Don't miss the second edition of "Make Music Cambridge", this Sunday, June 21 around Harvard Square from 1pm to 10pm.

ISB is one of the sponsors of this unique festival, modeled on the “Fête de la Musique”, taking place all around the world every year on June 21.

ISB is looking forward to many new programs and activities happening in 2009-2010.

We are excited to share the following:

- The Math lab is being built. See you in September for the first demo! Many thanks to the people who donated to the Annual Fund.

- We have developed a partnership with Ecole Alsacienne and will offer exchange programs for 9th and 10th graders.

- A Journalism club mentored by Ibrahim Warde, father of Antoine (second grade) will be offered in the Autumn. Mr. Warde has written a number of books and articles both in French and English and is a long-time contributor to Le Monde diplomatique. (page 9)

- Together, with the Dutch Community in Boston, we are now offering the Dutch Language School and developing international school relations at ISB. (page 8)

- Arabic classes will be offered as an afterschool program in September. (see page 9)

- Middle School Student Exploration Program will begin in the Fall. (page 9)

- A Tennis Program is set up which will include an afterschool club and a competitive team. Over 70 students have indicated an interest!

- The Arlington Private Space for the language therapist will be built during the summer. Many thanks to the people who donated to the Annual Fund.

- Together with the Parent Leadership Committee, we organized and elected a new PTO for 2009-2010. (page 6 & 7)

- We are developing and building external relations with various universities and corporations, such as Harvard, Tufts, Dassault Systems, Dior, Le Monde Diplomatique, and bioVolutions, to name a few.

- Regarding communication and technology there will be an implementation of Portals (Teacher, Student, Parent) and a result, homework, assignments and the calendar will be online. (page 8)

- From September on, special events (Drama, art, etc.) will be filmed.
**Merci et Au Revoir, John Larner**

Our Head of School John Larner is leaving us after three years, to pursue a wonderful new venture in Spain. We shall miss him.

John’s legacy can be measured in the quality of education, faculty, staff and students he leaves behind. ISB is a better and stronger school today because of his tireless efforts to make us the best that we can be. We have great students and great teachers, enrollment has grown to well over 500 students, graduates are heading to fine colleges and universities, we have an internationally recognized reputation for excellence, better facilities and a state of the art playground, and a strong new senior management team.

John is the first to say that there is much more to do, but he has helped show us the way.

**Thank you John! And best wishes for every success in Spain to you, Viviane and Angelica.**

*The ISB Community*

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**Message from John Larner to the ISB Community**

As the year winds down, some of us get ready for vacation, some of us get ready for new adventures. As I and my family get ready for our next adventure in Spain, I would like to thank all those people who have helped move the International School of Boston forward in the past three years. Progress never stops moving us forward, and that is very much true of schools. There is always something more and something new to be done. So many of you have helped in the projects of the past three years, and I wish to say thank you to each and every one of you. As I leave, I am glad to see that there is a solid and extremely competent administrative team in place, a dedicated and committed Board, a reinvigorated parent-teacher association, and a highly regarded incoming head – all motivated to continue leading the School to its next level of achievement.

**I wish you all the very best.**

*John Larner*

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**Merci et Au Revoir, Mr. François Gauthier**

Mr. François Gauthier

Consul General of France in Boston / Trustee of the International School of Boston

Mr. François Gauthier will be leaving the Consulate in Boston shortly to take up another international diplomatic posting, having already served his country in the Ivory Coast, Vietnam and Indonesia.

ISB will be losing a great friend and supporter. Mr. Gauthier, a graduate of France’s National School of Administration (ENA), has served in Boston since August 2005. During this time, France’s financial support for its citizens attending our school has grown to well over $1 Million each year. His dedication, skill and energy have helped the entire ISB community, and we are deeply grateful for this.

Please join us in wishing François, his wife Françoise, and their three boys further great adventures.

*The ISB Community*
Mrs. Lois Dargo retires after 32 years at ISB

Merci et Au Revoir, Mrs. Lois Dargo

“Lois is literally the living history of ISB. She has seen the school through many phases of growth and development in her 32 years here. Her love and passion for the community shows through in many ways each day. Lois is an inspiration to me in many ways...her creativity, flexibility, organization, and true professionalism, to name a few...not to mention her connection to the big world outside of ISB! Often she shared and article or fact she had learned that indirectly pertained to our objective to send people out into this complex world one day. I will miss her rock solid influence in the Lower School at ISB.”

Ms. Leigh Doherty, Lower School Director

We asked Mrs. Dargo to finish these sentences for us....

Enjoy her responses, we certainly have.

My favorite quote about teaching is:
“A teacher affects eternity; she never can tell where her influence stops.”

