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International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

It was spirit week at ICS this week. ASB organized unique ways to show school pride. Duo Day showed clever partnerships like Salt and Pepper, opposing video game characters and superheroes vs. villains. It was amazing to see the vast array of cultures on display in traditional dress from East, Southeast, and South Asia to Middle Eastern, Eastern and Western Europe and North and South America. Costumes on Friday were spectacular and creative. Our students really took advantage of this week. Spirit week culminates an entire quarter of possible class points for grade levels to earn. Dr. O'Donnell and I look forward to making pancakes for the winning grade level on November 7 using our Blackstone Grill purchased by the PTSA for the school.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Jacob

IB at ICS (by Lauren Jackson, IB Diploma Coordinator)

The IB Learner Profile

Another element of the IB philosophy that sets it apart from other curricular programs is its focus on the Learner Profile. IB puts the student learner at the center of its approach to learning, recognizing that when we educate a young person, we are developing them for their future. What

they learn today is less important than who they become and how they approach the world around them. Becoming a person who knows *how* to learn will stay with our students. This is particularly true as our world continues to change.

IBO describes the 10 attributes this way: “Together, the IB learner profile attributes represent key aspects of intellectual, personal, emotional, and social theories of learning that interact with and inform each other.” We will work to develop these qualities in students both in our IB courses and in the IB Core: Creativity Activity Service (CAS), Extended Essay (EE) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK). Each teacher’s written course outline must show how their lessons develop these qualities. The Learner Profile reads: As IB learners we strive to be: **Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, Reflective.**

You can [find the Learner Profile here](#). Please open the document to read a brief explanation about each of these attributes.

Don’t forget to vote on November 4

Make your voice heard and return your ballots by November 4. LWSD has two school board seats that will be determined by this election.

February 2026 Renewal Levies

The Lake Washington School District Board of Directors has voted to place two levy renewals on the February 10, 2026 ballot. They are the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy and the School Technology & Capital Projects levy. Both levies must be renewed by voters every four years. Funding from these [levies](#) is used in every classroom across our district.

Focus Week

Please look at a separate message sent on October 31 about Focus Week options for students. The deadline for submitting preferences is November 10.

Label Personal Items

Please label all personal items with your students' name. If the item is lost, we can connect it back

to them. Last year students lost headphones and cases, cell phones, backpacks, clothing, glasses, water bottles, jewelry and wallets.

Attendance

Phone: **425 936 2381**

Email: **ICSAttendance@lwsd.org**

Please report student absences, late arrivals and early dismissal via email or phone call to Attendance. Include your students' name, grade, and reason in your message. Informing via teachers' emails, the main office, or responding to the newsletter email which is set to 'do not reply' is not recommended.

Parents Bringing Items

There is a shelf inside the school entry for dropping off any items, such as lunches, books or homework for your student. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your students' name and that you have informed them. Laptops must be brought into the office.

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