



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 March	La Fête de la Francophonie
Monday, 23 March	MS Trip Information Evening at 6 pm on the MS floor
Tuesday, 24 March	EC 5 Musical Performance
Wednesday, 25 March	ES Principal's Coffee at 8.15 am
Wednesday, 25 March	Registration deadline for ECA programme, term 3 at 3 pm
Wednesday, 25 March	MS Instrumental and Small Ensemble Evening at 6.30 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 26 March	Sports Shop open from 11 am to 2 pm
Thursday, 26 March	Grade 10 IB/High School Diploma Information Evening at 5.30 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 26 March	MS Party at 6 pm on the MS floor
Thursday, 26 March	IB Art Show at 7 pm in the Heizhaus
Tuesday, 31 March	ES Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday, 1 April	Parent Consultation Day in the Sports Hall
Thursday, 2 & 30 April	Sports Shop open from 1 to 3 pm
Thursday, 23 April	Sports Shop open from 11 am to 2 pm

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

Today we bid farewell to our Teacher Librarian, [Annie Pyers](#) (dressed for Book Week), who is returning to her native Australia to take up a new position closer to family. We are immensely grateful for her efforts over the past years. All the students in the school will have met her during their time here and have benefited from her advice and efforts to make the library a centre for learning within the school.

As we say goodbye and thanks to her we are pleased to welcome [Tamzin Wood](#), (dressed for Book Week), who joined the school a couple of weeks ago, to a position in the library. Tamzin is a native of New Zealand where she worked in the children's section of a public library. Her love of the German culture and language brought her to Berlin where she is very happy. Her childhood dream to learn German is being realised through evening classes. She plans to travel around Germany and Europe researching her second novel aimed at teenagers. In any remaining free time she enjoys music and playing the piano. She has played with Irish bands and released a CD called "Lucky." Although she misses the wonderful natural surroundings of her homeland this is more than outweighed by the vibrant culture of Berlin where she plans to stay for the foreseeable future.



[Fête de la Francophonie](#)

Our French teachers, Julien Le Sourd and Soazig Purenne, have planned a week long Fête de la Francophonie this coming week to raise the profile of French culture and language. This weekend they are leading a group of students to Brussels to enjoy a variety of cultural experiences in a French-speaking environment. Next week a host of activities including a French fashion show, La Patisserie de BBIS, and a daily Tournoi de Pétanque will add to the fun.

[Also this Weekend](#)

Our boys basketball team travel to Munich for the GISST competition while our varsity and Junior varsity girls team host a formidable team of teachers and parents here at BBIS.

[Parent Consultation Day](#)

As you know from the calendar Parent Consultation Day is on Wednesday, 1 April. Following very positive feedback about the arrangements in November it will again take place in the Sports Hall. Students will, as at previous occasions, make appointments on behalf of their parents and we are very happy if students join their parents at these meetings. When parents understand the progress of a student, both the successes and challenges, it forms an excellent basis from which to support your child in his/her school career and is thus an excellent investment of your time. I would urge you to attend this event if at all possible.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions concerning the High School please contact me on 033203 8036-0, email richard.bartlett@bbis.de, or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

Middle School Musical Evening

On 25 March at 18:30 we have an evening of instrumental and small ensemble performances. Our Middle School Music teacher Panni Kovacs has again shown her wonderful energy and enthusiasm in putting together this fun evening. It gives a great opportunity for Middle School students to perform to an audience. Please come along and support. There is no charge for entrance and there will be light refreshments. It will be held in the multi-purpose Room.

Trip Evening

A reminder that the Middle School trip information evening will take place on Monday 23 March at 6 pm on the Middle School floor. It's a great opportunity to meet the chaperones and ask questions.

Middle School Party

The next Middle School party will be on Thursday, 26 March at 6 pm. It will be held on the middle school floor. There are two other events at BBIS that evening. One is the Grade 10 IB information evening in the multi-purpose room and the IB art show at 7 pm in the Heizhaus. This could be a great opportunity to drop your son or daughter off for a party and then visit the IB art show. Your son or daughter may also attend the art show, but would have to be accompanied by an adult.

Real World Learning

An important aspect of our inquiry based programme at BBIS is to make learning fun. If learning is fun then the desire to keep learning continues. Discovering new things, asking the right questions and questioning are very important aspects of what we believe in here. One of the most pleasurable parts of my job is to visit classes and see the wonderful experiences our students have. The photos below show a Middle School Science class where students were working on individual experiments which they designed themselves.