If I wasn’t a teacher, I would be a different person.

Teaching at ISB has been a wonderful ride.

My favorite lesson to teach of all time was anything having to do with history.

If I could teach one subject all day, it would be math or history.

If I can tell one student to read one book, it would be something by Cornelia Funke or all of Charles Dickens.

If I could do anything over, I wouldn’t change anything.

Learning another language makes one a more interesting and worldly person.

Teaching in an international environment is like being somewhere else everyday.

At ISB, I always loved the class I was teaching.

Please read the next page to read an interview with Ms. Dargo.
Lois, you have been teaching at ISB since 1977 for 32 years, how did you begin your career at ISB? What brought you here?

In 1976 the Dargo family moved to New England from New York for one academic year. My husband, George, was on a fellowship at Harvard Law School. We found a comfortable apartment in Brookline not far from the school our children Jessica and Stephen would attend. I did not work that first year since it was only supposed to be a one year stay. When it became apparent that we would be staying in the area I decided to look for a job teaching. I had been a teacher in the New York City public schools but was home with my children for seven years. One day at the beginning of October 1977 I read a want ad in the Boston Globe that a school in Cambridge named "École Bilingue" was looking for a Third Grade English teacher. They had a second and third grade combined class and wanted to split it into two classes. I applied for the job and the rest is history.

Throughout your 32 years here, can you share some of the changes you have witnessed? There have been many changes at the school since I began in 1977. The name of the school has changed from "École Bilingue" to "The French and American School of Boston" to what it is today. We have caught up to the other private school in the area and offer a rich and thorough curriculum in English. One of the most obvious changes is the size of the school. When I began in 1977 there were about 50 children in the school and we occupied space in the basement of the education wing of the Armenian Church on Brattle Street.

What are some of your favorite memories from teaching at ISB? I will always look back and remember with fondness the many people that I taught with and the children in my classes. I remember the families whose children I taught, sometimes all four or three. In the class I have this year there is a young man whose birth I remember very well. His oldest sister was one of my third graders on the day he was born. It was a very exciting day waiting to find out if there would be another sister or a brother. I remember the boy who was just thrilled about learning early American history. He became a member of a revolutionary pipe and drum corps. I would go to watch him parade with others on special occasions. Today he is a tall and handsome officer in the United States Marines. Still marching to the music of pipes and drums. I like to tell the children that I was once the gym teacher and watch as they stare at me with disbelief at this pronouncement. There are many, many other stories and they will always be part of my memories.

“Working together with Lois Dargo has been one of the highlights of my career here at ISB. She was much more than a simple colleague; she was a mentor and a friend. I learned so much from her and all appreciated her quiet sense of humor and sound advice. I will miss talking with her everyday, but know she won’t be far. I wish her all the best in her retirement and this new chapter of her life. I think a well earned, long peaceful vacation is in order, but knowing Lois, she will be busy and working all too soon!”

-From Mrs. Joyce Latapie, Grade 4
Continued from page 4

How have teaching and learning styles changed since you began your career? Teaching has changed greatly since I began at ISB in 1977. The main and most obvious is the addition of technology into our daily lives at school. I remember when the school got its first computer in the office. It was a major event and we all thought how up to date we were! Today I have to keep up with my students who seem to know all about the use of computers almost instinctively. It’s good to see how the projectors and overheads just fly out of the cabinets and you really have to sign up early to get one. Teachers are also encouraged to attend workshops and classes to keep up with the latest innovations in education. I look back with nostalgia at the “good old days”, but the new days are just right. We have grown and what has been changed and updated is appropriate for who we are today. Most of the feelings of family remain, even though our “family” is much larger.

What advice would you offer a new teacher starting his/her career? I would tell new teachers that they must take time to establish who they are as teachers. That one of the most difficult aspects of being a teacher is being consistent. That teaching is a great responsibility and that it must be taken seriously. I would also tell them that teaching holds great rewards and that it is a way to contribute to the future.

What advice would you offer a new family arriving at ISB? I am always amazed at how resilient new families are. Packing up and coming to a different country where everything is unfamiliar. What I would tell these new families is to relax and know that their children are in good hands. That their children will love coming to school and that yes, they will learn to speak English quickly.

“Lois has taught me so much in the past few years and I am going to miss her insights, organization and company up on the third floor! It has been such a privilege to work with her and learn from her. I can’t wait to see what she does next!”

-From Mrs. Samantha Kravitz
From our new PTO Co-Chairs: Silvia Rimolo and Maurizio Cattaneo

“We look forward to a stimulating year ahead at ISB and in the words of W.B. Yeats:
"There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met...."

Dear ISB Community,

The new ISB PTO has been elected and is now running!

