



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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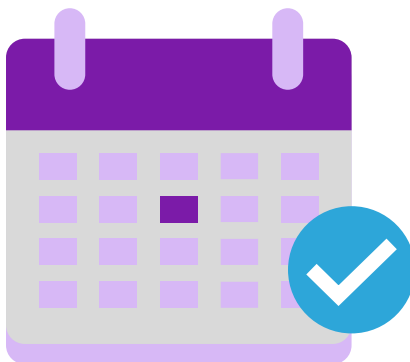
Our 2023-24 Lottery is open! You do not need to apply for the lottery, but we DO appreciate you sharing [this information](#) with anyone who may be interested in joining the Sage Middleton family! Our next Info Night for new and interested families is January 18, see below for more information about enrollment for next year. Take a look at [this fun video](#) showcasing how Sage Schools are making a difference in students' lives.



We're hiring! We are still searching for an Elementary Spanish teacher and a Speech Language Pathologist, you can read about our [job openings here](#).



Mind the Gap: Thank you to the families who have donated to help our school Mind the Gap! We are at \$4,125 with 17 generous families donating. We are hoping for participation from ALL families this year in any amount to help us reach our goal of \$40,000 and hope you will consider a gift to support the opportunities we provide your students. [Click here](#) to learn more!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 16 - MLK Jr. Day - no school

January 17 - First day of second semester

January 18 - Lottery Info Night 5:30 pm

January 19 - Book club @ Casa Mexico at 4:15 pm

January 30 - Re-enrollment for 2023-24 opens

February 20 - 24 - February Break, no school

STAY IN TOUCH



Other than this newsletter, our website is the best resource for general info about Forge. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

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. ”

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:



Dear Parents and Staff of Sage International Schools,

We are one network of schools committed to the concept and practice of a rigorous and interesting International Baccalaureate education. We encourage broad AND deep learning as individuals, and we also know the value of collaborative education. By working and learning with others we are able to generate a common understanding, identify problems, and develop solutions.

I am glad and grateful to be part of learning communities at both campuses that embrace this approach and our collective mission to engage students within inclusive International Baccalaureate (IB) learning communities and to challenge all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry.

I also want to make sure - in advance of the commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and International Holocaust Remembrance Day - that we recognize and think about our collective responsibility to ensure that all people have the opportunity to learn and grow; to live free of fear; to achieve their full potential and to participate fully in the organizations and structures that govern their society.

To learn more about Dr. King's life, legacy and impact, please visit [The King Center](#). To learn more about International Holocaust Remembrance Day and what led to the Holocaust visit the [United States Holocaust Museum and Memorial](#).

In remembrance and in action for a better and more peaceful world,

Andy

SCHOOL - FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Update from Federal Programs:

Thanks to the families who provided feedback on the draft School-Family Engagement Plan during the fall of 2022. The Board approved the Plan at their meeting on November 28, 2022. This Plan covers the school, family, and student responsibilities that support student learning and success. You can read the [approved plan HERE](#). Please contact Emily Boles, Federal Programs Coordinator, with any questions at emily.boles@sageintl.org.



A NOTE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Happy New Year! We know that children learn better and faster when teachers have a clear picture of what students know and how they are growing academically. To ensure we are meeting your child's academic needs, we utilize the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth Assessment three times per year. The winter benchmark for MAP will begin January 11 (full schedule below).

The MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level. The MAP Growth uses an RIT scale to accurately measure what students know and measures growth over time. This helps you track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. We will take the MAP growth again in May.

Winter Benchmark

January 11-12 MYP math

January 18-19 PYP math, MYP reading

January 24-25 PYP reading

To help your child do their very best, our teachers are working with them on test-taking strategies and skills. A healthy breakfast with protein and a good night's sleep before the assessments will be incredibly helpful!

ENROLLMENT NEWS



Re-enrollment for the 2023-24 school year begins January 30th and parents will have through **February 12th** to complete it to reserve their student's spot for next year. Be on the lookout for an email from our registrar Arin on January 27th.

During re-enrollment, you will also have the opportunity to apply for the sibling lottery for any additional students that don't already attend Sage but that you would like to enroll for next year. Siblings that live within the same household are given priority in our enrollment lottery for any openings that we have available. Stay tuned and contact Arin with any questions at arin.jeffs@forgeintl.org.

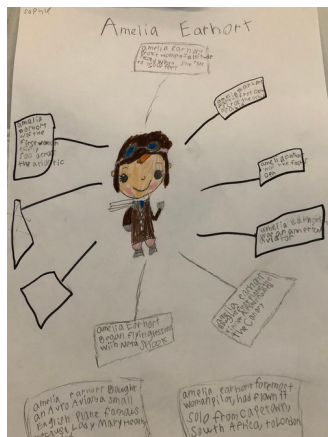
Taking action is an important part of the learning process. This is what the I.B. says about action: “Students taking action in response to their inquiries lays a foundation for community service in [the future]. Action is a means for students to show that they have linked their learning to real-life issues and opportunities.”

