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THE Kaleidoscope

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CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday, November 6	Parent Teacher Conferences From 10 am to 6 pm – no school
Thurs, Nov 8 and Fri, Nov 9	Musical Production ‘You’ re a Good Man, Charlie Brown’ at 7 pm in the MPR

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

International Week

Tuesday was the culmination of our International Week 2007. The theme for the week was Fair Trade. Students learned about what Fair Trade is and studied global issues concerning developing countries. On Tuesday, students were involved in a number of workshops organized by staff at the school and including guest speakers. We also enjoyed a fantastic meal at lunch time, which each Middle School student contributed to by bringing in food for their house.

Parent Round Table Discussions

As mentioned in last week’s Kaleidoscope, the Middle School parent round table discussions for each grade level will start this month, beginning with grade 6 on the 14th November. The meeting will start at 18:30 and will be held on the Middle School floor, house 3. The meetings are a chance for parents of a grade level to get together and talk about school and home issues. It is hoped that by getting together, parents can learn from each other on a range of issues. Please email me with ideas you might have to discuss, so that I can form some kind of agenda beforehand. I intend for these meetings to be relatively informal, so if you have an issue to bring up on the day, please feel free to do so.

A reminder of the dates:

Grade 6

November 14th, January 30th, April 16th

Grade 7

November 21st, February 6th, April 23rd

Grade 8

November 28th, February 20th, April 30th

New Singing Teacher

We have a hired a new singing teacher to join our growing team of peripatetic music teachers. Her name is Antje Rux. If you would like your son or daughter to try singing lessons, please contact her directly: antjerux@yahoo.de

We are also interviewing a cello teacher next week, so please contact me directly if you think your son or daughter would be interested in learning.

You' re a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Please make a note in your diaries for next **Thursday and Friday the 8th and 9th of November**. The drama club, directed by Julia Peters, is putting on this musical production at school. We were lucky enough to hear a small snippet of it in our Middle School assembly this week.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions concerning the Middle School please contact me on 033203 80 36 0, email ben.kestner@bbis.de, or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mark Hansen, Elementary School Principal

Principal's Thoughts...FROM THE HEART

International Week's Grand Finale was on Tuesday. The day started with a colorful International Costume/Culture Parade, continued with our assembly, and culminated with the International Buffet. It was a wonderful way to end the week of activities that involved students, teachers, parents, and administrators. When we started International Week on October 24, we kicked it off with the Move-a-thon. The Move-a-thon involved every student and staff member at BBIS running and walking through our campus woods supporting several charities. In the Elementary School, we supported two organizations—one local and one international. Amazingly, our students raised 3,676 euro for this one day event! Considering the ages of our elementary students, this is something quite commendable. The two organizations we supported are the St. Marien's Soup Kitchen in Berlin and the "Dare to Dream" Camp outside Durbin, South Africa. We divided the money equally and each organization received 1,838 euros. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Peter Altrichten from St. Marien's Soup Kitchen join us during the presentation and he was once again overjoyed at the generosity of our students. St. Marien's serves homeless adults in the Charlottenberg and Wilmersdorf areas of Berlin. The money (1,838 euros) donated to the "Dare to Dream" Camp was presented to Abigail Sanders, one of our Early Childhood teachers here at BBIS. Abigail has been a counselor at this camp in the past and will be returning in December to help during her holiday vacation. The "Dare to Dream" Camp is a camp for children whose parents have died of AIDS. The camp provides a refuge from the children's difficult lives. Abigail has already heard from the director of the camp and the money our students raised will sponsor an entire camp for 45 children in March 2008! I would encourage you to take a few minutes and reinforce to your child what an important role they have taken in helping others.



