



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# THE KALEIDOSCOPE

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## CALENDAR DATES

Friday, 29 January	ES Student Council Spirit Event: Twin Day
Wednesday, 3 February	HS Career Day
Thursday, 4 February	ES Student Council Bake Sale: Help Haiti
Tues, 9 – Thu, 11 February	Grade 4 Toy Sale: Help Haiti
Wednesday, 10 February	HS Informal Music Soirée at 7 pm in the MPR
Thursday, 11 February	Drama Grade 8
Mon, 15 – Tue, 23 February	Winter Break

## OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 28 January	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 4 February	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 11 February	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 18 February	Winter Break
Thursday, 25 February	11 am – 2 pm

# NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

Many of us have been thinking a lot about the challenges that the people of Haiti are facing. International-mindedness and taking action are integral parts of the PYP philosophy, so it is heart-warming to see how many of our students have been moved to do something to help.

- The Elementary Student Council is organizing a [Bake Sale](#) on Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. You will receive more info about sending in baked goods (and money for kids to buy items) from your homeroom teacher.
- The Student Council reps. have also made announcements at the assemblies encouraging kids to talk to their parents and think of ways they can help.
- The Gr. 4 students are organizing a [Toy Sale](#) on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any toys in good condition that you no longer need, please send them into your child's homeroom. The Gr. 4 students will collect them everyday.
- The High School Human Rights Club is collecting donations which will be sent to CARE to fund emergency relief efforts.

In addition (not related to the emergency in Haiti) there is a dry goods and canned food collection going on in the Elementary and Middle School classrooms to be donated to a soup kitchen. This is a Gr. 10 student's personal project.

All of these initiatives are worthwhile and well-intentioned, but equally important and possibly even [more](#) meaningful to the child are the smaller "actions" that we see children doing within their own sphere of power.

"Effective action does not need to be grandiose. It begins at the most immediate and basic level: with the self; with the family; within the classroom, the hallways and the playground" (from Making the PYP Happen 2007)

On an individual student basis, an action can simply be the child remembering to bring in a book or other resource that they have at home that supports the current unit of inquiry. It might be returning to a topic and asking questions to deepen their understanding of a news story they heard about earlier in the day. It might be choosing to do research or a project on a topic that concerns them.

Effective group actions tend to be:

- Based on the needs of the school and the local community
- Voluntary, involving student in exercising their own initiative
- Grounded in student's concrete experiences
- Small, arising from genuine need and commitment
- Collaborative, resulting in mutual gains and exchanges
- May involve civic/global responsibility
- Visible to the child (student are able to witness and reflect on the process)

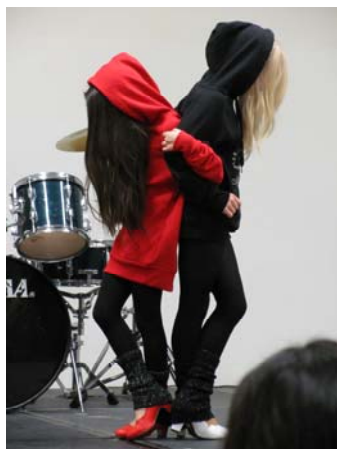
The level of the children's participation in any action is a good criteria for how authentic and meaningful it will be for the students involved. Child-initiated actions, in which adults share in the decision making process, are the most powerful. For that reason, even though the students will not have the opportunity to have any exchanges with the people they hope to help, I would urge you to

support the initiatives listed above. They have come from the students, will be largely carried out by the students and are facilitated by their teachers.

Another example of student action in our school is the Student Council's efforts to add fun to our school days by organizing regular Spirit Days. The upcoming events are:

Twin Day January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrity Day February 26  
Pyjama Day March 26

Thursday afternoon, a group of talented students gathered in the MPR for our second Musical Matinee of the year. Twenty children performed by singing or playing the violin, piano or drums. One three-piece group even performed together (a very challenging musical task!). Congratulations to all the accomplished musicians and brave risk-takers! You created a very pleasurable entertainment for the audience.



Please talk with your children about moving carefully during this period of ice and frozen snow!

## Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

Jan 22 & 23 Lots of fun basketball games to watch!  
Jan 29 Report cards go home  
Jan 29 Student Council Spirit Event: Twin Day  
Feb. 4 Student Council Bake Sale: Help Haiti  
Feb. 9-11 Gr. 4 Toy Sale: Help Haiti

Clarification: In last week's Kaleidoscope there was an error. [There is no Elementary School Open House on 11 Feb.](#) This event was already held on 18 November.

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

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES NEW

Jocelyn Gonzalez, Head of Department

### FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Dear Parents,

I wanted to finally take the opportunity to introduce myself personally to you all. As Tina Limbird's replacement in the role of elementary school counselor and school psychologist since end of November '09 I have now had the opportunity to meet many of your wonderful children. It has been a warm greeting I have received from colleagues and students alike, despite the emotionally charged farewell from Tina before Christmas. Thank you for this warm welcome.

Working with this uniquely diverse community of independent thinkers and inquirers as I have met so far here at BBIS is a like a warm ray of sunshine foreshadowing 2010 for me. Previously I worked for ca. 20 years in private practice as a cognitive-behavioral/gestalt therapist for children, youth, families and couples as well as a psycho-educational diagnostician and consultant via the Better Learning Coop (BLC) in Berlin. As Tina already reported in the November 20<sup>th</sup> Kaleidoscope, I am trained and qualified as an educational psychologist and licensed psychotherapist with degrees in special education and psychology from the U.S. and Germany.

Snack clubs for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and lunch bunches for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders started last week. These groups are made up of 4 representatives from each class; all together 6 girls and 6 boys for each grade level, who meet once a week to learn and share about their emotional, social and learning skills and styles or preferences. The groups will rotate then again after ca. 5-6 weeks, so everyone will get a turn...© We will be working with materials from Vision Works "[I am proud to be me](http://www.vision-works.net)" ([www.vision-works.net](http://www.vision-works.net)) and Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences "[It's not how smart you are – it's how you are smart!](http://surfaquarium.com/MI/intelligences)" ([surfaquarium.com/ MI/intelligences](http://surfaquarium.com/MI/intelligences)) to build awareness and skills in the areas of emotional and social development. These skills are especially pertinent to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they prepare to move on to middle school soon!

Don't worry: For our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders I am working on a snack club friendship circles to begin in February too. Otherwise I am offering classroom social skills lessons ([Inside I'm an M&M](#) and [Life is a Pizza](#)) on empathy and social responsibility as well as individual and small group meetings with

children EC-5<sup>th</sup> grade on demand regarding topics like friendship building, conflict solution, anger management, organizational skills and coping with transitions. Otherwise as the BBIS School Psychologist, I am also able to provide psycho-educational evaluations to help pinpoint students' specific learning strengths and needs.

Feel free to contact me to by phone or e-mail or just come around during my drop in times: Mon, Wed & Fri 8:00– 9:00 am or Thu 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. I look forward to meeting you soon!



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## BBIS CAREER DAY

Student Support Services is planning a [Career Day on February 3, 2010](#) during the school day. We will be hosting professionals from 10 different career fields to lead a round-table discussion with the High School students at BBIS. (In groups of 20) Students will have the opportunity to ask individual questions about professional training, university study and future job situation, in order to gain a sense of the real life situation in these professional areas. Participation in this workshop will help assist the students in acquiring a view into work life and deciding on career orientation.

The following professions will be represented at Career Day:

Law, Medicine, Business, Hotel Management, Journalism, International Relations, Art & Design, Architecture/Interior Design, Music, Science & Research

### Format of Career Day

08.20 - 08.40	INTRODUCTION OF PRESENTERS (BBIS Sports Hall)
08.50 - 09.30	WORKSHOP I
09.30 - 09.40	Break
09.40 - 10.20	WORKSHOP II
10.25 - 11.05	WORKSHOP III
11.15 - 11.30	WRAP UP AND THANK YOU TO PRESENTERS

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# SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

## LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

## 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.

<a href="#">English Enrichment &amp; Activities Camp</a>	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
<a href="#">Fun Games Camp</a>	5-7 yrs – week 1 5-7 yrs – week 2		
<a href="#">Football &amp; Sports Camp</a>		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
<a href="#">Adventurous Circus Camp</a>		8-11 yrs – week 1 8-11 yrs – week 2	
<a href="#">Climbing &amp; Sports Camp (max 12 participants)</a>			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](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](mailto:remke.langendonck@bbis.de)