The ISB Parent and Teacher Organization (PTO) is a group among parents, students, and faculty and administration members with the common goal to increase the sense of community, enhance school spirit, promote enthusiasm for learning and encourage students to contribute positively to society. We are shaping global citizens!

175 parents voted on May 27 to elect 12 parents to be part of the new ISB PTO leadership committee. With this first official election, the ISB community confirmed its enthusiasm to support the school and our children.

The committee consists of a total of 12 parents, 4 teachers, 1 student and 7 administrative members of the ISB. On May 27, the following parents became the newly elected 2009-2010 ISB PTO:

Co-Presidents: Maurizio Cattaneo & Silvia Rimolo
Secretary: Francesca Ferraris-Bankier
Treasurer: Stéphanie Hancock
Maternelle Parent Representatives: Marie Bardon & Dan Teager
Elementary Parent Representatives: Palmer Berry & Julie Fournier
Middle School Parent Representatives: Alessandra Bertuccelli & Pascale Gouker
Upper School Parent Representatives: Evelyne Astier-Ibrahim & Sophie Beaudron

ISB PTO works on promoting a strong, collaborative, and responsive relationship between ISB and parents while supporting the school's mission. It encourages communication between parents and the school, and among parents through its group of parent representatives and its many programs and events. The PTO helps to organize fundraisers to fund the various school's projects and other activities for students, parents, faculty and staff, and for the entire school.

All parents and guardians of ISB students are members of the ISB PTO and are encouraged to participate in any and all functions and meetings. The ISB PTO Committee meets regularly and these meetings are open to all parents. Stay tuned for upcoming meetings which will be scheduled in advance and will be visible on the calendar and website.

ISB PTO is YOU and your involvement is key. Without your support and help, all the projects and programs that directly benefit the ISB community will not be possible. Thank you for your current involvement and we are looking forward to a great school year!

From Silvia Rimolo and Maurizio Cattaneo, ISB PTO Co-Chairs

P.S. Keep an eye out for the teachers' elections! This election will be held at the beginning of the school year.
The ISB Community is excited about the new PTO!
What some faculty, staff, & parents have to say.

It is with great pleasure –and great expectations!- that I welcome the new ISB PTO. Teamwork and enthusiasm, projects and ideas will bring the community together and foster communication, respect and common goals.  
- Barbara Saran Brunner, Director of Admissions & Marketing.

When I first arrived at ISB, I asked, “Where can I find our PTO President”? I have waited (and worked) almost 2 years to find this answer! The Development Office is looking forward to working together with the PTO to raise money for our children, recruit volunteers, plan more activities, and help improve communication at ISB.  
- Vicci Recckio, Director of Annual Giving & Parent Relations.

When my daughter Juliette entered pre-K at ISB 6 years ago, I was very happy about the great enthusiasm Elizabeth Bay and Thierry Hubert (the 2 co-presidents of the Parents’ Association at that time) were putting in their work. It was always a lot of fun to attend and help with the events they were putting into place. I missed that since, and am I very happy that a new and structured PTO leadership team is in place! Can’t wait for the great things we can do all together!  
- Hélène Rieu-Isaacs, mother of Juliette 3C

“I know a lot of effort has gone into reinitiating this group—work that started even before this year. I am thrilled by the diversity and energy within the elected members of the parent representatives and look forward to adding dynamic teachers to the group in the Fall. Together much more is possible.”  
- Leigh Doherty, Lower School Director

Thank you  to all the parents who donated wine, flowers and other goodies.  
You made 137 faculty and staff very happy.

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers, the desserts and the wine.
I will drink to your health!

- Catherine Rondeau

J’ai beaucoup aimé les fleurs!

- David Billeaud

I would like to thank everyone for teacher appreciation week. It has been a wonderful week and it finished with a great gift.

I so appreciate you thinking of me and all the teachers.

- Guillaume Jaubert
Dutch Language School:
Dutch Language School to open in Boston September 2009.

The "Eerste Nederlandse School in Boston" (ENSiB) is currently in the founding process, and slated to open in September 2009. This new school will offer three hours of Dutch language and culture (called NTC) per week to Dutch or Flemish children between the age of 4-14 years old, to supplement their regular schedules at schools around Boston.

The NTC curriculum, fully accredited by the Dutch Ministry of Education, intends to allow students to eventually return to Dutch/Belgian schools and/or universities.

We are very excited and proud to announce having entered into a partnership with The International School of Boston, who will host the Dutch School on Sunday afternoons between 1 pm and 4 pm.

For more information and to receive an intake form for your child, please contact Louise Van Aarsen-Koopman, louise.vanaarsen@gmail.com.

