



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

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CALENDAR DATES

Friday, 2 October	<i>Beatlemania</i> at 6 pm in the Heizhaus
Saturday, 3 October	BBIS hosts Football MS Boys & Girls and Volleyball HS Boys & Girls
Saturday, 10 October	BBIS hosts Football MS/HS Boys & Girls and Volleyball HS Boys & Girls
Mon, 12 – Fri, 16 October	International Week at BBIS
Tues, 20 October	ES Parent Teacher Conferences – No School in ES
Wed., 21 October and Thurs, 22 October	Dessert Theater Tomfoolery in Heizhaus
Mon, 26 – Fri, 30 October	Autumn Break

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 8 October	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 15 October	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 22 October	1 – 3 pm

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

HS and MS Parent information Evening

Thanks to the many parents who attended last night's information evening. We know that parents who are engaged with their children's education, who understand the programmes, and who establish dialogues with our teachers are contributing to likely success.

International Week

As you know, International Week is in October and an enthusiastic committee is working hard to put together yet another great week. Our goal in the Middle & High School is not only to address this year's topic "UN Rights of Children" but also to have a "highlight" every single day of the week.

The framework at the moment includes the annual Move-A-Thon (Raising money for Habitat for Humanity), the international buffet and a fashion show with the national costumes of various countries – following the successful event of the Fete de la Francophonie last year.

In addition to that, we plan a simulation game for at least one grade level that will take place one entire day. All the departments are asked to contribute inside and outside the classrooms, as well.

We also want to invite a German writer, Hanna Jansen, to come for a reading, a discussion and Q&A of her young adult novel "Over a thousand hills I walk with you". In this novel, Jeanne, now part of Frau Jansen's family, tells her story of being a Tutsi during the genocide in Ruanda. She has seen atrocities that are just shocking and often heart-breaking. For more information on the book and on the writer, please click on the following link:

<http://www.hannajansen.de/engl-home.htm>

(There is the possibility to change the language of the website, her novel is published in the States and therefore available in English and German.)



New Teachers

Darren Hornell has joined us from the Orkney Isles. He teaches Chemistry and Physics. Born in Scotland Darren has also lived in Australia and England but is now excited at the prospect of teaching internationally here in Berlin.

A keen sportsman Darren plays or follows most sports and is a fully paid up member of the "Tartan Army." Loving life in Berlin he only misses the delicacy known as "salad cream" and Haggis hunting. Although this year's season has closed he awaits the new season that starts in less than two months. See <http://haggishunt.scotsman.com> for details.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions concerning the High School please contact me on 033203 80 360, email richard.bartlett@bbis.de, or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

Middle School High School Parent Evening

It was wonderful to see many parents last night for the information evening in the sports hall. It was a great opportunity for parents to be introduced to our ever increasing number of teaching staff and to get a chance to mingle with them afterwards. Don't forget that we also have two parent teacher conferences and two report card sessions throughout the year as part of our communication with parents. Parents should also feel free to contact the school whenever they need some advice of clarification concerning their child. We look forward to continuing with a successful school year.

MYP Authorization Visit

Next week, we open our doors to a visiting team from the International Baccalaureate Organization for an MYP evaluation visit. Our School has been offering the MYP curriculum for a number of years now and every four years, schools around the world are evaluated by the IBO to ensure a continued high quality curriculum delivery. We are always happy to welcome visitors to our school. We have a lot to be proud of.

International Week

We celebrate the diversity of cultures and nations at our school in many ways throughout the school year, including the International Week which is from the 12th – 16th of October. The theme of this year's week is the 'United Nations Rights of the Child'. Students at the school will be able to enjoy a range of international experiences throughout the week during class time and at breaks, which include guest speakers, workshops, The annual BBIS Movethon (an event where the whole school raises money for the Human Rights Club and other causes) and a day when we dress up in traditional or national colours. Students will also bring in food on Friday the 16th to share.

