



FORGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

November 3, 2021 Newsletter

A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:

Dear families and staff of Forge and Sage International Schools,

I hope this note finds you all well! I wanted to start by sharing with you that we did our first joint Friday professional learning session this past Friday. The teaching teams at Sage and Forge got together to begin developing mutually supportive relationships at each grade level across the Network. This was a

goal we set last winter and I am proud of the work that our Heads of School did to organize this session. The energy and happiness of everyone that I spoke with was obvious. Relationships really matter.



Our effort to bring the staff of each school together more frequently and regularly is driven by their desire to feel connected to and supportive of each other. Those sentiments are at the heart of our schools' mission. Our mission asks us to engage within an inclusive IB learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry. Supporting this mission, we hold up the International Baccalaureate's Learner Profile as our set of guiding values.

This month Forge is highlighting the value of Knowledgeable and Sage is focusing on Caring. Their efforts on Friday were superb ways of kicking off their respective monthly Learner Profile focuses with their students.

I encourage you all to explore the Learner Profile and, this month, ask your child(ren) what it means to be knowledgeable and caring.

Finally, November is a month when Americans pause to honor, give thanks, and remember. November is Native American Heritage Month. Please take time to learn about and honor the indigenous peoples of America. [At this link](#), you will find a number of resources to explore. On November 11th, I urge you to find ways to remember and give thanks to our veterans. Please see [this link](#) from the Veterans Administration for ways to learn about and participate in Veterans Day. I also wish you all the best for [Thanksgiving](#).

With thanks, Andy Johnson



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 NOTE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER:

Our IB learner profile attribute of the month is: **KNOWLEDGEABLE.**

Students who are knowledgeable explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In doing so, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.



How can parents help to develop students who are knowledgeable at home?

- Encourage your child to be aware of current events by watching the news or reading news articles when appropriate.
- Explore connections between the area of interest and other topics.
- When your child asks a question, encourage them to seek the answer out rather than giving them the answer.
- Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it.
- Foster areas of interest that your child displays through books, outings and activities.

Ask:

- "Why do you think that is important to know?"
- "Can you think of anything that's happening today that might be similar to...?"
- "What does that make you think of?"
- "Does that remind you of anything else you've learned?"



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!



Mark your Calendar:



Nov 6 - PTO Harvest Festival

Nov 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break - No School!

Nov 29 - Photo Retakes

December 20-31 - Holiday Break - No School!

November in the Forge Kitchen:

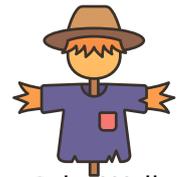


Breakfast Menu
Lunch Menu



FORGE PTO HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 6th
from 2pm-6pm



Join us for Chili Cook-Off, Silent & Online Auction, Cake Walk, Food, Treats, Games, Activities, Face Painting, Inflatable, and so much more! We are looking for volunteers for donations, setup, and take-down. You can sign up HERE. Thank you!



Battle of the Books (IBOB) students have been busy checking out and

reading this year's books and will start to form teams of four soon. These teams will battle it out against each other starting in January. We're hoping to order team t-shirts for all participants!

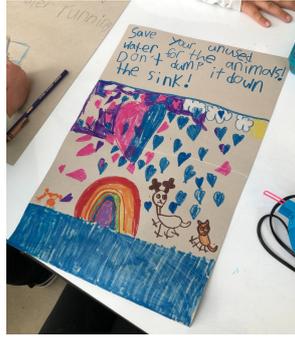
- Forge is in search of two Paraprofessionals to start ASAP! The position follows the school's schedule, so same school days and breaks as your Forge student! \$15/hour and excellent benefits, click here for more information!
- We are also in great need of help in our kitchen, if you are interested in being a paid substitute, you can find more info here. If you are willing to volunteer during lunchtime, it would be a HUGE help and you can see your kids during their school day! Contact monica.harshman@forgeintl.org THANK YOU!





PYP (K-5) at Forge

The Second Grade classes recently finished their “Sharing the Planet” inquiry into water and the effects water has on both life and the earth. The students decided to



end this inquiry by reflecting on what they had learned and taking action. They designed and created signs to teach others why it is important to be careful with water use and to share some easy tips on how to do this.