The ENSiB Board

Introducing our new Technology Advisory Committee:
The International School of Boston is pleased to announce the creation of the Technology Advisory Committee.

The committee members are:
- Peggy Kirkpatrick (Chair) - Academic Dean
- Sam Rodger - Director of Information Technology
- Marti Lemp - Middle School Director
- Fred Bolzan - Computer Teacher
- Géraldine Guillermin - Career and College Counselor
- Véronique Valdettaro - Upper School Librarian
- Caroline Marlard - Admissions Assistant
- Alex Baez - Webmaster
- Myron Cohen - Controller (Interim)
- Michael Nickerson - Network Administrator

The committee is dedicated to creating a technology plan that embodies the high standard of excellence you expect from International School of Boston. It is our goal to provide a seamless integration of curriculum, academics, and technology that will provide our students with the tools they need to succeed in today's society as well as the knowledge to forge ahead to tomorrow.

Some of the projects we will be working on are:
- Acceptable Use of Technology in the School,
- Implementation of Portals (Teacher, Student, Parent),
- Adapting curriculums to incorporate technology,
- Online Payments: Admissions, Hot lunch program, etc...,
- EMS (Emergency Messaging Systems),
- And much, much more!

If you have any ideas that you would like the committee to look into please send them to tac@isbos.org

Shaping Global Citizens just went 2.0!
Middle School Exploration Program:
Exploring new ideas and passions

Next year students in grades 6 through 8 will be able to take a brand new class called the “Student Exploration Project,” (SEP). These projects are two-hour classes that will meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:35pm - 3:25pm. Students will be assigned to two projects during the year, one in the fall/early winter, and then one in the late winter/spring. Unlike most other courses here at the ISB, these are meant to be an “exploration.” These projects offer a unique chance to explore an area that students don’t know very much about.

Don’t SLAM poetry!
Lego Robotics
Leadership Global 101
Creative Cooks
An Introduction to Architectural Design
Secrets of a Factory
Sparte

Extracurricular Programs 2009-2010
Arabic, Musical Theatre, chess and more....

Why is it important for young people to choose and get involved in extracurricular activities? Because these are opportunities to discover and practice new skills, make friends that have your same passions, strengthen and relax your body and build a portfolio for the future.

We are currently working on the schedule of Extracurricular Activities for the next school year. A preliminary schedule for Cultural and Sports Clubs will be posted on our website by the end of June.

For the Middle and High Schools, here are some of the new exciting opportunities coming next fall: Musical Theater (6th to 12th grades), Arabic Lessons, Creative Writing, Yoga, Math club, Cooking, Batik, Photography and Chess. We will also have our traditional classes: Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Fencing and The High School Theater group (“Mangeurs d’etoiles”).

JOURNALISM CLUB FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In the Fall, high school students will have their own journalism club. Students will be able to start their own magazine, a bilingual publication consisting of articles written and edited by students on a wide variety of subjects. The experience will help students hone their writing and journalistic skills, and also learn the basics of editing and production, as well as marketing in an attempt to generate advertising and raise the profile of ISB. Students will benefit in many ways from participating in the club. Extra-curricular and leadership activities are important factors in college entrance, and can be very helpful in obtaining internships and summer jobs.

Ibrahim Warde, father of Antoine (second grade) will mentor the club. He has written a number of books and articles both in French and English and is a long-time contributor to Le Monde diplomatique. He is a graduate of France’s Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC) and holds a Ph.D from the University of California, Berkeley, He has taught at Berkeley and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management, and is on the faculty of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

An introductory meeting will be announced early in the Fall quarter.
En garde, prêt, aller!
What was an after-school activity has now grown to become an important part of our ISB community.

ISB’s fencing club was created 7 years ago with twelve students. It has grown to over 40 students including 5 who were members of the original class. Most of our fencers have been with us for more than 3 years. Those who left the school continue to practice the sport in the US and abroad. Fencing is becoming an important part of the school’s persona and spirit with its students demonstrating passion, discipline—and for the first time this year—visibility for our school in official United States Fencing Association (USFA) local competitions. ISB was well represented by our students during the junior foil and epee (and upcoming saber) regional competitions held at the Prise de Fer Fencing Club in North Billerica. Our team drew notice by demonstrating its technique, finesse, good sportsmanship, and strong spirit, which is a credit to Rob Hupp’s coaching and belief in the true noble nature of the sport.

On Saturday, June 6, the Fencing Club had an open house and issued certificates to the students for completing this year’s program. The event was well attended by most of the students and their families and additional parents curious about the Club. The Club has grown and it showed. Parent such as Marina Simmons have spearheaded the rebuilding of the armory and storage facility so the Club’s equipment is organized, clean, and easily accessible during class. Others, like Thierry Hubert and Larry Schmutz, participate in the training and logistics to ensure that the students have a full experience and can benefit from Rob Hupp’s coaching. The school’s support through Naima Benali was greatly appreciated and acknowledged; with additional acknowledgement that Naima also took part in the experience by becoming a student herself. A great testimony to the positively infectious spirit of the club!

