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**Did You Know...?**

**Julia Child was a huge fan of ISB?**

Perhaps, you have heard of the new movie called “Julie and Julia?” In brief, it’s a movie which parallels the lives of the famous American chef, Julia Child and a young blogger who channels Julia Child while recreating all 365 recipes from Julia’s famous cookbook, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*.

Julia Child was a supporter of all things French, and being a local resident of Cambridge, MA, she kept her connection to France very much alive by supporting ISB. Julia Child was a huge of ISB!

**Did you Know...?**

From the late 1980’s onward, Julia would come to “Ecole Bilingue” to judge dishes prepared by faculty and staff! Knowing schools like ours could use extra funding, she then invited area chefs to participate in a food auction.

**Did you Know...?**

Julia Child’s attended ISB’s Spring Kermesse and often invited Ecole Bilingue students to participate in her televised cooking shows!

**Did you know...?**

In 1996, ISB (then called The French-American International School of Boston,) had a Soiree Gastronomique with Julia Child. At this ISB event, Julia Child was once again, our special guest and the proceeds benefited ISB’s Scholarship Fund.
32 Generous ISB Donors =
1 New Math Lab for ISB students!

Thank you to the following families who supported the new Math Lab with their generous donations.

Anonymous
Jean Abouhamad and Rania Matar-Abouhamad
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Scott and Anne Miller
Alexis and Nathalie Wallace

THANK YOU! MERCI BEAUCOUP! MERCI BEAUCOUP!

On Wednesday, September 30, the 32 ISB donors and the math faculty were invited to the official opening celebration of the ISB Math Lab. Congratulations to Thomas Renault, ISB math teacher, and his two students, Emeric C. in Grade 12 and Melania H. in Grade 8 for demonstrating their skills and sharing their knowledge in this state-of-the-art math facility.
Our ISB Annual Fund... Our Students Depend On It.

The ISB “Annual Fund Kick-Off Challenge” will soon begin! This “challenge” will run from October 20 to November 20. Together, let’s reach the highest level of participation in all of ISB’s 48 years!

Please be on the look-out for a bright blue envelope in your mailbox and the big colorful boards on display at Cambridge and Arlington highlighting the “Kick-Off” results!

For more information about the making an ISB Annual Fund donation, please contact France Crespin fcrespin@isbos.org or Vicci Recckio vreccckio@isbos.org in the ISB Development Office. You can also make a donation online. Please visit www.isbos.org (Support ISB) tab.
Dear ISB Families,

To kick-off the International Week the PTO will sponsor on Friday, November 13th, 2009 from 10AM to 4PM a special event called “Tour Around the World”. On this special day, students, teachers and parents from the Maternelle, Lower, Middle and Upper Schools will come together to celebrate their cultural heritage and diversity. The children can come dressed up in their national outfit.

The event will showcase booths from different countries. We will set up tables in the gymnasium, and the parents can decorate them with arts & crafts, posters, traditional clothing, musical instruments, etc... from the country they represent. This is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to team with their fellow citizens or other parents who stand alone to represent their country. Students, supervised by their teachers, will visit the booths at scheduled times to have their “passport” stamped, participating in activities and games while learning about the various nationalities. We are looking for parents to organize, decorate and volunteer at the booths. Please contact Alessandra Bertuccelli if you are interested in helping with this event. Fill out the form below and return it via email to her by Wednesday, October 7th so that we can finalize the booths’ floor plan. The Booth Team will be invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 8:15AM in the Cambridge School Cafeteria to get more information about this event. Come and join us to celebrate our internationality and diversity through a “Tour Around the World” and demonstrate how special this event is for the ISB community!

Please remember these important dates:
• **Wednesday, October 7th midnight**: Deadline to submit the application form
• **Thursday, October 15th at 8:15AM**: Booth Team meeting in the Cambridge School Cafeteria.
• **Friday, November 13th from 10 AM to 4 PM**: Tour Around the World

Best regards,

Event Leaders
Alessandra Bertuccelli & Valerie Grebonval
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PLEASE SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 7, 2009, BY E-MAIL TO ALESSANDRA or VALERIE
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I / we would like to take part in “A Tour Around the World and have a booth representing my/our country.
I am alone and I need some help in contacting other persons.
My/our booth nationality: ____________________________________________________________
My/our name: ______________________________________________________________________
Contact information (email): ________________@ ____________________________________________________________________________
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Meet ISB Global Citizen Alumna, 
Alexandra Sweeney