New Moon Girls

The Magazine "New Moon Girls" has been published for the last 16 years. New Moon Girls is an original girl-centered resource for girls ages 8 - 12. It provides innovative, safe, respectful, and advertising-free spaces online and in the magazine where girls develop their full potential through self-discovery, creativity, and community.

Have a look at the website to learn more.

www.newmoon.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

International Week

There have been small groups of parents meeting in the cafeteria all week as they prepare the activities they are presenting during International Week. The Culture Rotation rooms organized by parents are a great highlight, but there are many other things going on as well, so here is an overview.

Monday Oct. 12: Kick Off. Teachers begin talking with students about the UN. Grade 2 performs three international stories for the Elementary students.

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Green Day! One of the UN Rights is to “live in a safe environment”. Students will try to live green (reduce their production of non-recyclable trash, use low pollution transport, etc...) and in the afternoon they will work with a mixed-age group to do a clean-up of the campus and surrounding forest.

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Move-a-Thon! This is a whole school fund raising activity. Students collect pledge money from parents, friends and neighbors. They then run/walk on a course through the forest to “earn” their pledges. The money Elementary school raises will go to two organizations: St Marien Soup kitchen in Berlin and “Dare to Dream” a camp for AIDS orphans in South Africa. We are also considering setting aside some funds for a UNICEF project called “School for Africa”. More on that later.

Thursday, Oct. 15: World Cultures Day. Students travel around the world in mixed age groups, going to seven different destinations which are set up and run by parents. This year we have 18 different countries/cultures represented!

Friday, Oct 16: Feast and Fashion. Kids come to school in costumes that represent their culture. We have a fashion parade and hand over the funds that were raised through the Move-a-Thon. Lunch is a buffet provided by parents from which students and staff feast!

On-going Activities: Throughout the week, parents are invited into homerooms to read picture books in their mother tongue. Students are invited to bring in an artifact from their country or a country they’ve visited and this is placed in our International Museum outside my office. Classes explore the concepts behind the UN Rights of Children.

We will send out a letter next week with more details so you know exactly what is asked of you and your family. We are really looking forward to a fabulous week!

Money raised at Summerfest



Christine Hatakka (Chair of PTA) presenting the donation to the Elementary Playground. Thomas Schaedler speaking to the kids.

On Monday, the PTA handed over 2150,28 euros that were raised at the Summerfest. The money has been used to fund a new "Fair Share" basketball hoop that student's are loving! Thank you to all the families that worked so hard during the Summerfest!

Cafeteria

Yesterday was the first day that menu A and B were only available if ordered on line. A few children were taken by surprise. Do not worry, NO CHILD WILL GO HUNGRY! Any child who hasn't ordered and needs a lunch is being loaned money for Menu C "free-flow" and then we call home to clarify the situation. If you want a hot lunch for your child and haven't ordered yet, please do so.

Stranger Danger

There has been talk about a strange man approaching children in the street in Kleinmachnow and Zehlendorf. Please have the "Stranger Danger" talk with your child so they know to be careful. On a related issue, the photographer last week took photos of each child in his van, which was parked outside House 2. We did not know ahead of time that this was the plan, and realize that this is what children are warned not to do! However, be assured that the teachers were right outside the door at all times and that for next year, we will make other arrangements (hopefully with the same photographer as the quality seems to be quite good!).

Parent/Teacher conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place on October 20th. There is NO SCHOOL that day. Teachers will send home your appointed time this week along with a slip to return if you want us to provide a babysitting service during the conference. If you need to change the appointed time, please contact Felice. These meetings are a very effective part of our reporting process. Teachers will have work samples to show you and will give you a summary of your child's attitude, effort and progress. Specialist teachers are also available to meet with you on that day. Please contact them directly to schedule a meeting.

Open House Morning

Another parent info opportunity is the Open House Morning in November. Please note that we have changed the date from the 19th of November to Wednesday, November 18th. More info to come, closer to the date.

Hope to see you on Friday at 6:00 for Beatlemania in the newly renovated Heizhaus!

