



International Community School News

Hello ICS Families!

Camp Phoenix is just around the corner and exemplifies how the PTSA and school partnership is so important. Camp brings our community together each year. Students solidify relationships with one another and with other adults (faculty and parents). I also love to see our parents connect with each other and our faculty. Some of my favorite moments at camp are getting to know our parents more deeply. Camp does not happen without the PTSA. We have close to 100 parents that will attend camp as chaperones overnight, supervise during the day, and prepare items this coming weekend. Your PTSA camp lead, Carmen, has been instrumental in this work. The PTSA financial donation that each family makes ensures equity through scholarships for families that demonstrate financial need. Last week a message went out for donations for camp activities. Boxes of items started flowing in the very next day. The PTSA matters, your volunteer hours matter, your PTSA financial donations matter. Our school is exceptional because of these partnerships, and I am so grateful to lead this amazing school.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Jacob

IB at ICS—CAS Spotlight! (CAS Coordinator, Jennifer Ann)

The **Creativity, Activity, and Service** (CAS) component of the IB Core is off to a great start, thanks in part to a dedicated group of parent volunteers serving as CAS Advisors!

Eight parents, whose own ICS students are in grades 6–12, have stepped into this important role to help guide and mentor our IB Diploma students throughout their CAS journey. The CAS Advisors have already met with their small cohorts of 11th graders to learn about each student's unique strengths, interests, and challenges.

It is exciting to see the incredible variety of experiences our students are pursuing—from leadership in school clubs and volunteering at community events to participating on swim teams and performing with the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra. Through CAS, students are

challenged to step beyond the classroom, engage in meaningful experiences, and reflect on their personal growth along the way.

We look forward to sharing more CAS highlights and celebrating our ICS students throughout the year. A huge thank-you to our parent volunteers and the entire ICS community for helping this important part of the IB experience thrive!

Camp Phoenix Info

Important camp information was sent out through ParentSquare on Wednesday, September 30. **You can access it here.**

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.

Contact Information

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