



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR DATES

Friday, 5 June	ES Spring Concert at 1 pm
Thursday, 11 June	MS UN Day
Friday, 12 June	Deadline for returning library books
Friday, 12 June	ES Sports Day from 8.15 am to 3 pm
Friday, 12 June	Middle School Party from 7.15 to 10.15 pm
Wednesday, 17 June	Information Evening on BBIS CAS Project at 6 pm in Room 3404
Wednesday, 17 June	“The Graduate Show” at 7 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 18 June	Grade 8 Science Fair
Friday, 19 June	Informal Musical Soirée III
Saturday, 20 June	BBIS Summer Fest from 11 am to 3 pm
Monday, 22 June	BBIS Sports Awards Banquet
Tuesday, 23 June	EC Summer Concert at 8.30 am
Wednesday, 24 June	MS/HS Sports Day from 8.30 am to 2.45 pm
Wednesday, 24 June	Grade 5 Moving-On Ceremony at 3.15 pm
Thursday, 25 June	Grade 8 Moving-On Ceremony
Friday, 26 June	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal at 11.30 am

## OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 11 June	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 18 June	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 25 June	11 am – 2 pm

# NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

## Grade 8 and Grade 3 Collaboration

Both grades 8 and 3 have been studying the issue of migration and examining reasons why people migrate. This provided the perfect opportunity for collaboration between the two groups. What resulted was an exciting and interesting lesson for both Grade levels. Grade 8 fulfilled a role model position and learned the responsibility of imparting knowledge to someone younger and realized that they could still learn from a 3rd grader! Grade 3 worked and learned with the assistance of grade 8. It was a wonderful event to witness and embodied the community and spirit of BBIS. Thanks to the teachers Kathryn Rimmer and Katy Kennedy for putting so much energy into such a wonderful cross school collaboration.



Lasse Kinast (left), Grade 3 student (middle) and Celin Friedberg (right)

## Summer Fest

As you will all be aware, the Summerfest is on Saturday 20 June. As always, this promises to be a wonderful event full of fun and excitement. We mustn't forget that this is also an important money raising event for the PTA, and so we need YOU!

The Middle School will sing at around 1pm, and Ms Kovacs has asked if the choir could come and support. I hope you will support this venture and opportunity and I look forward to seeing you there!

## Grade 8 Moving On

You will notice from the calendar that the grade 8 class have a ceremony in school time to celebrate and reflect on their time in the Middle School. This will be a fun time to look back on their Middle School years and to think about the opportunities ahead. We would like to keep this as a student celebration as much as possible, therefore parents are not invited. I understand that some parents come from backgrounds where Middle School graduation is a big event open to the public, but here we prefer to celebrate and honour our students with the students themselves during school time. I have talked this through with the student moving on ceremony committee. The students, thanks to the PTA, will receive framed photos of their class and we will also be having speeches and awards.

### Supervision after School

Students have been made aware of the fact that they are not allowed to stay on after school unless they have signed up for an ECA or unless they are with a teacher. As the weather improves, it is tempting for students to stay on and hang out with friends, but I'm afraid that they do need to be supervised. Please talk this over with your son or daughter, too.

### Middle School Party

There will be a Middle School party on Friday, 12 June. The party will start at 7:15 pm and parents need to pick up their son or daughter at 10:15 pm.

### Ben Kestner's Blog

A reminder that you can read about my current thoughts on education matters on my blog: [www.benkestner.wordpress.com](http://www.benkestner.wordpress.com).

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Middle School please contact me on 033203 8036-768, email [ben.kestner@bbis.de](mailto:ben.kestner@bbis.de) , or just drop in.

## NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

Even though we are nearing the end of the year, there is still a lot of exciting learning going on in the Elementary School. Last week the grade 3 went on a [field trip to Kreuzberg](#) as part of a new unit on immigration and migration that we are doing for the first time this year. The classes went to an exhibit about immigration, had a guided tour of a mosque and ate in a Turkish restaurant. The chaperones on the trip were very impressed with the depth of knowledge and sensitivity that the students exhibited during the outing.



Grade 3 at a Mosques in Kreuzberg

Grade 4 is doing their [comparative governments](#) unit though activities such as a simulation of voting in different styles of government. Jesse Worley's class voted in three different ways to represent three different government styles. In one every child got a ballot, this was direct democracy. In another the students got into small groups and the eldest of each group got to cast the ballot. This was representative democracy. Finally a 5th grader came in and made the decision alone. This was a dictatorship.