We teach our students that there are many different ways to take action. Some of the main ways to take action are:

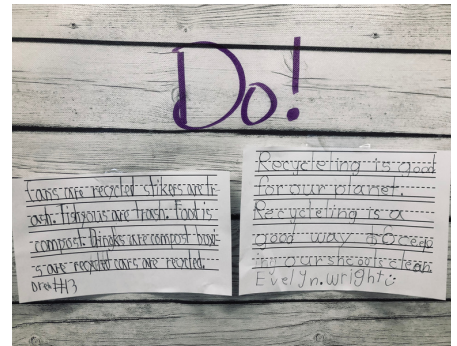
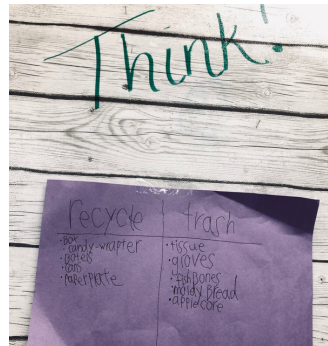
- to inform others
- to change one’s own behavior and choices
- to inspire others to change their behavior and choices
- to help prevent a problem
- to build something
- to design a solution

Some of our younger PYP learners in Grade 1 and Grade 2, have been taking action as a result of the new knowledge and understanding they gained in their current inquiries.

Grade 2 students are finishing an inquiry into citizenship. Using what they learned about the characteristics of good citizens in a community, they combined their research and creativity to create posters of both historical and current good citizens. They will be displaying them in the hall to inform others.



Our Grade 1 students have been learning about resources and our responsibility to help make resources last. They are taking action by doing trash clean-ups around school and sorting the items into: trash, recyclables, or reusables. It is amazing to watch our students connect their learning with real-life problems and solutions.



MYP Students are finishing up their first semester strong! We will begin MAP testing this week with Math. Next week, we'll complete the Reading portion of the MAP test. Parents, please make sure students are coming to school rested and well-fed, with charged Chromebooks, planners, and all other needed supplies. Are you checking and signing their planners each evening? Are you also checking into their assessments in Toddle? These are some of our best methods of communicating our daily must-dos with you. We are looking forward to seeing them show what they know on MAP testing and going into our second semester!

If you haven't had an opportunity to check out our [BLOG](#), please do so! It is packed with MYP-specific events and important information such as grading and assessment and everything IB. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM NURSE BLEW:

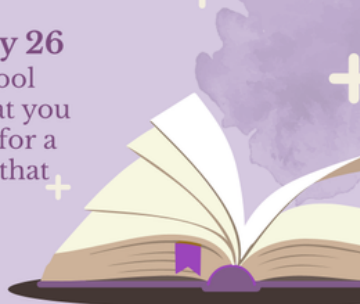
I would love donations of snacks that kids like, especially small packages of crackers and granola bars. I get a lot of visits from kids that don't have snacks from home, or that get tummy aches from being hungry. Also, some kids don't eat their hot lunch because they just don't like what's on the school menu. If your child usually eats school lunch, please review the Lunch Menu listed on the Forge website, prior to that day. If you know they won't eat it, please try to send them with lunch from home if you are able.



BOOK DRIVE WITH MEAGAN MCCULLOUGH

Book Drive

January 19-January 26
Please bring your school appropriate books that you would like to donate, for a book exchange event that will take place on **Thursday, February 2nd from 4:30-6:30** here at Forge.



Book Exchange

Please join us for a book exchange event taking place on **February 2nd, from 4:30-6:30**.

Tables will line the hallways with free books for you to choose from. We hope to see you there!

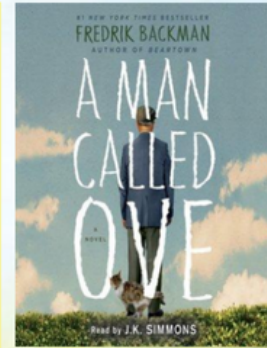


GET INVOLVED



We need volunteers to help in the kitchen! You can find the Sign up [here](#) or email gina.fairchild@forgeintl.org

Forge's Parent-Staff Book Club will meet Thursday, January 19th, at 4:15 p.m., at Casa Mexico in Middleton. We will be discussing the book [A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman](#). Email Lisa Marshall (lisa.marshall@forgeintl.org) for more information. Everyone is welcome!



Parent-Staff Book Club

Forge Expeditions:

January 25 - 4th Grade Snowshoeing day at Bogus Basin

February 3-5 - MYP winter camping trip at the ISU Skyline Yurt, find more info [here](#)

February 10 - Grades 3-10 Ski/snowboard day at Bogus (this trip is full)

You can find more info about all of our expeditions on [our website](#).

Boys Basketball: Practices began this week and will run Monday-Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Here are there upcoming games, we'd love for you to come cheer them on:



Tues/ Jan 24th vs Falcon Ridge @ 4:30

Wed/ Jan 25th @ Adrian @ 4:00

Thus/ January 26th vs Rolling Hills @ 4:30

Wed/ Feb 1st vs Riverstone @ 4:30

You can find more details and their game schedule [here](#).



Middleton Music Academy is excited to start their **Youth Choir for children ages 7-13** here at Sage Middleton starting this month. We

also have these group classes offered after school: Violin/Viola ensemble, Guitar basics, and Brighter Notes Piano. Private lessons are also available at different times throughout the week for Guitar, Piano, Voice, Strings, and Drums. Sage Middleton students get a discount for any group class and registration fees, and also receive registration preference. Classes are also open to the general public as well and spots are filling up!

Please email info@middletonmusicacademy.com ASAP to secure your spot!

Community Opportunities - You can find other activities offered in our community [here](#)! If you have something to add, please email it to info@forgeintl.org.