It is important to note that is was the first year without Nicolas Brindel (the club’s co-founder with Rob Hupp). This brought a challenge that was overcome thanks to the support of the fencer’s families and the school ongoing commitment to see the club thrive.

Our Fencing Club is a place for our children to learn that mind and body are truly united in a dialogue of constant awareness and change. We look forward to next year as many of our fencers have grown to compete and represent our school.

For more information on the fencing club at ISB please email Thierry Hubert at mail@thierry-hubert.com or Robert Hupp at Robert Hupp at robert.hupp@rcn.com
Kids find ISB yoga class pretty relaxing...  
and cool!

Yoga practice is a fun way to get to know how the body and mind work and how to use them skillfully. By bringing the attention to the immediate experience of the body and mind, we relax. When we practice over time, we effectively train the attention to be where we intend for it to be instead of being run by habit. Our bodies become stronger and more supple, our posture improves and often we feel more relaxed and happier.

Debbie Cohen  
Core Yoga Instructor for ISB  
drc@coreyoga.com
All School: Musical Auditions For Next Year!

**ISB will be putting on a **MUSICAL** next year and we need YOU!!!!**

We will proudly present

**Seussical the Musical**

By Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Date and Time of the performance TBA

Rehearsals are tentatively set for **Mondays 3:30-5:30 in the Church Hall.** Look for club/audition information in the fall!

This opportunity is for anyone grades 6-12 who likes to sing, dance and act. The show will be auditioned, but everyone who wants to take part in the show will be a part of the cast!

For more information, please email Amanda Hammond (ahammond@isbos.org) or go to

Thinking about the summer already?

How about the ISB summer camp?

All School: Make Music, June 21

Don’t miss the second edition of “Make Music Cambridge”, this Sunday, around Harvard Square from 1pm to 10pm.

ISB is one of the sponsors of this unique festival, modeled on the “Fête de la Musique”, taking place all around the world every year on June 21.

More than 120 musicians/bands will play outdoors once again and we hope to see you enjoying the live music!

The full program will be available at the information booth on Palmer Street or at [www.makemusiccambridge.com](http://www.makemusiccambridge.com).
ISB Chorus Performs for the Consul General of France on Massachusetts Lafayette Day

On May 20th, 37 students (from 4th to 8th grade) representing the ISB Chorus directed by Mrs. Sophie Bolzan, traveled to the State House in Boston to take part in a very important event: Massachusetts Lafayette Day.

This day is celebrated every year and marks the death anniversary of General Lafayette. But this year was extremely special since it celebrated the 230th anniversary of the institution of the French Consulate in Boston. The ISB Chorus was invited to sing the French and American national anthems at the State House in honor of General Lafayette.

After arriving at the State House, the children performed in front of Mr. François Gauthier, Consul General of France, Alan R. Hoffman, President of Massachusetts Lafayette Society and numerous other members of the French and American community.

After the performance, the students assisted with a reenactment of the “Arrival of General Lafayette at the Massachusetts State House” in 1824 and in 1825.
In both the performances, Mr. Loic Barnieu of the American Historical Theatre of Philadelphia impersonated General Lafayette.

He was narrating the challenging and interesting life of General Lafayette. The students subsequently asked some questions at the “Ask Lafayette” Session for the audience.

Submitted by Sophie Bolzan
YEARBOOK PICK-UP PROCEDURES

From Florence Hamilton, Yearbook Coordinator.

fhamilton@isbos.org

Well it’s almost time to receive yearbooks. Yearbooks will be given out on the campus your child attends. All yearbooks were ordered in advance. We have a waiting list if you are interested in purchasing a yearbook for $45. However, being on the waiting list does not guarantee obtaining a yearbook.

To obtain your yearbook, all students in the Maternelle and Lower School need a parent signature when picking up their yearbook. All Middle and Upper School students will be able to sign for their OWN yearbook.

**Pick-up times:**

**On the Cambridge Campus:**

Tuesday, June 16th at 11am: ONLY MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL students (more information on this distribution will be given closer to this date)

Wednesday, June 17th at 3:00-4:00pm near the reception desk (ALL students)

Thursday, June 18th at 7:45am-8:30am near the reception desk (ALL students)

Thursday, June 18th at 11:30-12:30 near the reception desk (ALL students)

**On the Arlington Campus:**

Wednesday, June 17th at 3:00-4:00pm at the entrance (ALL students)

Thursday, June 18th at 7:45am-8:30am at the entrance (ALL students)

Thursday, June 18th at 11:30-12:30 at the entrance (ALL students)

Yearbooks will NOT be able to be picked up outside of these times! All yearbooks will be labeled with the child’s name, grade and section. These labels will peel off easily and will not ruin your book. Yearbooks will be labeled according to the child designated when you placed your yearbook order.