Joost Langendonck  
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Summer Camp Assistant

## WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Please find in this article:

- Match report Basketball last weekend
- Coming up Fixtures and tournaments for Basketball and Swimming
- Request for Housing and housing guidelines

### Match reports

Last weekend was a great weekend for BBIS Basketball. We started our season games with a full schedule here at our own sports hall. Our varsity teams had a wonderful opportunity to travel abroad to Prague. International School Prague has expressed an interest to have more exchanges between our schools in the future. That is fantastic news and again, BBIS is moving forwards and developing new and exciting opportunities for its teams and students.

### U14 Boys (15/16<sup>th</sup> January)

The U14 Boys hoops squad is off to a solid start to the season. At home last weekend, we hosted Stuttgart, Phorms, and BBS. Friday night's game was a hard fought battle and came down to the wire, as Stuttgart won on a buzzer-beater 17-16. The boys came back hungry Saturday morning, showing 2 dominant performances against Phorms and BBS. Stuttgart came out the victor in the final game, as the boys went for a 2-2 record opening weekend. The boys were playing solidly – setting picks, playing tough defense, fighting for rebounds, and running the court.

The boys will be home again this weekend (January 22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup>) against Bonn and BBS. Friday we will go from 3-6pm, and Saturday will be 8am-2pm. Please make sure students have turned in all their forms for the season, including the housing form!

Future dates to keep in mind:

Date	Place	Teams playing
Fri/Sat February 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup>	Munich, Germany	Bavaria, Bonn, BBIS
Fri/Sat March 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wroclaw, Poland	Wroclaw International
Thurs/Fri/Sat March 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Munich, Germany	GISST Tournament

Thank you to all the supportive parents/family/friends that made it out to our game. We hope to see you there again this weekend! Also, if any parents/volunteers have a video camera and would be willing to tape our games, the coaches would be very appreciative. We would love to have game tape to show the kids!

“Work hard... be the best!” – Charles Oakley, former New York Knick

Coaches: Chamberlain & Smith

### U14 girls (15/16<sup>th</sup> January)

The U14 girls played games against Phorms, BBS and Stuttgart last weekend. They performed very well showing continual improvement throughout the day. The team had a slow start against Phorms and lost 8-22 with Lena scoring 6 points. In the second game, the girls played BBS, they improved and won the game 22-10 with an excellent second half defensive performance from the girls only conceding 2 points. In the final game they played Stuttgart, on the Friday evening they had lost to Stuttgart 8-22. However, a fantastic defensive performance, especially from Zarina who rebounded most of the shots and from Lena who grabbed every loose ball. The girls limited Stuttgart, for whole game, to only score 8 points in the first 3 quarters. BBIS went into the last minute drawing 10-10. Then one of the Stuttgart player scored from 10 feet and they went on to win the game 10-15.

Coach: Darren Hornell

### Varsity girls (15/16<sup>th</sup> January)

The basketball trip to Prague this weekend was exciting. The Girls High School Team played 2 games against the International School of Prague, both of which were well played games that gave us a good challenge in a school that was well matched with us. The scores for the games were 27-33 and 30-33, proving that our players are willing to go to the basket and put points on the board. What the scores do not reflect is the way that both games were a team effort, with scoring come from almost every member of the team. The games revealed some of our strengths, such as our fighting spirit in the way that the girls played to win every moment of the game; and the willingness of each player to keep learning – both very important to the success of the team. We look forward to the coming weekend when we will take on a local rival, Berlin British School, and continue to grow as a team and come together in our march towards the ultimate goal – the GISST Tournament in March. A great start from the whole team!

Coach: Lisa Johnson

### Varsity boys (15/16<sup>th</sup> January)

The boys varsity had a very positive trip to Prague, where we played two games, one against ISP (International School Prague) one other against a local club team. We lost both games by point count but all agreed that we really had an experiential win. The guys were able to identify personal as well as team strengths and weaknesses and develop ideas to improve. The boys maintained a positive attitude throughout, exercising fantastic self-disciplined and team spirit which gained them the praise of the referees and opposing coaches. It was a worthwhile trip and it would be great to host ISP for a return match.

