



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# THE KALEIDOSCOPE

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## CALENDAR DATES

Friday, 30 April	Musical Mania at 7 pm in the Kleinmachnow Kammerspiele
Saturday, 1 May	1 May (National Holiday)
Monday, 3 – Friday, 7 May	Trip Week
Thursday, 13 May	Ascension Day (National Holiday) – No School
Friday, 14 May	Bridging Day – No School
Monday, 24 May	Whit Monday (National Holiday) – No School
Friday, 28 May	Grade 12 Graduation in the Sports Hall
Saturday, 12 June	Summer Fest
Friday, 5 November	BBIS 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

## OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 20 May	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 27 May	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 3 June	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 10 June	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 17 June	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 24 June	Last Day of School

## NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thomas Schaedler, Director of School

### MARK YOUR DIARY

Dear Parents and Friends of BBIS,

During the coming school year, our school is going to celebrate its 20th anniversary! From a mere dream after the opening of the former GDR, and the humble beginnings of school operations under the name of *Berlin Potsdam International School* in a small villa in Potsdam, our school has steadily grown and developed into what we are today, a respected academic institution with an unmatched educational campus on the Seeberg in Kleinmachnow. This is reason for us to celebrate!

We therefore would like to ask you to reserve the evening of **November 5, 2010** for our **BBIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER & DANCE**. This is going to be a very special event and we are happy to welcome all members of our community and representatives from all constituencies to celebrate with us. Hence, please mark your diaries and plan to join us!

More information will follow in due course.

With best regards,

Thomas Schaedler  
Director

## NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal

### Middle School Trip

We are all ready to go on Monday. The students and staff are looking forward to an action-packed, fun week.

All students need to be at school for 08:00 on Monday for normal registration. School buses will run as normal on Monday morning and Friday afternoon.

All parents have received a packing list. Please check this carefully with your son or daughter. It is important that you as parents check that your students have packed sensibly ([please check the weather forecast and remember it gets very cold at night still](#)). Also please check that your son or daughter has not packed items which are not allowed (see the trip information sheet which has been signed by students and parents.) Please remember that [ALL electronic devices such as mobile phones, ipods and mp3 players must not be brought](#). Cameras are permitted but not camera phones. It is important that we have your cooperation in helping us enforce this.

### Cyber Safety

This week, we held a round table discussion about internet use and cyber safety for parents. We had an interesting conversation. We have provided the presentation and other uses for links for parents in our community. Simply click paste the link below into your browser.

<http://benkestner.wordpress.com/internet-safety-page/>

## 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

We had a small but interested group at the [cyber-safety meeting](#). If you are kicking yourself for not attending, go to this link (<http://benkestner.wordpress.com/internet-safety-page/>) to see the power point presentation and other recommended links. We will try to make cyber safety a regular feature of the Kaleidoscope as keeping up with information technology is now clearly an important part of parenting!

My [coffee morning](#) was well attended on Wednesday and topics ranged from the need for more consistency in homework and learning goals across the classes at a grade level to tooth brushing in EC and Gr. 1! We discussed and decided together to have a [NO HEELIES policy](#) at school in the Elementary School. Heelies are shoes with built in wheels. Due to the number of steps and the temptingly long corridors in our buildings, we decided that a "wheels only outside" rule would be a constant challenge to enforce and that there is a real danger of injury. So, no heelies please!

We are happy to announce that the ["beach" between House 2 and 3](#) will be renovated for next school year. There will be a fence and a surfaced basketball court surrounded by grass. We will be thinking of other things to add (benches, etc...).

As you know, next week is [trip week](#) so many things are different from the norm. If you have children in EC-Gr. 3, you have received an adapted bus schedule for the week. Please look it over carefully so you understand the changes and direct any questions you may have to Thomas Pinternagel's office 033203 8849-25. There will not be any changes to the food service. I will e-mail updates from each trip to families every day so you will know how things are going. Try to take advantage of the kid's absence to plan something fun for yourselves!

I heard from many people that they enjoyed [last evening's performance of Musical Mania](#). If you haven't seen it yet, it's not too late! Come to the Kammerspiele theatre in Kleinmachnow at 7:00 pm tonight for an entertaining show!



### Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

May 3-7	Trip Week
May 4	EC5 Musicals (8:30)
May 20-21	Gr. 5 Exhibition
June 1	Elementary Spring Pops Concert (1:00)
June 15	Elementary Sports Day
June 23	EC Spring Celebration
June 23	Gr. 5 Moving On Ceremony

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!

## SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

### LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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

### FETE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE/ FIESTA DE LA HISPANIDAD

Last week, our “ fête de la francophonie/Fiesta de la hispanidad *spéciale Afrique*” took place. It was great to see so many students and staff take part in our activities. Students and staff performed some amazing music in French and Spanish from Mali, Sénégal and beyond. Students had a go at playing the Awale games that the grade 6 students made out of wood in their Design and Technology class. Grade 8 enjoyed a Salsa workshop. Food lovers were treated with tapas, North African wraps and French cakes. After a week of tournament, the Petanque final took place and saw Lisa, Maodo and Mr Hornell win the final. We concluded the week by a carnival that included songs, face painting, colourful people and DJs.

Thank you to the Ensser and Behr families who kindly donated the drinks for the carnival. The money raised from our food and drinks sale will be donated to “Doctors without Borders”. A big thank you to all the students and staff who helped this week be a success.

See you next year in another part of the world!

The Modern Foreign Languages department

Maquillage d'inspiration africaine



## BBIS School of Drumming



## HISTORY ON SALE

BBIS has grown immensely, and many of you probably don't have a picture of what it looked like a few years ago...or maybe you've misplaced your child's yearbook from a previous year, or simply never had a chance to buy the copies you wanted.

Spring-time is house-cleaning time, so from now on until the end of May, you have the unique opportunity to purchase our former yearbooks at a special price at Reception (the blue "welcome box").

Yearbook 2008/09: Euros 15,-

Yearbook 2007/08: Euros 10,-

Yearbook 2005/06: Euros 10,-

Yearbook 2004/05: Euros 10,-

Yearbook 2003/04: Euros 10,-

If you are interested in BBIS's recent past, don't miss this one time chance and get your very own copy!

Heike Cossmann  
Bookkeeper

## SUMMERFEST – 12 JUNE 2010

The Grand Finale of our school year is fast approaching and we look forward to bringing our international community together at this great event.



We are still in need of many volunteers to make this day a success. If you are available to either represent your country or simply help out in other way please contact Katya Serdyuk at [katya\\_serdyuk@hotmail.com](mailto:katya_serdyuk@hotmail.com).

Please note that you do not need to volunteer for all 4 hours of Summer Fest any amount of time you can spare on the day would be greatly appreciated.

## 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  
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