Labeling your belongings helps support the yearbook!

Get your child ready and organized by purchasing labels to put on their clothes and other things. A percent of the cost will go to support the yearbook.

Please visit [www.isb.mabel.ca](http://www.isb.mabel.ca) to place your order while helping our fundraiser!

“Mabel Labels” provide Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! You will be able to personalize your labels with names, nicknames, initials - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings. Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! Dispatched within 24 hours!

The labels are customized with a child’s name, favourite mix of colours and an icon (animal, symbol, etc...). We have also expanded our product line to include personalized stationery products, ID wristbands and household labels.
Sign up NOW for next year’s MBTA pass!

If you think you will want a monthly "T" pass for the 2009-2010 school year, please give your name to Martha or Stephanie or send an e-mail to reception@isbos.org by no later than Friday, June 19th. No payment is necessary until you pick up the pass at the beginning of the school year, but this allows you to ride the "T" at a big savings starting right away. You may also cancel the pass when school starts, if you have changed your mind.

The monthly pass will again cost just $20 per month, and this year you will pay the entire cost when you pick up your pass. We will not be receiving new passes every month – the same pass will be good all year long. It gives you unlimited riding Mondays through Fridays until 8 pm on all MBTA buses and subways, as well as on commuter trains to Zones 1 and 2.

We will also have available Student CharlieCards for those who ride the “T” occasionally but do not want a monthly pass. These save you 50% of the cost of a CharlieCard – they are free, and then you put your own money on the card as needed.

If you have any questions, please just stop at the Front Desk and ask us. And be sure to sign up if you think you will probably want the "T" pass or the Student CharlieCard, so as not to miss the bus in September!

Martha and Stephanie

Summer Camp registration is OPEN!
Registration is first come first serve …

Registration documents can be found online or at the front desk.

If you have any questions about Grades 1 to 5 camp, please contact Samantha Kravitz at skravitz@isbos.org.

If you have any questions about Preschool camp, please contact Catherine Bastien at cbastien@isbos.org
Congratulations Oscar B.!!

Oscar B., from 2nd grade, is our Yearbook contest cover winner. He did a great job creating a cover about our theme this year which is “Then and Now”

Afterschool Program Chess Competition Winners
On May 29th, 18 students from Grades 1 to 6, participated in a chess competition organized by the afterschool program and Mr. Chris Chase, chess teacher. The kids had a great time and worked hard through the 5 games they had to play against different opponents. Bravo to all who participated and congratulations to the winners!

**Level 1-2-3 Grades:**
First Place: Nikola R.
Second Place: Xavier G.
Third Place: Maty N.

**Level 4-5-6 Grades:**
First Place: Thomas H.
Second Place: Sean McG.
Third Place: Paul B.
Fourth Place: Cyrus G.
Congratulations

Lexi H. from 3B Performs in Italian!
(2nd from left)

Lexi (3B), performed in the opera "Turandot" by Puccini on Sunday, May 31st in Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory, as part of her participation in the Boston City Singers. She had to memorize the children’s part in Italian and attend several rehearsals on school nights and last Friday. She worked very hard and is proud of her performance. She has been a member of the Boston City Singers training chorus for 3 years.

The Opera was conducted by Jeffrey Rink. The Boston City Singers was founded in 1995 and its 300 members come from all racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. In the past 3 years they have toured the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. For more information please visit http://www.bostoncitysingers.org/.

Brava, Lexi!!!

Grade 10 Tomiko H. honored for her achievement on National German Test

Tomiko H. was honored for her excellent achievement on the AATG (American Association of Teachers of German) Test, which she took in December. As she scored in the 90th percentile, she, along with other German students from Massachusetts, was invited to an award ceremony in Walpole at the Boylston Schul-Verein on May 5th. The event was organized by the AATG Massachusetts Chapter. Herzlichen Glückwunsch Tomiko!

Grades 6 and 7 Compete in Math Competition

This spring 6th and 7th grade middle school students participated in the Kangourou Des Mathematiques. In the 6th grade, 61% of the students who participated were ranked in the top 25%. Among those students, 15% were ranked in the top 10%. In 7th grade, 59% of the students who participated were ranked in the top 25%. Among those students, 8% were ranked in the top 10%. 4 of the top students ranked in the top 4%.
Dear parents,

This school year ends with the usual moments of joy and some sad moments as well. Happiness to go on holiday and enjoy the summer time, sadness to leave each other, and for some families “for always”.