Coach: John Vanden Branden

### Coming up Basketball and Swimming fixtures

Our Basketball season has started and all teams have been training to get ready for a new set of games and trips with the goal to be ready as a team for the GISST tournament at the end of the season (18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> March). Please find details below:

Students will still [need to sign up through the ECA sign-up](#) (officially). See below an overview of the basketball season with all the weekend games.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Please come and support our students and teams, they need you all!

Month	Days	Date	Sport	Teams	Opponents	Where	Times
January	Friday	22	Basketball	U14 boys	Bonn Int.	BBIS	5pm – 6.15pm
January	Friday	22	Basketball	U14 girls	Bonn	BBIS	5pm – 6.15pm
January	Saturday	23	Basketball	Varsity girls	BBS	BBIS	8.30am - 3pm
January	Saturday	23	Basketball	Varsity boys	BBS	BBIS	8.30am - 3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	23	Basketball	U14 boys	Bonn + BBS	BBIS	8.30am - 3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	23	Basketball	U14 girls	Bonn + BBS	BBIS	8.30am - 3pm
January	Friday and Saturday	29+30	swimming GISST	MS and Varsity	GISST schools	Frankfurt	2 days

February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 girls	Bonn + Bavaria	Bavaria	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 boys	Bonn + Bavaria	Bavaria	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varsity boys	Bonn + Neuss	Bonn	2 days
February	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varsity girls	Bonn + Neuss	Bonn	2 days
February	Saturday	13	Basketball	free weekend	free weekend	free weekend	free weekend
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varsity boys	Bavaria + Leipzig	BBIS	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	varsity girls	Bavaria + Leipzig	BBIS	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 boys	Wroclaw Int. School	Wroclaw	2 days
March	Friday and Saturday	5+6	Basketball	U14 girls	Wroclaw Int. School	Wroclaw	2 days
March	Thu-Sat	18.19.20	Basketball GISST	U14 girls	at Neuss		Dusseldorf region
				U14 boys	at Bavaria		Munich
				Varsity Girls	at Hannover		Hannover
				Varsity Boys	at BBIS		Berlin

[Request for Housing for March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>](#)

Dear parents,

The Athletic department is looking for families who can help to support us in housing 100+ students during the varsity Boys Basketball tournament, which will be held at BBIS on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Eleven schools will be visiting us and we need to house all their students with BBIS families.

This is a whole school event and we ask you for your help in providing a place to sleep for our visitors on Thursday night and Friday night, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2010. If you can, would you be so kind to fill out the form below and return it to the Athletic Director Mr. Joost Langendonck in the PE office.

Our housing guidelines are printed below the form.

Kind regards,

Joost Langendonck

To be returned to Mr. Langendonck

Please fill out the two tables below and indicate how many students you can house on that evening.

Housing Date	Teams visiting	Age group	Are you available to house?	If yes, how many students could you host?
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March + Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10 GISST schools GISST Tournament	Varsity boys (100 beds)		

Family name:		Child's name	Child's grade:
Parent mobile phone:	Family home phone	Family Email address:	

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Housing Guidelines for Host families

1. When hosting students you stand in place of their parents. Please exercise all supervision and care that you would normally exercise with your own children.
2. Please pick up your students at the designated time.
3. No student is allowed out in the evening unless chaperoned by the host parents. This includes the journey home after the event has finished on the designated evening and the journey to the school on the following day.
4. Under no condition are visiting students to be left alone in the home without host family supervision.
5. Students are not permitted to change housing arrangements.
6. Please arrange for suitable transportation. Normally this is expected to be a private car to and from the designated events. Students, if possible, should not take public transportation.
7. Please provide your guests with a suitable meal at whatever time may be necessary because of the scheduling of their event.
8. If the host parents would like to take their students out for an evening meal they should not expect their students to pay for the meal. All students should be back home by the curfew time of 22.00/ 23.00 hours.
9. Curfew hours set cannot be extended.
10. The use of tobacco, illicit substances and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted.
11. Ensure the students have your name, telephone number and address.
12. Please provide your students with a packed lunch for their journey.
13. Should any problems occur while you are housing students, please inform the Sports Coordinator as soon as possible.

## „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