Ben Kestner's Blog

A reminder that you can read about my current thoughts on education matters on my blog: 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 , or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

As I write this, we've just finished our Book Character Parade. This year we had an exceptionally great turn out of characters. We started the parade with the youngest students and walked all through the school adding each class to the tail of the parade. The Middle School students and staff were especially appreciative of all the creativity and love of literature that was in evidence. I found it a bit daunting to realize how many books kids love that I haven't yet read! A great project for the Spring Break!



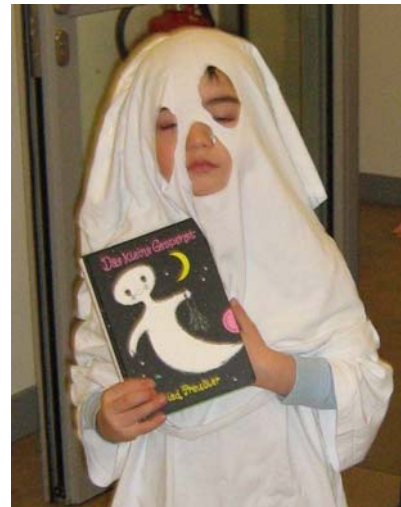
Junie B Jones



Tacky, Strega Nona and the Grouchy Lady Bug Petterson



Despereaux



Das Kleine Gespenst

The booksellers were also pleased with the success of the sales. So is the school, as a generous percentage of all sales is donated to purchase new books for the library. Thank you for your support!

We would also like to thank Audrey Schneider for her time and creativity. In addition to running the Usborne book sale, she performed a very popular puppet show for the younger students during their library times this week.

Annie has been ringing her bell once a day all week to announce the beginning of “Drop Everything And Read” (DEAR). Kids have loved the disruption of their usual lessons and the chance to relax with a good book. We will miss “Mad Annie”!



Avid Audience for the Puppet Show



“Mad Annie” Announces DEAR Time

I hope you have a wonderful, sunny weekend!

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

Tue, March 24	EC 5 Musical performance (for EC 5 parents only) Jane’s class 8:15, Katie’s class 8:45
Wed, March 25	Principal’s Coffee (8:15 in my office)
Tue, March 31	Student Led Conferences (10:00-17:00) – No School

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me on 033203 8036-125, email camille.duaine@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

March 2009

March 31:

Universities and colleges should aim to have sent decisions on all applications received by January 15. www.ucas.com

SAT registration deadline for May 2 test (JFK)

May 2009

May 2:

SAT reasoning and subject test at JFK School

May 5:

Outstanding replies from applicants declined by default where the last decision from universities and colleges was received by 31 March (except those living overseas and Extra). www.ucas.com

May 5:

SAT registration deadline for June 6 test (JFK)

May 9:

Outstanding decisions from universities and colleges on applications received by 15 January are rejected by default. www.ucas.com

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

June 30:

Last date for receipt of applications for immediate consideration. Those received after this date held for clearing. 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

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

FAREWELL FROM ANNIE PYERS

I would like to thank all parents at BBIS for the support they have given to me and for their support of the Library programme and its importance to the students in the school. In particular, I would like to thank the PTO for their unfailing support to the Library financially in the 4 years that I have been at the school. I have met some lovely parents and my experience here has shown me how wonderful it is to work in a school with such caring parents.

I am returning to Australia in April and will be working at Scotch College in Melbourne. This means I will be close to my family and friends, but I will always have very fond memories of my time at BBIS and will always remember the children who have made my time here so rewarding.

Cheers to you all

Annie

ECA PROGRAMME — TERM 3

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Term 3 for the Extracurricular Activities (ECA) programme is about to get underway. The students will receive the ECA booklet today and have time till next week, Wednesday, 25 March to hand back their registration forms indicating which activities they would like to participate in. In this article, you will be able to find all the relevant and important dates in regards to the programme for term 3.

Term 3 looks to become a record breaking one for this programme in the history of BBIS. Besides the fact that we will have a record number of activities on offer, I have also received many requests from parents and students alike for specific activities. I am pleased that we have been able to accommodate most of those requests and hopefully we will see a record turn-up as a result of that.

Registration

It is vital that all students who would like to take part in any of the activities offered use the provided registration form to register. Students will not be allowed to participate in an activity if they have not handed in the form signed by their parents or guardian. For the safety of our students it is important that we know exactly who is on campus, where they are at any given time and that permission has been given.