A couple weeks ago, after learning about how making different shapes will change the strength of a material such as paper, Rico's grade I class [built a dome out of rolled up newspaper](#). This was an activity designed to help experience the concept that "together we're better" i.e. alone we couldn't build this, but by cooperating and helping each other we can accomplish complex tasks. Drop by on the landing outside my office to see what they created. These are just a few examples of the experiential learning that is going on in classrooms throughout the school.



Ricos' students work on the dome

As I write this we have not yet performed the [Spring Concert](#), but all of the preparation and rehearsals are behind us. I would like to thank the PTA and all of you who helped raise money at the gala. While they sing, the children will be standing on a new set of risers which were purchased with Gala profits. This will make it easier for their voices to travel and also make each child more easily visible. This is a great improvement! A big thank you in advance to Brent and Lisa for their inspirational teaching and to the kids for giving their all in the performance. The fact that every child who wants a solo gets one, is evidence that we are really living our inclusive, challenging mission.

Elly Hausner has taken a year's leave of absence to teach at another international school in Japan. Her replacement in grade I is [Stepanka Jarosova](#). She is a Czech national who grew up in Australia and has been teaching EC and grade I at an international school in Tokyo for five years.



Next Friday is [Sports Day](#). Please let Joost ([joost.langendonck@bbis.de](mailto:joost.langendonck@bbis.de)) know if you are willing to help run an activity. Your homeroom teachers will be contacting you to set up a time when you can help run the class booth at the Summerfest. We are also hoping to have lots of students participate in the [Parade of Nations](#) that will start the festivities on June 20th. [Please send in your slip if your child is willing to dress in clothes that represent their culture\(s\) and sing](#). Tea towels will be on sale that day or you can order them by completing the slip below.

## Tea Towel "Mail Order" Slip

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade and Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to buy \_\_\_\_\_ EC-grade I tea towels.                      I want to buy \_\_\_\_\_ grades 2-5 tea towels.

Each towel costs 5 euros, therefore I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ .

- I want change \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I don't want change. Consider it a donation to the Soup Kitchen and Aids camp.
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### Upcoming Events in the Elementary School:

June 12	Elementary Sports Day (all day)
June 23	EC Concert (8:30 am)
June 24	Grade 5 Moving On Ceremony (3:15 pm)
June 26	Last Day of School (11:30 am dismissal)

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me on 033203 8036-125, email [camille.duaima@bbis.de](mailto:camille.duaima@bbis.de) or simply drop by my office for a visit. Parents are always welcome!

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

Dr. Christina Limbird, Head of Department

### FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

June 2009

June 6:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

June 15:

Contact the JFK School if your child is interested in taking the October 2009 PSAT/NMSQT.

Reservations should be made by latest August 2008 with Mr Blount at JFK School or by contacting

Ms Kamphausen at [leslie.kamphausen@bbis.de](mailto:leslie.kamphausen@bbis.de)

June 30:

Last date for receipt of applications for immediate consideration. Those received after this date held for clearing. [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

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](mailto:leslie.kamphausen@bbis.de)

# SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

## LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

## NEW BBIS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN "TAKE A SEAT"

On 8 May 2009 we started our new fundraising campaign [Take a Seat](#) to support the purchase of new chairs for the BBIS Sports Hall. The response has been immediate and beyond all our expectations. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the following parents who have already made a generous donation:

Alexandra Becher  
Maximilian Kunte  
Barzani  
Dres. Muhle, Gewalt and Tosch-Muhle, Anke  
Emilia Schreck  
Ha, Yinyoung and Ha, Minyoung  
Mertens  
Seeling Family  
Young Gyu Ahn  
Ensser Family  
C. and R. Zimmermann  
Ines and Frank Hennig  
Dr Qingjun and Lnhua Zheng  
Rachela and Patrick Reich  
Carsten R. Eggers  
Beat and Monica Geissler  
Dr Schultz Family  
K.-W. Liebrecht  
Gelman Family  
Markus Family



Kiene IT – Service & Consulting  
Reifen-Müller, Georg Müller GmbH & Co. KG  
EMB Erdgas Mark Brandenburg GmbH  
HENNIG Haustechnische Gesamtplanungen  
AHNER/BREHM  
Boettger GmbH

Altogether **79** chairs have been donated by now!