International Week also included a Fair Trade Simulation, a Culture Day rotation, activities in the classroom, and other activities. International Week would not have been possible without the support of our staff, parents, and enthusiasm of the students. We were very fortunate to have so many parents sponsor a country room and teach our students (and staff!) more about their home culture. I would like to also thank the following staff members for their leadership roles in ensuring such a worthwhile week of events for our students:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Parade</u>	<u>World Culture Day</u>	<u>Move-a-thon</u>	<u>PTO Liaison</u>	<u>Fair Trade Simulation</u>
Lisa Roy	Kate Lynch	Brent Lund	Joost Langendonck Jordi Casas	Camille DuAime	Jessica O'Neill Camille DuAime Jane Leonhardt
Camille DuAime	Katie Rogers	Joost Langendonck			
Erika Victor		Jordi Casas		<u>Middle Sch. Liaison</u>	
Abigail Sanders		Camille DuAime		Lisa Roy	
		Lisa Roy			

International Museum

During International Week the Elementary School hosted the annual International Museum. We will keep it up through next week and I would encourage you to come and take a look at the artifacts our students brought in when you come for Parent Teacher Conferences. Just as interesting as the forty-four artifacts is the information the students wrote about what they brought in and why it is important to them individually. The International Museum is just outside my office—House 2, floor 2 near the back entrance. Come take a look!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday, November 6 from 10:00-18:00. There is no school on this day for students. Your assigned conference time was distributed to your child today. You are also encouraged to visit your child's specialist teachers: Music, Art, Physical Education, German, IT, and ESL.



Questions

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by phone (033203 8036125), email (mark.hansen@bbis.de) or by simply dropping by my office for a visit. Parents are always welcome!



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Dr. Christina Limbird, Head of Department

From the Guidance Office

November 2007

November 1:

Early decision for most American universities

November 3:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

December 2007

December 1:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

December 8:

ACT test at JFK School

December 26:

SAT registration deadline for January 26 test (JFK)

Please see Mrs Kamphausen in Room 2404 if you need any other information
(hours: Mon/Wed 8.30-14.30, Fri 9.00-12.30) or send an email to leslie.kamphausen@bbis.de

SCHOOLWIDE NEWS

Link to the PTO newsletter

<http://www.bbis.de/content/new-events/index2.htm>

News from the Boarding School

During International Day on October 30th students in the 10th to 12th grades developed ideas about possible ways to structure an international boarding school. Their ideas ranged from regular, shared meal times and chores to a more open situation with buffet meals and ample amounts of time to do homework or just “chill.”

The students also realized that weekly group meetings would be important for the shaping of the boarders’ life together. They thought that having younger adults looking after boarding students would be better and most of them didn’t want to be coaxed out of bed by their own teachers every morning.

Overall their ideas supported tolerance toward other cultures and religions and the students clearly were excited about the prospect of having boarding students at BBIS as of August 2008.

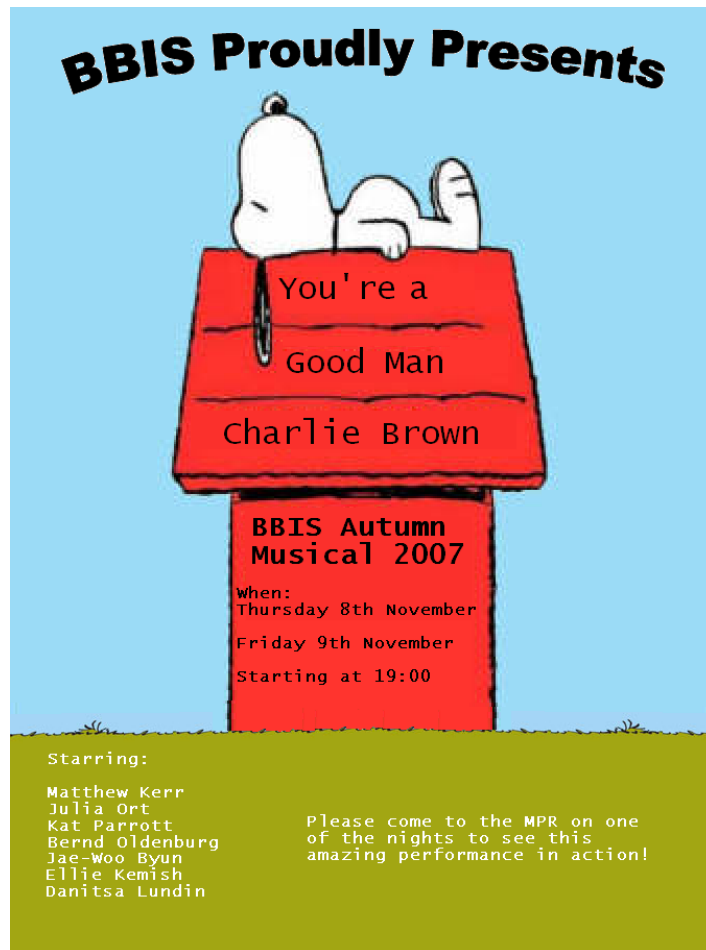
Here I would like to publicly thank the students for their creative feedback and I look forward to more opportunities for cooperation in this process of creating a boarding school.