We hope that this school year has been an excellent one for you, it surely was for us. It was a pleasure to work with your children and a pleasure to be supported by a trustworthy community of parents.

We also hope you enjoyed the end of the year show; the whole team has been working hard, and our students demonstrated once again, all their talent. In the name of the faculty and staff of the Maternelle I wish you all a fine summer and hope to see many of you in September!

Paul Romeo Director of Maternelle

Great success for our musical story « take a walk in the woods » where children from the choir joined children from the drama club.

Songs and instruments brilliantly completed the game of our young actors!

A very successful sporting day!
Tuesday May 19th, children in kindergarten participated in a sporting event on the field of the Boys and Girls Club of Arlington with the schools of Providence and South Freeport. The day was a very successful event, with all sporting activities well chaperoned by volunteer parents. Thanks to all of them.
Dear Parents,

Summer is the perfect time to read! You can find on our website, as well as at the library, lists of suggested books for students grades 1 to 5.

**Borrow some books from the library**
If you wish to borrow books from the library for your children this summer, you can come to the library after school from June 10th to 18th. I will also be available from June 22nd to June 26th for you to borrow books.

Even if you do not wish to borrow books at the library during the summer, you need to make sure your children returned all their books.

**Conditions for borrowing books this summer**
Your child has to be an ISB student next year.
You have returned all your books to the library.

**Give the gift of reading!**
If you have books you don’t need anymore, please consider making a book donation to the library. We accept books both in French and English.
For any question, thanks for contacting me either at the library or by e-mail at mholder@isbos.org.

**Happy summer reading!**
Michelle Holder, Lower School librarian

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**Summer reading is FUNdamental!**

When we think of summer we think of vacations, travel, family visits, camp and other adventures. Why not find adventure in a good book?
Reading is a part of our everyday life, and summer vacation should be no exception. Parents, please continue to read aloud to your children, even when they are reading on their own. A classic choice such as Charlotte’s Web, Stuart Little, A Little Princess or Indian in the Cupboard allows your child to experience great literature with rich vocabulary that they could not access on their own.

When traveling, read signs, brochures, and other environmental print to enhance your child’s engagement in the journey. Set aside a time each day to read: read aloud, read side by side or read together. A late afternoon reading ritual can help your family wind down after a day at the beach or park. Summer also provides many opportunities for writing. Children can write to-do lists, grocery lists, or keep a dairy to record their adventures. Make it fun with special paper and novelty pens or pencils they don’t normally use while in school.

Plan to review the ISB suggested reading lists on the website with your child to choose titles of interest that are appropriate for your child's reading level. Check the internet for more read aloud suggestions.

**Have a great summer and have fun reading!**

Kimberley Buchanan
Grade 2 connects their classroom learning with a field trip.
Grade 2 Egypt Quiz followed by a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts.

Photos submitted by Irene Ghazaleh

Lower School: Enrichment Continues

On May 22nd, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders welcomed Rob Faust, creator of Faustwork Mask Theatre, to ISB for the last enrichment program of the school year. Rob began by reminding the students that masks are used in every culture, for all sorts of purposes, and then introduced them to different types of masks, and the characters that can be created with them. He began with the “universal” or “neutral” mask, the hardest character to create, and then shifted to a sheepish one, a friendly face, a shocked guy, a tough “coach”, a scary face, and even an “Elvis” impersonation. The children learned that the energy from the performer’s body, his body language, is as important as the mask itself, as are the fashion accessories that accompany the mask. Rob also drew on elements from “Commedia dell’Arte” to demonstrate some great characters with just half masks. The most exciting moment of the show came when two student volunteers turned into new personalities thanks to jackets and fantastic masks. They gave a great performance enjoyed immensely by their classmates. All in all, a wonderful show that delighted both the children and their teachers!

Submitted by Gretchen and Regina
Enrichment Coordinators
Sports Day at The French–American School of Rhode Island

On May 27th, The French-American School of Rhode Island hosted a sports competition for our 6th graders and children from The French-American School of New York. Also in attendance was Jean Lachaud, elected member of the "Association des Français de l'Étranger" (AFE) in the Washington area. After the totals were in, The French-American School of New York took 1st prize, ISB took 2nd prize and The French-American School of Rhode Island took 3rd prize. Fun was had by all.