Alexandra attended ISB Maternelle to 4th grade: 1989 – 1994

The annual Kermesse in the schoolyard, the May Pole, the 4th grade ski trip to Sunday River, the year-end concerts in the old auditorium on the very top floor of the school – these are some of the memories that come to mind when I think of my EB days. But I also remember the classes and day-to-day activities. The great thing about EB was not just the things we learned but the way we learned them. It really was the perfect combination of two cultures, two ways of life, two ways of teaching. I remember learning my multiplication tables sur l’ardoise in Veronique Valdettaro’s class; starting the day out writing a journal entry in English in Mrs. Dargo’s class and then spending the afternoon scouring French sentences for le COD and le COI. The other thing that stands out in my mind is the camaraderie that existed at EB. The small size of the classes and of the school itself created a great sense of closeness between students, not only within classes but also between the different grades as well.

The bilingual education experience offered at Ecole Bilingue was an incredible opportunity that I will forever be grateful for. It opened my mind at an early age to other cultures and allowed me to feel completely at home in two countries. I went to Ecole Bilingue from Maternelle until 4th grade and then attended middle school and high school in Westwood, MA. I spent 3 years in Montreal getting my B.A. in French Language, Literature and Translation (and International Development) at McGill University, followed by a year in a small town near Toulouse, France teaching English. I now work at the Canadian Consulate General in Boston, using both French and English on a daily basis. Since my mother still teaches at EB (now ISB), I’ve been able to see it grow over the years, now taking up two buildings and including a high school. I hope current students enjoy it as much as we did. -Submitted by Alexandra Sweeney

Please send all alumni updates to Lois Dargo at ldargo@isbos.org.
Congratulations...

ISB in Boston Magazine!

ISB along with 2 students (Emma and Farrah) were featured on page 146 in the September issue of Boston Magazine!

In the very same issue, ISB parent Rania Matar-Abouhamad was also featured (page 40) announcing the release of her first book of photography, *Ordinary Lives*, published by Quantuck Lane Press this month.

Congratulations to our ISB students and Rania!

ISB has a “Beckham” in Grade 4!

ISB’s 4th Grader, Tony E. won the U10 Nashua Soccer Competition and he came in first place for his group age. He also represented Nashua against all the other NH teams on October 3rd. He won a medallion and his name was in The Nashua Telegraph.

This just in! Right before going to press, ISB found out that Tony won the State Competition on Saturday October 3rd. He’s going to represent the State of NH for his age group (U10) in Vermont on November 7, 2009!

Congratulations and Good Luck, Tony!

Do You Have Some News to Share With ISB Community?

Perhaps you won a competition, played in a concert, acted in a play, won an award, achieved a goal, took a fun workshop...We would love to hear about it!

Please send your submissions to vreccki@isbos.org. The next ISB News Deadline is Tuesday, November 3.
Congratulations...

2 Upper School Siblings Compete in Sailing Championships!

The 2009 NESSA (New England Schools Sailing Association) Single Handed Championship (Healy Cup) was held on September 27 at Conanicut Yacht Club in Jamestown, RI. Racers braved tough weather conditions as a steady 15 to 18 knot day saw puffs of 25 knots by the end of competition. Driving rain lasted throughout the day as well. Oriane and Anoush, two high school siblings, represented ISB in the Laser Radial class, competing for the right to enter the National High School Championships (Cressy Cup) which will be held on Halloween weekend in Corpus Christi, TX. Of the 28 registered competitors, the top 4 would qualify for a berth in Texas. For her first participation as a freshman, Anoush finished 19th and promises to be a formidable competitor in future events. Her sister Oriane, a 12th IB senior, sailed consistently throughout the day to finish 4th and therefore qualify for Cressy. ISB joins the ranks of such sailing team stalwarts as Tabor Academy, St. Georges and Portsmouth Abbey, to represent New England at the 2009 National Single Handed Championship for the Cressy Trophy.

-congratulations email: JMLongerstaey@StateStreet.com
30 Years later, ESL teacher Justine Neely “Returns Home to ISB”

“We were a typical bicultural family. My Belgian father came to do research in Boston and met my American mother.”