Camille Du Aime

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

Oct. 2	Beatlemania (18:00)
Oct. 7	Principal's Coffee Morning (8:10)
Oct. 12-16	International Week
Oct. 20	NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences (9:00-18:00)
Oct. 26-30	Autumn Break NO SCHOOL
Nov. 18	Open House Morning (note change of date)

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!

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

BBIS OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE TRIP

BBIS Outward Bound Adventure Trip will occur over the upcoming February Winter Break from 12-21 February, 2010. Outward Bound is a non-profit organization dedicated to changing lives and improving the world. Give your child the opportunity to discover, challenge, and stretch boundaries through outdoor adventure and teamwork. Check it out at (<http://www.outwardbound.org/>)! Skiing, Snowshoeing, and outdoor games are just a taste of what this week is about. Details for sign-up to follow soon. Please contact Katy Kennedy (katy.kennedy@bbis.de) or Ben Dutton (ben.dutton@bbis.de) with any questions!

DESSERT THEATER TOMFOOLERY

*The BBIS Drama Club proudly presents:
The 1st Show of the 2009-2010 Season*

Dessert Theater

Tomfoolery

A Musical Theater Revue

...of the satirical songs of Tom Lehrer...

*Starring: Jordan Beckvonpeccoz, Gigi Caracciolo-Drudis, Noah Legner,
Dani Lundin, Clara Meinerts, Julia Ort, Nina Troy, and Madi Ziomek*

Teas, Coffee, Cakes, and assorted Sweets

for the modest entry fee of 5,00 Euros

Reserve your table today!

(up to 4 per table...but number of tables unlimited)

October 21st @ 19:00 & October 22nd @ 17:00

in the Heizhaus ~ Ticket & Table Requests to rem.johannsen@bbis.de

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Please find in this article:

- Match reports from last weekend, 25/26th September.
- Coming up fixtures (this weekend and beyond)
- Request for Booster club members

Match reports from last weekend, 25/26th September.

Football varsity girls

Well, it was another fantastic weekend for girls football, with some important games played on Friday and Saturday. The first game played was against Bavaria International School (BIS) on Friday, which they won handedly 3-0. The goal scorers for this game were, Isabel Rintanen with one, and Joanna Bartlett with 2. Our next game on Saturday morning was again played against BIS, but with quite a different result – a loss of 0-2. It was the right time to learn a critical lesson – the importance of getting in a solid warm-up, especially before a morning game. The final game for the girl's team was against the Berlin British School (BBS), and was a great way to finish the weekend. With the final score of 8-0, we had a number of girls putting the ball in the net – Ada von Kayser, Lisanne van Wijngaarden, and Ernesta Majakauskaite all with one goal, Joanna Bartlett scored 2, and Maja Bernau scored a hatrick. All in all, the whole weekend was a true team effort, with many girls stepping into positions completely new to them, with a few girls in particular, Maja Bernau, Marke'ta Kourimska and Luise von Berenburg, playing in goal. The defense continued to improve, working together and connecting in ways that will make a big difference for the future of the team. It was a great opportunity for the team to continue to build spirit and become more cohesive as a unit. With only a month left until the GISST tournament, the girls are making important steps to making sure we are prepared for the finals.

Lisa Pavlock
Head coach

Football varsity boys

Our varsity boys team played 2 days last week. Friday, Bavaria Int. School arrived here on Friday and they were ready to start playing after a long train ride. Our boys lost the first game 0-3 but still had a solid performance. The second half they showed they are ready to play as a team and the boys were very close to scoring or even closing the gap. Clearly Friday had its effect on Saturday as our boys were putting things straight and had a very good team win over Bavaria with 3-0. The last game we played against Berlin British School and we were clearly the stronger side. Victorious with 6-2, it felt we are now well on the way to prepare for the GISST finals on 5-7th November at Bavaria International school.