Parents, please note that I will be in my office throughout the Parent Consultation Day on November 6, 2007 to talk with interested parents about the new boarding school project at BBIS. My office (#3403) is on the top floor of House 3 above the front entrance. Please stop in during a break for a chat!

Thank you for your support.

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News from the Drama Club



The BBIS drama season kicks off with two performances of the musical 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November, at 19.00 in school. Seats are free and do not need to be reserved – so simply come along with your friends and family. The show is suitable for all ages.

The 'Peanuts', that charming little crowd of world famous kindergarteners, share their daily frustrations and profound wisdom with us: Charlie Brown would love the little red haired girl to love him - or at least *notice* him; Snoopy (when he's not worrying about his supper) would love to be a famous World War I pilot; Sally thinks her coat hanger sculpture deserves more than a 'D' and loves adopting a new philosophy every two minutes; Lucy would like to be less 'crabby' and loves Schroeder – but Schroeder simply loves Beethoven. Fortunately, everybody agrees on one thing: 'You're a good man, Charlie Brown'.



News from the PE Department

FOOTBALL RESULTS FROM LAST SATURDAY AT BBIS FIELD

BBIS VARSITY BOYS	5	VS	DRESDEN INTL SCHOOL	0
BBIS U14 BOYS	8	VS	DRESDEN INTL SCHOOL	0
BBIS VARSITY BOYS	6	VS	DRESDEN INTL SCHOOL	2
BBIS U14 BOYS	12	VS	DRESDEN INTL SCHOOL	3

Congratulations!

NEXT FOOTBALL GAME:

SATURDAY, 3RD NOV, AT BBIS FIELD

BBIS U14 BOYS AND GIRLS VS HANOVER INTL SCHOOL 10.30 – 15.00

NEXT VOLLEYBALL GAME:

SATURDAY 3RD NOV AT SPORTPARK 10.30 – 15.00

BBIS VARSITY GIRLS VS HANOVER INTL AND BERLIN BRITISH SCHOOL

Any support welcome. Our players would really appreciate it.

Request for help from all parents:

Now we are hosting SPORTING events at BBIS, we have to provide and sell refreshments to our guests (as they do for us when we go to their schools) during the games on Saturdays. To do this we need some volunteers to give a little of their time on Saturdays (not every Saturday); maybe we can make a roster so no person does too long.

Also in the coming months and next year when the SPORTSHALL is finished, we will be hosting tournaments and we will have to house visiting teams. And we will need BBIS families to offer to house 2, 3 or more students for one night only, normally on a Friday. If we get enough parents to do this you would only be expected to do this once (at the most twice a year).

We are trying to set up a SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB (separate from the PTO) to help organize and run such events with help from the BBIS families. This is how it is normally set up in international schools, with any profits going into getting equipment and uniforms for our athletes.

If you are interested please contact the following people who have kindly offered to help get this underway: PAM MCGUINNES, ANITA BAWA, ERIKA VIKTOR, MR VANDERSTEEN (or other PE teachers)

Regards

Stephen Vandersteen
Sports Director

3v3 Family Football Challenge

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you to the first Elementary School **3v3 Family Football Challenge** at BBIS which will be held on Saturday morning, the 24th November between 10 am and 1pm.

The reason for this initiative is two-fold;

1. We have this amazing new facility and we would like to see all of you using it.
2. It will be a fun and exciting way to meet other parents and students while being active!