The day I was born, my father spent most of the morning moving the Ecole Bilingue from one location to another. It was one of the many moves that the school made in the 1970s. We were a typical bicultural family. My Belgian father came to do research in Boston and met my American mother. She had spent a year abroad in France in high school, so was fluent in French. My parents decided to live in America and were a big part of the francoophone community in Boston. My two older sisters attended Ecole Bilingue in its early days, but when it was time for me to enter Maternelle, my parents decided to enroll all of us in public schools in our home town. They had four children and it was too much to coordinate all the schedules with a little baby. I grew up listening to my parents and relatives speak French and learning French in our public schools. I always wished that I had had the opportunity to go to Ecole Bilingue.

Now, over thirty years later, I finally am here! This year is my first year teaching English as a Second Language at the International School of Boston. I have taught for over ten years in public and private schools in the Boston area and New Orleans, but being at ISB feels like coming home. I adore hearing French and seeing French customs in the hallways and faculty room. The entire staff is welcoming, professional, and up to date with current educational practices. I am lucky to be able to be in other teachers’ classrooms during parts of the day to help my ESL students. I am able to see the energy and creativity that teachers put into their lessons and the teaching of good manners and caring behavior that is a focus at the school. I am very thankful to be a part of the ISB community and I hope that my daughter, Rose, will be a future ISB student!

-Submitted by Justine Neely
For 20 years now, during the month of October, French Schools have been celebrating La Semaine du Goût. More and more French associations around the world are joining the celebration.

To participate in the celebration of the “semaine du goût” ISB will offer different activities to its students during the week of October 12, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Together with La Riviera Gourmet, the Hot Lunch Service is offering a special menu for each of these three days.

On Wednesday, October 14, it will be a typical French menu, on Thursday, October 15, the menu will be vegan with vegetarian proteins, and on Friday, October 16, the menu will consist of typical, locally grown food.

Students who do not participate in the Hot Lunch Service are invited to sign up for one, two or all three of these special menus offered from October 14 to 16. A sign up form was sent by mail to you and should be returned to the Hot Lunch Service no later than Wednesday, October 7.

The special class activities calendar will be sent to you on a later date. Please find below two links to articles explaining “La Semaine du Goût”.

http://www.expatica.com/fr/leisure/dining_cuisine/la-semaine-du-gout-the-national-

-submitted by Barbara Saran Brunner/Director of Admissions
**ISB LOGOWEAR has arrived!**

Order your shirts at: www.landsend.org (school uniforms tab) or On October 14-16 in the Cambridge Gym Lobby (supply limited!)

**NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK**

**REMINDERS...**

"T" PASSES & BABYSITTERS

Monthly student "T" passes are still available at the Front Desk at a prorated fee for the balance of the school year. We also still have the Student CharlieCards -- these are the ones that are free and then students put their own money onto them.

Babysitter lists are also available -- but only upon personal request at the Front Desk. There's still space on the list for students or teaching assistants who wish to add their names to this elite group of workers.

If you would like to have more information or sign up for any of the above, please see Stephanie or Martha, your friends at the Front Desk!

-Submitted by Martha Mayne

**PHOTO DAY!**

Makeup day on Tuesday, November 3

This year, for the sake of uniformity in our yearbook all students will be photographed using the blue background. There will still be poses to choose from, but there will no longer be background color selections.
Library Receives Original 1940 Newspaper

Gift to the Library:
A Valuable Primary Source

Children’s Book Author Deborah Kovaks will be visiting our school on Friday, October 9th. She will be read her book, *Catie Copley en voyage à Québec*, and talk to grades 1 and 2 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The books are about Catie Copley, a guide-dog working at a hotel in Boston and her adventures. The school will be making a donation to NEADS / Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans.

Three of Deborah Kovaks’s books in the series are for sale in the primary school library and may be purchased before October 9th at the discounted price of $11.00 each. Please make checks payable to the International School of Boston. A portion of the sales will also go to NEADS. Deborah Kovaks and Catie will autograph books on the day of their visit.

Warm thanks to Mrs MacArthur for her donation of an original issue of the New York newspaper “The Sun” of June 13th, 1940.

This primary source will be kept under non-acidic and non adhesive plastic paper for conservation and will be greatly used as a primary source in both the French and English History classes.

