Forge can be found on our blog, **Bonfire at Forge**.