If you have any further questions about our campaign, please have a look at our website (<http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/donations.html>) or contact

Tamara Hager  
Fundraising, PR, Marketing  
Tel. 033203 8036-184  
Email [tamara.hager@bbis.de](mailto:tamara.hager@bbis.de)

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Attention!

All Library books are to be returned by **Friday, 12 June**. Lists of student borrowings will be handed out by Homeroom and Class teachers next week. Any books that are lost, parents will be required to pay a replacement fee. Invoices will be sent home during the summer break. Students who are definitely returning to BBIS next year and have all current books returned may borrow for the holidays from Thursday, 25th June.

Best regards

Tamzin and Soazig  
Library Assistants

## COME TO "THE GRADUATE SHOW"

A new tradition is beginning at BBIS: a show performed by this year's graduates (with a little help from next year's grads, as well).

Ari Brodmann, Charlotte Walter, Ellie Kemish, and Hakon Solberg will say goodbye to BBIS with a final theatrical performance in the MPR on **Wednesday, June 17th!** Special guest stars are former members of this year's graduating class: Nina Salomons and Nikie van Duurling.

Admission is free for a spectacular night of glorious theatre!

Rem Johannsen

## NEWS FROM THE CAS COORDINATOR: BBIS COMMUNITY, ACTION AND SERVICE PROJECT

HFH Global Village, <http://www.habitat.org/ecal>  
Build a House in Skopje, Macedonia

Students currently in grades 9 and 10 are being invited to participate in a House Building Project with Habitat for Humanity in the first week of summer 2010.

We need to start preparing now. **We need a team of at least 8 students and up to 15.**

All students who participate will earn valuable Community, Action and Service hours that are required for all Grade 11 and 12 students. Because the project will be in the summer of 2010, students will have completed Grade 10 and can start their CAS programme.

Students will need to commit to a year of preparation, fund raising and a solid week's work in Skopje, Macedonia. An initial €500 will be required in October and the students will then fundraise up to another €1000 each during the year. The costs cover flights, accommodation, food, donation to HFH and building supplies.

Information evening: **Wednesday, June 17, 6 pm, Room 3404**



For details please contact

Mr. Simon Brodie  
BBIS CAS Coordinator  
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## NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA COORDINATOR

### The New BBIS High School Diploma – Getting the bigger picture of the world of business and work!

Starting in August 2009 BBIS will offer a new alternative for Grades 11 and 12: the 'BBIS High School Diploma'. The unique curriculum will focus on Business Studies and set of core subjects in combination with exciting internships in companies and organizations outside school. The High School Diploma aims to provide students with 'hands-on', career-oriented learning opportunities, broadening access to the curriculum and catering for the specific needs of individual students. Of course, internships and real-life experience will enhance applications for jobs and colleges when students leave school.

The BBIS High School Diploma is geared towards students who want to earn a secondary school certificate enabling them to study in North American university systems, private European universities, technical or university preparatory colleges in Germany or to pursue non-academic training after BBIS. Many other international institutions of higher education also recognise high school diplomas. Our college counsellor will work closely together with each student to help them find their path beyond BBIS.

*If you or your company/organization can offer students suitable internship placements, we would love to hear from you!*

...and also for further information on the programme please contact

Julia Peters  
High School Diploma Coordinator  
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## “AKTION TAGWERK”

On Tuesday, 23 June 2009 BBIS will take part for the fourth time in a fundraising initiative called “Aktion Tagwerk – Your Day for Africa” ([www.aktion-tagwerk.de](http://www.aktion-tagwerk.de)). On this day High School students have the opportunity to spend one day working in a company of their choice, instead of going to school. The money raised through this effort goes directly to school projects in Burundi.

This social initiative was founded in 2003 and is under the patronage of German Federal President Horst Köhler. The idea behind it is simple. Students can trade in their schoolbooks and notebooks for garden shears, paint brushes, or microphones in an effort to assist underprivileged youth in Africa.

The money raised is donated to the NGO Human Help Network. HHN then invests the donations in a variety of development projects in five countries in Africa: Angola, Ruanda, Burundi, South Africa and Sudan.

This year's student representative for "Aktion Tagwerk" is Saskia Stolk. She will introduce the initiative to the other High School students at assembly on June 3rd, present the projects, show a movie to illustrate where last year's money went to and also give more detailed information to interested students. Students will also receive blank work contracts and flyers with more information about the "Aktion Tagwerk".