THANK YOU, MRS. MACARTHUR!

Submitted by Michelle Holder,
Elementary School Librarian
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Submitted by Veronique Valdettaro
ISB School Librarian
vvaldetarro@isbos.org
Introducing Today’s Middle School Student Council!
Perhaps Tomorrow’s Future World Leaders?

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Jonathan D. - Class Representative for 6B
Audrey L. - Class Representative for 6C
Matthew M. - Class Representative for 7A
Dibar L. - Class Representative for 7B
Baptiste G. - Class Representative for 8A
Victor B. - Class Representative for 8B
A Middle School Update!

The ISB Middle School years has had a very smooth and successful beginning. All of the incoming 6th graders, the students new to ISB, and the new teachers have integrated quickly and happily into our community. The Middle School Student Council has been elected (see previous page) and it already planning the first Middle School events, including a dance on October 16th.

An exciting new initiative, The Student Exploration Program, is off to a great start and teachers and students are equally enjoying this new adventure (see article). On Friday, October 2nd, a Middle School parent “café-croissants” was held. Marti Lemp, Middle School Director, and Kim Stirling, Student Exploration Coordinator, talked with parents about the Exploration Program. Additionally, Sam Rodger, IT Director, spoke with parents about internet safety and related issues specific to Middle School. An outside expert on these same topics will be coming to ISB on December 2nd to meet with students and parents. More details to come.

21 ISB Students Will Participate in the “American Mathematics Contest”

This year at least 21 ISB middle school students will be participating in the American Mathematics Contest (AMC) on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. They will be taking the AMC 8 contest which is a 25-question, 40-minute multiple choice test of middle school mathematics. The contest is designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. You can find more information about the AMC contest at http://www.unl.edu/amc/.

Some of the 21 students have also joined the Math Club which meets every Monday after school. Students work on 8 to 10 math problems collaboratively and share their ideas with their classmates. The main goal of the Math Club is to have fun, to learn about problem solving, and to prepare for the 2009-2010 American Math Contest and possibly other math contests. There is still space for more middle school math-loving students to join. For information, see the list of clubs sent out in September. Come one, come all!
The Student Exploration Program is a new and exciting initiative in the ISB Middle School this year. Award-winning Middle School teacher, author and consultant, Rick Womeli included exploratory programs as one of the seven essential components of a successful middle school. He says: “Exploratory programs capitalize on the innate curiosity of young adolescents, exposing them to a wide range of academic, vocational, and recreational subjects for career options, community service, and enrichment. Middle school students need freedom and support to make choices. They are at a stage of learning where exploration has its greatest impact. The chances of discovering lifelong talents, interests and goals are heavily influenced in this transitional time of their lives.”

All ISB Middle School students in grades 6-8 explore topics proposed by middle school teachers during a two-hour block every Wednesday afternoon. The projects for the first semester are “Robotics,” “The Secrets of Factories,” “Don’t Slam Poetry,” “Architecture,” “Global Leadership,” and “Creative Cuisine”. Students will do one project until January and have a second topic for the second half of the year. In each project, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are mixed together, giving older students a chance to be leaders and mentor the younger students. One sixth grader said, “I like being with the older kids because they help us learn.” During the two hours, teachers teach the students about the topic but also allow the students to explore the topic on their own and in the direction of their interests. Each group will agree on and produce a culminating project that they will share with the ISB Middle School community at the end of the semester. The Global Leadership group, for example, will be developing a website on one of the pressing world problems they have been learning about.

Another exciting aspect of the program is that it is creating links with the surrounding community and taking advantage of expertise beyond ISB’s walls. For example, the Robotics program has been made possible by a Tufts program called STOMP (Student Teacher Outreach Mentorship Program.) Two Tufts engineering graduate students come to ISB each Wednesday to work with our students. For the Architecture project, the teacher is working on developing a link with an education program offered by the Boston Society of Architects (see link www.architects.org/programs_&_education/index.cfm?doc_id=34.) And on Wednesday, October 21st, all Middle School Students will be going on field trips organized by their exploration teachers. Plans include a visit to a factory that produces Italian-style gourmet food in Rhode Island, a trip to an I-Robots in Bedford, and an architectural “scavenger hunt” in downtown Boston.