6th Grade English teacher visits a former Nazi concentration camp in the Czech Republic (as a musician)

6th Grade English teacher Toby Fairbank recently took part in a concert at a former Nazi concentration camp in the Czech Republic. During World War II the walled 18th century town of Terezin was turned by the Nazis into a primarily Jewish prison camp ("Theresienstadt" in German) and the concert was to honor the memory of the thousands who died there and the tens of thousands more who were shipped East from Terezin to the Death Camps. The concert was a performance of the Verdi Requiem with orchestra and soloists, and the audience included officials of the Czech Republic and several survivors of the camp, now in their 80’s. The same Requiem was performed (with piano) by the inmates of the camp in 1943 and 1944. They learned it from a single musical score brought into the camp by a prisoner/musician, Rafael Schaechter, who taught the music to the chorus and soloists, conducted the performances, and who soon after died at Auschwitz.
An exchange program with 2 schools in Argentina
Upper School Students are Getting Ready to Experience Argentina

On June 22nd, 19 ISB students from grades 9 through 12 will be leaving for a 3-week trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina. An exchange program has been established with two schools in Buenos Aires, an American/Argentine IB school and a French/Argentine FB school. The students will be staying with Argentine host families and will be attending classes every morning. The afternoons will be dedicated to discovering the city and its environs, attending a soccer match, visiting an Argentine "estancia", seeing the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo and strolling through a museum.

Students from ISB have already established contact with their host families and they are very excited and looking forward to meeting them in person. The aim of the trip is to expose ISB students to a new culture and to practice their Spanish language skills at the same time.

Solange Bourgeois
Upper School German Students Visit the Goethe-Institut

On May 1st, all Upper School German students went to the Goethe-Institut in Boston to see an exhibition about the Berlin Wall. The staff at the Goethe-Institut arranged for a guided tour (in German!) for the students.

German quotes from the Upper School students:

Die Simulation von der Berliner Mauer war sehr schön (Tomiko).
The simulation of the Berlin Wall was very beautiful.

Man kann die Mauer und die Gebäude herum mit einem Steuerhebel besuchen (Matthieu).
You can visit the Wall and the buildings around it with a joystick.

Es hat mich überrascht, dass es im Niemandsland einen Teich gegeben hat (Yasmine).
I was surprised that there was a pond in No Man’s Land.

Ich liebe die Fotos! Es war sehr interessant, die alten und modernen Fotos zu sehen (Sophia).
I love the photos! It was very interesting to see the old and new photographs.

Matthieu, Remi und ich wollen das Haus kaufen, in dem das Goethe-Institut ist (Yannick, der Schnitzelmann).
Matthieu, Remi and I would like to buy the house where the Goethe-Institute is.

Ich wusste nicht, dass Leute von beiden Seiten miteinander über die Mauer sprechen konnten (Natalie).
I did not know that people from both sides could talk to each other over the Wall.

The Wall was built in 1961 and came down in 1989.

Die Verbündeten versorgten den Teil von Berlin, der besetzt war (Remi).
The Allies provided the occupied part of Berlin with supplies.

Claudia Bonmassar, Upper School German Teacher
Dear ISB Community,

On May 20, 32 colleges and universities attended our first College Fair and over 100 students and parents came to discuss and learn about these institutions.

All colleges are eager to come back next year and I have received a lot of phone calls from universities who wanted to be put on the list for next year! The college representatives and alumni were impressed by the questions and involvement of our students. The fact that institutions from abroad were also represented brought the unusual international dimension to this event.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents who volunteered in helping me until the final minutes.

I look forward sharing many more productive events with you next year.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Guillermin
ISB College Counselor

"MODEL UN" team wins best delegation award

On Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 4 students from ISB went to Northeastern University’s "Model UN" conference. They were representing North Korea on a different range of topics, basically taking the stance of a hard line communist country with a strong leader and a deep faith in their policies. Their representation of this country, Jillian Q. and Calum B. (11th grade IB), won the best delegation award! Farrah R. and Emma S. (9th grade IP) also enjoyed the experience while receiving the respect of their fellow delegates for their strong positions and knowledge of the topic.

Their next challenge will be a four-day conference at Harvard University in January 2010. This will allow plenty of time for them to prepare and to find more delegates as they need a bigger team to be able to participate. In the meantime, many thanks to their parents for their help, and especially to Marina Simmons and Sharon Quigley who volunteered to supervise them during part of this conference and the previous one.

Dominique Lecomte, "Model UN” coordinator

32 Universities Attend 1st Ever ISB College Fair
ISB in Numbers

54 Kindergarten students moving up and over to First Grade at the Cambridge Campus!

55 Grade 5 students in the class of 2009!

8 International Baccalaureate students in the Grade 12 class of 2009

7 French Baccalaureate students in the Grade 12 class of 2009

Congratulations to all the Graduates and we wish everyone a very safe, healthy and relaxed Summer.

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Vicci, France and Kate.
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