With the contracts students can go to potential employers, explaining the initiative and asking for a job on June 23rd. Potential employers can be found everywhere: the shop around the corner, the local supermarket, the farmer down the street, the company where the parents are working..... The students then need to bring a copy of the signed contract to the High School Office. That way we know where they will spend the day and on the attendance register this will be marked as a school activity.

If you as parents are in the position to offer a job to one or two students on June 23rd then please let me know. I can then allocate those jobs to students who have not succeeded in finding a job for themselves. There are already 20 jobs on offer for interested students.

We hope that many of our students will join in this work day for a good cause and help make this a successful event. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or to get in touch with "Aktion Tagwerk" directly.

Thank you,

Kathrin Puehmeyer  
Assistant to the HS Principal

#### What is the "Aktion Tagwerk"?

- The basic idea: A voluntary social action of students during one school day for a good cause.
- The money earned on that day goes directly to projects helping children and youths in developing countries.
- On that day students experience school in a completely different way and they have got a chance to get an impression of a work environment.
- The initiative can be seen as a one-day work placement, e.g. in the shop around the corner, in mum's office ...
- The action of our students here will directly help students in Africa.
- Last year more than 195 000 students all over Germany earned a total of more than 1.6 million Euro that went to projects in Africa.

#### Contact persons for "Aktion Tagwerk" at BBIS are:

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## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - ES SPORTS DAY ON 12 JUNE

### General information

Like last year, we will be running a Sports Day for the Elementary School students on our own campus. It is a day of fun, action but also one of team work and collaboration. Above all it is a wonderful get together and one that provides the students with an opportunity to show what they have been doing in our subject and that Physical Education is for all.

The Sports Day will start in the morning 8.15 am with an opening with all classes, from EC3/4 to grade 5. At 9 am the EC3/4 up to grade 1 will go indoor in the sports hall for their Day of Sport which will finish at 11 am. Grade 2 till grade 5 will be outside for the whole day with breaks and lunch time included. All classes will meet outside at the end of the day for a final whole Elementary School activity before we will thank everybody and end the day.

The students will be doing track and field events but also fun activities like sack race and team games like football. Last year was a fantastic event and both students and parents fully enjoyed it.

### Would you be willing to come and help?

To run a day like this we are looking for volunteers among our parent body. Each activity will have a PE teacher to run it so you would be assisting them. We are also looking at jobs like umpiring, score keeping, first aid (assisting our nurse). In general there are many small things to do and all the help is welcome. If you are keen to be involved in this wonderful day please inform Joost Langendonck by email ([joost.langendonck@bbis.de](mailto:joost.langendonck@bbis.de)) what you would like to help us with. We are looking at 20 to 30 helpers so... bring a friend!

Thank you very much for your help already and we hope to hear from you or see you on the day.

Joost Langendonck  
On behalf of the PE department

## BOOKS NEEDED FOR NEW HOME LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

### Dear Parents,

We would like to create a library for our new Home Language Programme. If you have books – old or new ones - you do not want to keep, please donate them to this new library.

All sorts of books are welcome (both children's books and book for young adults, books in all languages ...)

Please leave your books with myself in room 2411.

Thank you very much for your help!

Claudia Schmidt  
On behalf of the Home Language Team



BBIS World Challenge  
Invites

All High School students for the next academic year

We call upon all those of you who are adventurous, want a challenge and would like to share a life altering experience with life skills and memories gained that you will never forget.



We are delighted to announce that we are launching a very exciting school programme for students to research and then lead their own expedition to Kenya in June 2010.

A World Challenge in Kenya provides students with a huge variety of opportunities and challenges in a stunning part of the world. For the acclimatisation phase the team could consider exploring Kenya's spectacular Rift Valley, climbing the extinct volcanic peaks of Mount Longonot or the Menengai Crater and visiting the beautiful lakes of Naivasha and Nakuru, teeming with wildlife.

There are a numerous parks and reserves in Kenya, home to a vast range of animals including the 'big five', and teams will have the opportunity of seeing these beautiful creatures close at hand.

The acclimatisation phase is followed by the more challenging part of the expedition; a longer trek invariably up Mount Kenya, the highest mountain in Kenya and the second highest mountain in Africa after Kilimanjaro. It is a starkly beautiful mountain with its magnificent cliffs and glaciers, tarns and alpine meadows.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact myself or Graham Maltby at the school via email or phone.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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## „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.

All types of cartridges are welcome. Please send your empty printer cartridges to the IT Department.

Harry Klooster  
Head of IT Department