Steve Vandersteen
Head coach

Football U14 boys

The U14 boys team travelled to Bavaria last weekend and had a absolute fantastic time. They played Stuttgart and Bavaria international school on Friday and Saturday. All games were very competitive but narrowly lost all three games. This was a good experience for the boys and one that brings the team even closer together. Preparation for GISST on 5-7th November is going well and with games this weekend at BBIS against Hannover and Berlin British school, the team has another opportunity to bond. As a team we would like to express our gratitude to Bavaria Int. School and the parents

who offered our players a place to sleep and eat. Housing is a big responsibility for the host school and Bavaria really did a wonderful job in making us feel welcome.

Ben Dutton and Jesse Worley
U14 Soccer/Football coaches

Volleyball Varsity girls

BBIS vs. Waldorf Schule, and the squad consisted of :-

Keishla Garcia (Captain- Strong service, sets accurately, awesome at the net)

Teresa Cook (Fantastic hitter and server)

Yasmin Duarte (consistent overarm serve, commits 100% to getting every ball back, fantastic dives, likes to be loud!)

Marketa Kourimska (2nd setter, provides strength in the rear court, reliable in all situations)

Lisanne van Wijngaarden (reads the flight of the ball well, commits to every ball and communicates well with her team mates)

Teresa Eggar (Consistent serving earns valuable points)

Aleks Moore (Debut game – growing in confidence, receives the ball well with a ‘pass’)

Liz Stewart (Received the ball consistently well)

Johanna v. Habsburg (Great blocking and reactions at the net)

Charlotte Gross (strong in the fore court)

Iris Haveman (Great attitude and enthusiasm, always supportive of the team and 100% committed).

Game 1

1st set LOST 20-25

2nd set LOST 17-25

This was a very close game. Both teams were playing great volleyball, they communicated well and made very few errors. BBIS were particularly strong in the forecourt, with excellent setting, hitting and blocking. Keishla played some impressive net shots and the team were serving very well. The main areas for improvement was keeping the back court covered, and receiving the ball after a hit.

Game 2

1st set WON 25-17

2nd set LOST 24-26 (even though we had 2 match points!)

3rd set LOST 7-15

The result of this game was very disappointing as the team played fantastically in the first 2 sets. In the 3rd set the girls were very ‘low’ after losing the second set and made a large number of errors. By the end the girls realized the importance of psychology in volleyball. They must learn to put the last point behind them, remain positive and concentrate on their performance. I hope this was a valuable lesson and one that they will learn from.

I would like to congratulate the girls as they are playing some exciting, organized and disciplined volleyball. They have a great team spirit and I have been very pleased with their commitment to training. I am looking forward to a rematch against the Waldorf Schule. – Bring it on!

Head Coach

Lisa Johnson

Volleyball Varsity boys

Our boys played a three way competition with the Waldorf Schule and the International School in Dresden. The team performed well and their skill level is developing quickly. These two teams however were too strong in a 4 set game. We must say that all sets were very close and all teams

really needed full concentration to stay on top on their game. Boys lost 1-3 in sets in both games with the Waldorf Schule having the upper hand over Dresden in the last game.

Coaches

Karen Worley and Trish Grobmeier

Coming up fixtures

Some changes since last week, please find the list of fixtures below. The Saturday 3rd will be an exciting weekend for us with 6 teams at BBIS in U14 Football.

Please come and support our students and teams, they need you all!

Days	Month	Date	Sport	Team	Opponents	Time	where
October	Saturday	3rd	Football	U 14 girls	Hannover +BBS	10am-3pm	BBIS
October	Saturday	3rd	Football	U 14 boys	Hannover +BBS	10am-3pm	BBIS
October	Thursday	8th	Volleyball	varsity girls	Phorms	3-5pm	BBIS
October	Friday and Saturday	9-10th	Football	U 14 boys	Bonn	2 days	Bonn
October	Friday and Saturday	9-10th	Football	U 14 girls	Bonn	2 days	Bonn
October	Saturday	10th	Cross Country GISST and inter school event	Grade 2-12	GISST schools	9am-3pm	BBS
October	Saturday	17th	Football	varsity boys	BBS + BIS	9-4pm	BBIS
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Looking for parent volunteers to join

- Athletics Booster club members
- Housing coordinators + host families

BBIS Athletics programme:

Our Athletics programme is expanding and more and more students make use of the sporting opportunities that are available at BBIS. This also means that we will host more games and tournaments this year than ever before, among which two GISST events (varsity boys basketball and Track and Field).

