



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Thu, 11 & Fri, 12 March	Grade 4 Opera
Thursday, 18 March	IB Information Evening at 5 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 18 March	IB Art Show at 7 pm in the Heizhaus
Tuesday, 23 March	ES Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday, 24 March	MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Sports Hall
Thursday, 25 March	MYP Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition for Parents in the Sports Hall (6 – 8.30 pm)
Friday, 26 March	MYP Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition for Students and BBIS Community in the Sports Hall (8.20 am – 2.10 pm)
Mon, 29 March – Fri, 9 April	Spring Break – No School

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

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

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

Maths + Maths

Following on from our success in the Junior ISMTF maths competition in Paris two weeks ago, when Torrence Delawie in Grade 10 won the individual competition (the first time a student from BBIS has achieved this) and BBIS came third overall, we had the pleasure of hosting the senior competition last weekend; and what an event it was!



Teams from around the world work quietly under the supervision of our students

The largest gathering we have ever hosted: 177 students from 38 schools and 16 countries all arriving on Friday for an action-packed weekend. The cooperation that was required from all sections of the community was amazing to behold in action as parents, PTA, students, teachers, non-teaching staff and others all worked together to ensure a seamless and very positive experience. The planning for this had been a long time in the making and was led by Tania Uspenskaia whose long-held dream it was to host this event, and whose leadership of this event was praised by the ISMTF president.



Dr Tania Uspenskaia receives the applause of the delegates and the thanks from BBIS for leading the event

The national newspaper "BILD" headlined an article "For maths geniuses Kleinmachnow is like Vancouver" referring to the Winter Olympics. One difference is that our event was all run by volunteers! Without the many generous host families, the incredibly busy and hard-working PTA, the non-teaching staff at BBIS who worked behind the scenes to ensure a smooth weekend, the teachers who assisted and organised events and entertainment for the visitors and the students who also gave of their time to assist, this would not have been possible. It was a remarkable cooperative venture that led to what the ISMTF president described as "One of the best such events in the history of the competition". It certainly showed the BBIS community at its best and we can all be proud of a job well done. On behalf of all the students who participated, and who were the ultimate beneficiaries, I would like to offer a heartfelt "thanks!"

Important Dates for your Diary

The IB Diploma/High School Diploma Information Evening on 18th March at 17.00 in the MPR is an opportunity for any parent or student, not only grade 10, to inform themselves of the options available in Grades 11 and 12, and to ask any questions about the programmes.

This is followed on the same evening by the 2010 IB Art Show at 19.00 in the Heizhaus, where our talented students will be displaying, and answering questions, about the works they have produced during their course.

The 24th March 10.00-18.00 is the Middle and High School Parent Consultation Day. You will receive a letter and further information in the next few days, but we very much encourage you to attend this day as your children are best supported by clear communication and information being shared between school and home. We also encourage you to bring your children with you as participants in this.

The following evening, 25th March, also in the Sports Hall, will be the MYP Project Exhibition where our 10th grade students display and explain the projects they have been independently working on this year. The variety of ideas and the ingenuity and skills of our students always make this a fascinating event!

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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

Today, your child(ren) will bring home in their backpack your [appointment time for Student-Led Conferences](#). If the time does not work for you, please contact Felice directly. On Student-Led Conference day (Tuesday, March 23rd) there are no regular classes (NO SCHOOL). You just arrive for the scheduled time with your child. You will spend about one hour, most of it in the homeroom. You are also invited to your child's specialist classes (IT, Sport, ESL,...) and if you want to you can either fit this into the allotted hour or take a more leisurely approach. This depends on the time you have and also on the number of children you have! The time in the Sports Hall is controlled so that there aren't too many children in there at once making it unsafe. You should plan on spending no more than 15 minutes in there. Your classroom teacher will be sending more detailed information about how Student-Led Conferences work, as will I as the date approaches. It is one of the highlights

of the year for most parents as it is a real joy to see your child taking responsibility for their own learning in this way!

I only received one positive reply to my offer to host a [round table discussion on GUIDING YOUR CHILD IN CYBER SAFETY](#). However, there have been a few incidents recently that make me feel that this is needed. So I would like to invite all Elementary parents to a discussion after school on Monday April 26th. I will email an invitation and would appreciate your replying so that I have an idea of numbers and can plan accordingly.

Thanks to Christine Baird and Konstanze Höller, we now have a better idea of the scope of the [art work framing project](#). It took the three of us 45 minutes to frame 10 paintings! Since we're planning on getting about 60 paintings framed and hung, I need more help. One parent suggested asking the people who attend next week's coffee morning to stay on for a couple hours. So if you are willing to help, please plan on staying on after the coffee session ends on Wed. March 10th. Anyone who can't stay on is of course still welcome to attend the discussion. The framed pictures do look great. You can see (10!) samples in the EC-Gr. 1 hallway.



Grade 3C prepares the Toastie sale



Sample of framed art work

Grade 3C was able to raise 200 euros through their Toastie sale project which will be sent to help the people of Haiti.

There's a lot of activity going on in the Gr. 4 hallway as they prepare for their [performances of CARMEN](#) next week. Some students are painting sets, others are making helmets for the guards out of papier mache and packing bubbles (for comfort!) while still others are learning from a Gr. 2 mom (thank you Mrs. Fuhrmann!) to dance like proud gypsies or march like well trained guards. Don't miss the show next week!



Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

March 10	Principal's Coffee Morning followed by art framing and hanging work session
March 11 & 12	Grade 4 Opera <i>Carmen</i> 1:00pm Heizhaus
March 23	Student-Led Conferences (NO SCHOOL. Check time of your appointment)
April 26 th	Discussion group about Cyber Safety 3:15

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

Jocelyn Gonzalez, Head of Student Support Services

INTRODUCING THE GAY-STRAIGHT-ALLIANCE

The Gay-Straight-Alliance or GSA is a club for students that meets Wednesdays at lunch. The Alliance welcomes students who are interested in creating a supportive environment for all students regardless of their sexual orientation. Students raise issues and questions such as social life, homophobia, and growing up, and then discuss these issues in a safe and caring environment.

When students come to a meeting of the GSA for the first time during Wednesday lunch, they find members of their peer group with bright outlooks and positive attitudes. All members believe in a world beyond tolerance and even beyond acceptance to a world that embraces all peoples despite their differences, and (more importantly) a world that celebrates these differences. While the primary focus of GSA is sexual orientation, the Alliance understands that sexual orientation is only one part of a person; nationality, religion, race, gender, language, personal interests, etc. are all contributing factors to an entire person.

Our current group is made up of both male and female students Grades 8-12. Our current meetings are usually filled with cookies. We have sponsored a Free Pizza and Movie Lunch, helped fund the Winter Wonderland Dance, and gave roses to anyone passing by in the halls to celebrate Valentine's Day. And, as our name implies, we invite and welcome everyone!

If you have any questions about the GSA, please contact me via email: rem.johannsen@bbis.de

Rem Johannsen
GSA Staff Supervisor

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

INVITATION TO THE PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION AT BBIS

Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you to the Personal Project Exhibition at BBIS on the evening of the 25th March from 18.00 to 20.30.

Are you interested in learning more about Korean food or alternative sources of energy? Would you like to find out how the Personal Projects in Grade 10 work? Please come and speak to the experts! All Grade 10 students have chosen the topic for their project themselves, normally it is something they love to do, they have always wanted to try out, or something they feel passionate about. Here are just a few examples from this year's list of more than 50 projects:

How can I raise awareness for the challenges in the education of disabled children by making a documentary?

How can I make the school a brighter environment by creating art on a wall?

How can I build a device that creates energy from flowing rain water?

How can I use Java to write a simple computer game from scratch?

How can I help someone improve their badminton skills noticeably?

How can I build a drum set that corresponds to my favourite drummers?

How can I document my family's history during the Holocaust by producing a documentary about it?

On the evening of the 25th of March, each student will be presenting their work to interested parents and members of the BBIS community, so please come and see all those amazing projects! All Grade 10 students will also present their projects to BBIS students during the school day on Friday, 26th of March.





Kind regards,

Michaela Jung
MYP Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The BBIS Science department would like to draw the attention of the school community to the following Essay Contest and is encouraging High School students to participate in

DNA-DAY 2010 - ESSAY CONTEST

Third Annual European DNA Day Essay Contest for High School Students

Deadline: Sunday April 25, 2010

DNA Day, April 25, is commemorated internationally as a celebration of Genetics and its promises. For the third year, the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG), will be sponsoring a DNA Day Essay contest in European high schools. Once again we will partner with the American Society of Human Genetics in this initiative; using the same essay questions, thus allowing a better assessment of knowledge and perspectives on genetics among students from both continents.

The essay contest is meant as a learning tool and a means to promote knowledge of genetics within Europe. It intends to challenge students to examine, question and reflect on the importance and social implications of genetic research and its applications. Essays are expected to contain substantive, well-reasoned arguments indicative of a depth of understanding of the issues addressed by the selected essay question.

Questions 2010

1. Scientists can now determine the complete DNA sequences of organisms, including humans. Now that this milestone has been reached, is there a reason to continue learning about Mendel, alleles, and inheritance patterns? Explain your answer.
2. Genetic testing allows geneticists to determine an individual's DNA sequence, and research has identified a number of genes, such as HMGA2 and GDF5, that are associated with height. Will such associations allow scientists and physicians to predict a person's final adult height from infancy? Do you think that this would be useful? Explain your answer.

For information please visit <http://www.dnaday.eu/directions.htm> or talk to Mr. Schmelz.

Christian Schmelz
Head of Science Department
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BBIS SUMMER CAMP 2010

We are pleased to announce that the BBIS Summer Camp has opened registration for the summer of 2010. Our camps are back during the last two weeks of the summer break, [from 9th-13th and 16th-20th of August 2010](#).

New this year in our programme is a [nutritious hot lunch](#), which will be served daily in our brand new school canteen. We also offer a new, exciting camp: [Climbing & Sports Camp](#) where students will be learning the basic climbing and abseiling skills on our very own climbing wall.

Our highly professional, English speaking staff will provide an educational but fun filled Summer Camp on our very own campus. Students from both BBIS and the local community are welcome to join our camps from the age of 5 until 16.

The following camps are available and students registration is taken on a first come, first serve basis.

English Enrichment & Activities Camp	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2	8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	12-16 yrs – week 1 12-16 yrs – week 2
Fun Games Camp	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2		
Football & Sports Camp		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
Adventurous Circus Camp		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
Climbing & Sports Camp (max 12 participants)			10-16 yrs – week 1 10-16 yrs – week 2

For detailed information about each camp and for the registration form please have a look at our web page http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/summer_camp_site.htm

For more information please contact Joost Langendonck or Remke Langendonck at remke.langendonck@bbis.de

Joost Langendonck
Summer Camp Coordinator

Remke Langendonck
Summer Camp Assistant

„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