Tournament set up:

As soon as all registration forms are in, we will decide on a format but the games will be short (+/- 5 min.) and we will play on fields 25 by 35 m with small goals. The aim is on fun, sportsmanship and meeting new people, not on performance. The schedule will be sent to you, the week prior to the event.

Uniform and team name:

We challenge you to design your own family shirt (maybe related to your country of origin) and come up with a catchy team name which you can fill in on the reply slip below.

Teams:

Each team can consist of any number of players with a minimum of three. All team members must be family members. The playing team must at all times be a mix of parents and children as well as male and female and the children should be attending Elementary School, grade 2 to 5. *So mum can play with dad and son but mum can not play with 2 daughters at the same time.*

Deadline:

Please send your form in to: PE office (Mr. Langendonck) before **Monday 12th November**. If you have any questions and/or queries please feel free to contact Mr. Langendonck at school.

I truly hope to see as many families there as possible to make this a truly BBIS community event.

Regards,

Mr. Joost Langendonck
Elementary School PE teacher BBIS
joost.langendonck@bbis.de

Please send this slip to the BBIS PE Office before Monday 12th November:

YES, our Family team _____ (fill in team name) will play

in the **3v3 Family Football Challenge** on Saturday the 24th November.

Our son/daughter _____ is in grade _____ with Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

Our contact details are:

Email: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Signed: _____



QUIZ NIGHT

FOR PARENTS AND STAFF OF **BBIS**



Do you know some obscure trivia?

Enjoy social joviality and witty repartee?

Then form a team of 4-6 people and come to

Quiz Night

- Friday 30th November
- In the Staff lounge, Top floor in Haus 3
- 7.00 pm start
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams

Request a €5 donation

Proceeds go to the BBIS Library

BYO drinks and snacks for your team

Please register your team by the 28th November, contact
Simon Brodie: in the Tech staff room
or email simon.brodie@bbis.de

If you do not have enough people for a team, just turn up and join a team!

News from the Library

The Library now subscribes to **Grolier Online** which includes the following databases:

Encyclopedia Americana
Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
New Book of Knowledge Online
Popular Science
Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre
Lands and Peoples
America the Beautiful
Amazing Animals

For students to gain access to these databases from home, please follow the following steps:

1. Go to <http://go.grolier.com>
2. Enter in the username and password below, all in lowercase:
Username: bbis
Password: grolier

Annie Pyers, Teacher Librarian

New BBIS Fundraising Campaign “KICK OFF”

At the beginning of August 2007, BBIS started its new fundraising campaign “KICK OFF” to help refinance the new artificial-turf football field, located directly in front of the school buildings.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank the following board members, staff members, parents, and friends of BBIS who have already made a donation. You will receive a statement certifying the donated amount after receipt of the amount in our bank account:

Christian C. R. Dahms
Dr. Frank H. Walter-von Gierke
Dr. Hermann Andreas
Joseph von Habsburg-Lothringen
NH Hoteles Deutschland GmbH
Burkhard Dolata
Familie Bürkle
Koenig Family
Fleishmans
Leo & Luis Seeling
Esther & Frederick Hellmann
Franziska Harrison
Gertrud von Storch
Schrotthandel und Kleintransporte Lutz Bernau
Matthies Coaching + HR Consulting
Paul Bales
Katrin and Dr. Johannes Niewerth
Dr. Rolf und Beatrice Hamberger
Van Oosterhoot-Kennedy
Charles Jeffrey Horkey
Eduard Prinz von Anhalt

All contributors will be recognised on a plaque at the sports complex and on our website.

Please go on participating in our new campaign! We need and appreciate every donation made regardless of the amount of money you are willing to donate!

If you have any questions concerning the campaign, please contact me by phone (033203-8036-84), email tamara.hager@bbis.de , or just drop by my office (3302). Leaflets with detailed information on the campaign are available at the new reception (Main Gate A).

Tamara Hager
Fundraising/PR/Marketing

Sammeldrache

The school needs your old/empty printer cartridges. We need as many as we can get because each container of cartridges gives us points and when we have enough points we trade these in for electronic equipment. Last month we traded our points for a brand new beamer (Data Projector) and would like to save up points for the next one. All types of cartridges are welcome so.



Please send your empty printer cartridges to the BBIS IT Department.