Housing:

When our teams travel, the other schools host and house our students. When they come to play here at BBIS, we return the favor. This keeps the costs for sporting trips low and provides an opportunity for our students to meet and get to know the students and families from other schools. It is a fantastic and true international experience when total strangers look after you. It is also a wonderful experience to host children from various countries and offer them your hospitality and care.

Can you host children for BBIS?

We are always looking for families who are willing to host athletes from other schools. Any family within BBIS can host. It is not necessary that your son or daughter takes part in our programme or is part of the team that played that weekend.

How can you get involved?

Please come and see me or contact me through email. Further details about specific dates and housing requirements will be distributed in the coming weeks through our website and kaleidoscope.

Who organizes the housing for BBIS?

The Athletic Director will coordinate this process. Our parent helpers contact the parents of students who we would like to house but this is a big job. With 2 extra parents, this job would become very manageable. These parents and the Athletic director together will form the Booster club, an initiative that started last year. We have many new ideas that we would like to realize and look forward seeing new members joining us.

Kind regards,
Joost Langendonck
Athletic Director

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. On behalf of the school I would like to thank those parents and friends of BBIS who have been so generous with their donations and I am thrilled to have moved so far toward our target of 800 new seats. [This summer, we have already purchased new chairs with the donations we have received.](#) If you haven't already, please consider taking part in this important effort.

[The following parents and companies have already made a 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 Han and Lanhua Zheng
Rachela and Patrick Reich
Carsten R. Eggers
Beat and Monica Geissler
Dr Schultz Family
K.-W. Liebrecht
Gelman Family
Markus Family



Marco Witte
Gertrud von Storch
Axel Herr
Shaul Shani and Nicole Schauder-Shani
Wolfgang Siederer and Jana Prokop
Yoshinori Fujiyama
Vilhelm Fagerlund
John und Caroline Flüh
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HENNIG Haustechnische Gesamtplanungen
AHNER/BREHM
Böttger GmbH
Märkische Projekt Bau
Marotzke Malereibetrieb GmbH

113 chairs have been donated so far.

If you have any further questions about our campaign, please have a look at our website (http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/donations_site.htm), take a flyer with you from the BBIS reception desk or contact

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NEWS FROM THE YEARBOOK COORDINATOR

The Yearbook welcomes photographic contributions from parents who regularly attend school events, committees, Parent Teacher Association, Sports, Drama and Music and others.

For quality purposes, photographic shots - action, still, individual or group - should be taken with a 5 megapixel or above cameras, set to high quality, using red eye reduction and at no more than 7 meters away if possible.

[Please contact me for further information, to let me know of your interest and the events you may be able to cover.](#)

Alexandra Fontoura
Yearbook Coordinator
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SALE

Ikea "Markor" shelves, "wenge" (deep, dark brown) in like-new condition

We bought this unit three years ago and it has been in constant disuse ever since. In other words, we put books and things on it and then pretty much left it alone. There are some tiny dings along the edge of one shelf, but it is remarkably fine otherwise.

It is solid spruce wood with adjustable shelves. We'd like to get 85 € (or best offer) for this excellent set of shelves.

Product dimensions

Width: 35 " Width: 89 cm

Depth: 13 3/8 " Depth: 34 cm

Height: 75 5/8 " Height: 192 cm

Max load/shelf: 71 lb Max load/shelf: 32 kg

Markor is an old stand-by of Ikea's – a strong seller year after year for timeless design and solid construction. And remember: You don't have to put them together! But you do have to get them down some one flight of steep stairs, so bring a friend.

Please contact adam AT lyricist.net

Thank you!

„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