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.”

MYP (6-9) at Forge

Congratulations to Forge MYP's Student Council for 2021-22:

9th Grade Representatives: Jaida Norman, Matthew Smullin

8th Grade Representatives: Alayna Donahue, BrookLynn Woods

7th Grade Representatives: Devany Christensen, Cache Richards

6th Grade Representatives: Ollie Dempsey, Emme Kirschner

These eight students will work together to create a vision, delegate

leaders within the group, and plan events and activities to lead the MYP student body.



For the month of October, teachers recognized students who showed the “Thinker” Learner Profile attribute. Students who received awards were: (9th grade) Jakob Kirschner and Valentina Pearce, (8th) Kasen Mann and BrookLynn Woods, (7th) Ava Hammond and Kailen Schwandt, and (6th) Sawyer Morrison and Baysia Pierce. Amazing work, students!



Nurse Blew's Health Corner:

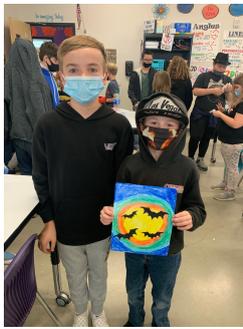
We have turned all school water fountains back on, in an attempt to keep our students well hydrated. They will be sanitized on a regular basis to limit the spread of illnesses. We still ask that ALL students bring a water bottle with them every day to refill as needed.



CDC Approved COVID-19 Vaccine for Ages 5-11: The CDC followed the Food and Drug Administration's authorization and gave final approval for Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine for 5 to 11-year-olds. Please consult with your doctor to determine if the Covid-19 vaccine is recommended for your child(ren) as it will be available through local healthcare providers and pharmacies in the coming days.

Keeping Kids Home With Symptoms of Illness: Students with symptoms of illness, especially multiple symptoms, should be kept at home until symptom-free (or at least very mild and well-controlled) for 24 hrs. We appreciate everyone doing their part by conducting daily health screenings before sending students to school, and please use the [CDC Covid-19 Symptom Checker](#) if your student has symptoms.





One of the best things about being a K-9 school is the opportunities to bring grade levels together to collaborate learning! Check out this fun Halloween art crossover project with 4th and 7th grade !



Forge Boys Basketball

We are SO excited to begin our first season of Boys Middle School Basketball at Forge! Boys in **grades 6th-8th** of all ability levels are welcome. Practices will take place after school Monday-Thursday beginning January 3rd.



The boys team will be coached by Jarret Ellsworth and Arin Jeffs, who both have years of experience and are just finishing the girls' season!

The deadline to register is December 10th, you can find out more information [HERE](#).
Come join us!



Forge Snow Team!



Hello Forge families! Registration is NOW OPEN for Forge's first-ever snow team for MYP students in grades 6-9. Under the organization of Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation (<http://bbsef.org>), Forge offers the opportunity for students to take part in Alpine, Nordic and Snowboard competitions. The team offers students the opportunity to better their skills, practice sportsmanship, and meet other racers. Their first race will take place on January 8th at Bogus Basin. Please find more info [HERE](#) to see if the snow team would be a good fit for your MYP student! Registration Deadline is **December 3rd!**



Worried about how screen time is affecting your kids and the rest of their generation?

Forge's Parent-Teacher Book Club is meeting Friday, **November 12, from 4:15-5:15 p.m., at Bobbie Jean's Coffee in Star.** We will be discussing Chapters 4-6 of the book *Glow Kids: How Screen Addiction Is Hijacking Our Kids - and How to Break the Trance*. If you haven't read it and still want to join, please do! Email Lisa Marshall (lisa.marshall@forgeintl.org) for more information.



Parent-Teacher Book Club

Girls Basketball at Forge!

The girls have been having a great season and a LOT of fun coached by Jarret Ellsworth and Arin Jeffs!



We'd love for you to come to cheer on your Forge Girls team at their final two games:

November 18th- @ home vs TVCA at 4:15
November 29th- @ Riverstone at 4:00

Good luck finishing up the season!