The response of students has been unanimously enthusiastic. As one student said, “It’s instructive, productive and fun.” Another student commented, “It gives me something to look forward to at school.” And another student said, “I love it. It’s really interesting because we get to learn about subjects we don’t usually get to learn about in school.” Finally, an 8th grade student said, “It helps us be more creative and opens up our horizons.” Stay tuned for more updates!

-Submitted by Marti Lemp
Photos From the Grade 6-8 Student Exploration Program

“Exploratory programs capitalize on the innate curiosity of young adolescents...”
Award-winning Middle School teacher, author and consultant, Rick Womeli
Model UN, Harvard, and the Solomon Islands

Do you know anyone from the Solomon Islands?

As part of their Model UN course at the ISB, the 9th and 10th grade IP students are going to participate in three Model UN conferences this year. The first one will be at Harvard University at the end of January, where they are going to represent the Solomon Islands.

In order to be better prepared, they are looking for someone familiar these islands who is willing to come and speak about them. If it happens to be you, can you please contact Dominique Lecomte, dlecomte@isbos.org, at ISB?

Thank you in advance,
Dominique Lecomte
Model UN Coordinator

Looking for Teachers at Schools and Colleges

Our Teacher Would Like to Come Observe You.

As last year, but on Tuesday, January 19 this time (during an in-service day) teachers at ISB will go and visit other teachers at/or outside ISB in order to see how they teach. In order to find suitable schools for them, it would be nice if we had a list of possible places for them to go and visit.

If you are teaching in a school or a college around ISB, and if you would not mind someone coming and observing you teaching, or if you know someone who would fit this description, could you please contact Dominique Lecomte, dlecomte@isbos.org.

Thank you
Dominique Lecomte
ISB German Students
Experience a German Concert in Boston

German Pop Star Sebastian Krumbiegel in Concert

Sebastian Krumbiegel, the chart-topping German singer and musician now touring the East Coast of the U.S., was performing at Melrose Middle School on September 25 and guess who else was there - the ISB Upper School German students! After an interactive concert, in which he sang songs that the students knew from class, such as “Be cool, speak Deutsch” and “Frauen sind die neuen Männer,” Sebastian Krumbiegel gave autographs and answered students’ questions.

Krumbiegel is a member of the pop band Die Prinzen (The Princes), one of the most popular bands in Germany. Die Prinzen has sold more than five million recordings, with 14 gold and 6 platinum records total.

Our students’ reactions after the concert:

Das war richtig toll! (That was really great!)

Der Sänger war lustig und unterhaltsam.
(The singer was funny and entertaining.)

Es war seltsam, einen Popsänger deutsch singen zu hören.
(It was strange to hear a pop singer sing in German.)

Sebastian Krumbiegel ist ein guter Sänger und er hat gut Klavier gespielt. (S.K. is a good singer and a good piano player.)

-Submitted by Upper School German Teacher Claudia Bonmassar
## ISB IN NUMBERS

Which Annual Fund Circle Will You Be Part of This Year?

- **Founders’ Circle** - $25,000+
- **Visionaries’ Circle** - $10,000-$24,999
- **Patrons’ Circle** - $5,000 - $9,999
- **Benefactors’ Circle** - $2,500 - $4,999
- **Platinum Circle** - $1,000 - $2,499
- **Gold Circle** - $500 - $999
- **Silver Circle** - $100 - $499
- **Friends’ Circle** - $1 - $99
Say it in French. Say it in English. Say it in the ISB News!

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Perhaps you won a competition, played in a concert, acted in a play, won an award, achieved a goal, took a fun workshop ... We would love to hear about it!

Please send your submissions to vrecckki@isbos.org. In the subject line, write “For ISB NEWS.” If you submit images, please send in JPEG format and include captions. The next ISB News Deadline is Tuesday, November 3.


All Ages Are Encouraged To Enter!
Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

“What Makes You An ISB Global Citizen?” Be as creative as you would like. Explain your answer in 250 words or less in text, with art, or with a photograph. There will be a winner every month and selected entries will be published throughout the year. Each monthly winner will receive a $20 gift certificate to the Globe Bookstore in Harvard Square.

Send submissions to Vicci in the Development Office at vrecckio@isbos.org. In the subject line, type “ISB News Contest.” Deadline for the November issue will be November 3.