Registration deadline = [Wednesday, 25 March, 3 pm at the latest](#)

Sick/Absent

When your child is sick or unable to attend, we ask you to inform the ECA coordinator or the activity leader by phone or by email.

Detailed ECA Information

All information about term 3 activities can be found on the BBIS website under BBIS community. This includes our set-up, the ECA booklet as well as the registration form for term 3. If you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Joost Langendonck
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2009 GISST VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This tournament is hosted by BBIS [on Friday and Saturday, 27 & 28 March](#). Please come and support our girls at the tournament! We are entering an A and a B team in this 10 team tournament.

Our first game is at 13.00 on Friday (both teams) in the Sports Hall against Hannover and Berlin International School. Please feel free to bring your classes to the Sports Hall if you want. Second games are at 15.40 against Leipzig and Frankfurt. On Saturday games begin at 9.00 and the tournament finishes at 15.30. All support is welcome! Come and cheer our teams on! Refreshments are available on both days.

ADVERTISING ON BBIS SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

"Resgatar a dignidade de crianças e jovens promovendo a transformação do meio social"; "To give dignity to children and young people and transform their social environment"



BBIS School Newspaper donates to a very worthwhile charity called ACER based in São Paulo, Brazil. Please help us by advertising on our back page. Donate 30 euros to ACER for a box with your company's corporate logo. The newspaper will reach the whole BBIS community. We are bringing out two more issues this school year and if you would like to advertise in both we will give a deal of 40 euros! For further information, please contact rebecca.unger@gmail.com.

What is ACER?

Acer was founded in 1993 to help the street children of central São Paulo. Today ACER's activities are focussed in Eldorado, Diadema, a poor and violent suburb on the outskirts of São Paulo, South America's biggest city. ACER offers social and cultural programmes to more than 420 children between the ages of 5 to 21 years old and their families. It runs a community lending library with 7,000 volumes and more than 4,200 cardholders. It organises an annual street party for the children of Diadema and two popular bazaars, which I used to help out with! ACER helps give very poor children a better start in life. It teaches self-respect, honesty and hard work. It is always looking for more money to help with more programmes. We hope you can help us help them. Find out more about ACER at www.acerbrasil.org.br. ACER is run by Jonathan Hanney and is supported by the Children At Risk Foundation, London, England.

Rebecca Unger
BBIS Student, Grade 10

BBIS SUMMER CAMP 2009 - 10-14 August 2009 and 17-21 August 2009

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

As you have been able to read in the previous editions of the Kaleidoscope, the summer camp programme has been finalized.

Climbing/Adventure Camp

Now, the climbing and adventure camp has also been confirmed. We will have a fantastic programme on offer with students using the complete campus for climbing and rope techniques. The climbing wall but also the forest will be the scene for the adventurous activities. Our students will also go off campus so that we can provide new and more challenging situations for them.

Registration

We have updated the website which now includes all the relevant information like general information, specific camp information, terms and conditions and a registration form.

Please go to: http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/summer_camp_site.htm

Numbers

It is still early and there is plenty of time to register for one of the camps but already several students have been enrolled. Each week we will bring you a tally of how full the camps are and whether space is still available. Please see the table below:

	5-7	8-11	12-16
Week 1	English/ Multi-Act (1)	English/ Multi-Act (0)	English/ Multi-Act (0)
	Football/sports (0)	Football/sports (1)	Climbing/adventure (1)
	Fun games (2)	Adventure circus (1)	Film/ Theatre (0)
Week 2	English/ Multi-Act (1)	English/ Multi-Act (0)	English/ Multi-Act (0)
	Football/sports (2)	Football/sports (2)	Climbing/adventure (0)
	Fun games (4)	Adventure circus (0)	Film/ Theatre (0)

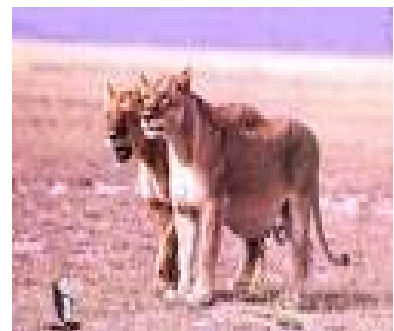
Promotion

At last I would again like to ask you to help us in promoting these wonderful summer camp opportunities, on the BBIS campus, in your local community. If you are in need of posters or more detailed information, contact me and I will provide that for you.

Thanks for your support!

Joost Langendonck
 BBIS Summer Camp Coordinator
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BBIS WORLD CHALLENGE PROGRAMME 2009/2010



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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Harry Klooster
Head of IT Department

