John Larner, Head of school

Springtime at ISB means the Annual Fund and Gala are getting ready to bloom.

Believe it or not, spring is now (maybe) just around the corner! The snow is melting, the sun sets later in the afternoon, and it is even pleasant to walk outside on sunny afternoons. This means we are into the second half of the school year – a most busy time every year. Many, many events will be upon us soon, so soon that we won’t realize how quickly the end of the school year will arrive. Two things we ask you to think about in particular in this context: the Gala and the Annual Campaign.

The Gala will be held on May 1 at the Arlington Town Hall. Building on last year’s successful event, this year’s Gala will be organized both to have fun and to raise money for the School. So, save the date. We look forward to a fun-filled evening for everyone.

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From the Gala Committee

"Shall We Dance?"

International Gala and Auction. May 1, 2009

The snow has melted and we are already thinking of the warm days ahead, the Spring’s pleasant temperatures or even the heat of the Summer.. so why not fantasize about a night of music and dancing that will transport you to South America?

That is precisely what we are offering you for this second edition of the International Gala and Auction of ISB "Shall We Dance?"

This evening will be a very special opportunity to have a wonderful time together, and, of course, to raise some money for our children.

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To our ISB Community,

I am very sad to report the passing away of one of our parents, Anne-Henriette Charles, on March 1st following a long illness. The family has been involved with ISB for many years, sending four children to ISB, one of whom is now in 11th grade. Her husband, Yves, runs La Riviera Gourmet, the catering service used by our school for lunches. Anne-Henriette was deeply devoted to her family, and could often be seen at school over the past few years as she continued to follow the progress of her children at the school.

I know you all join me in extending our deepest sympathies to the entire family.

A viewing was held on Wednesday, March 4th in Bedford. Final services and repose will be in the Paris suburb of Chatou on March 12th.

Yours in sadness,

John Larner,  
March 4, 2009

Perhaps the best way to remember Anne-Henriette is to let those who know her, admire her, love her, speak about her... 

Her children and her husband, Yves, tell us that she was a remarkable lady, unforgettable, loved by all -- a lady who was strong, brave, adventurous, generous, unpredictable.

We must remember her, not as the person for whom we have cried, but as the person with whom we have laughed.

The teachers and staff of the school speak of « une grande dame » – « a great lady » – always smiling, optimistic, respectful of their work, trusting them, and very committed to the education of her children.

Her relatives, her close friends, all say that she was filled with the joy of life, courage, generosity, fun, sometimes naïve & totally fearless! A true friend, she gave so much to everyone, and was always thinking of others.

Anne-Henriette would say to you, “live life to the fullest!” We say to her, “Thank you, Anne-Henriette.”

Francine M., her family, her friends, and the entire ISB community.
(Springtime at ISB Continued)

If you can help with the organization and the running of the event, please contact Vicci Recckio in the Development Office, and she will put you in touch with the vivacious group of volunteer parents already working hard to offer you an exceptional evening, filled with fun and wonderful memories – an evening that will also benefit the children through the money raised.

The Annual Campaign is also in full swing, and will close when our financial year does on June 30. Between now and then we have some way to go to reach our goal of raising $250,000 overall through this Campaign. We thank all of you who have contributed thus far. Your donations mean so much to improving the program for the children. We encourage those who have not yet donated to please do so. We need to raise the money but also have a high rate of participation from our families when we go out to meet companies and foundations to ask them to support the school as well. It would be great to hit the mark we did two years ago of 77% participation by our families. It would be even better to go higher than that. We also realize not all families may be able to contribute as generously as they have in the past, so this is another reason why we need total participation. We can make up in numbers of participants what we previously could raise through some key donations. If you have questions about the Annual Campaign, please contact either Vicci Recckio or France Crespin in the Development Office.

And to conclude on the theme of spring, two of my favorite poems about spring can be found online. The first is by e.e.cummings, an American poet (and painter and graphic artist) who spent many years in Paris. The second is an older song and rhyme from Middle English.

http://www.recmusic.org/lieder/get_text.html?TextId=4134
http://www.luminarium.org/medlit/medlyric/cuckou.php

Enjoy this time of year!

John Larner

To make a donation online please visit www.isbos.org, and click “support ISB” (or please click here)
Music, dance, an auction, an exotic buffet, and a raffle are all on the agenda, as well as many surprises...

Towards the end of March, you will receive an invitation that will tell you how to register online on the school’s website. We will also give you more details about the project that we chose to support. The Gala needs your participation in order to be a success.

This fabulous evening will be all about rhythm and color. Don’t miss it under any circumstances! So, mark the date (May 1st) in your calendars, wear your boldest outfit and don’t forget your dancing shoes!

Thank you,

Gala Co-Chairs:
Claude Berthoux, Beth Ann Dahan,
Vera Duin, and Frederique Heissat
pa@isbos.org

The unforgettable belly dancer at GALA 08

John Larner with Casablanca Gala 08 chairs:
Valérie Declée and Nathalie Ducrest

Our fabulous GALA 08 Parent Volunteers
Annual Fund 101. ISB Annual Fund Q & A

Why is 100% Annual Fund participation so important?

100% participation in the Annual Fund is important because it sends a telling message to potential donors (corporations & foundations) and potential employees. If they hear that 100% of our BOT, parents, faculty, and staff believe enough in ISB to make additional donations (on top of paying tuition and giving time) most likely, they will want to support our program and mission, too.

Together, the entire ISB community is asked to contribute and every contribution makes a difference, no matter the amount. Please participate today and watch us grow. Keep in mind giving is not an act of charity, but an act of generosity.

100% participation attracts more donors and the best teachers.

Thank you.
France Crespin, Vicci Recckio and Kate Allen
ISB Development Office

Participate and watch us grow. Click here to donate to our 2008-2009 Annual Fund. Or please visit www.isbos.org, and click “support ISB”

Thank You to All Our Very Generous February ISB Annual Fund Donors:

The Boukari Family • Catherine Ribes-de Palma • The Husson Family
The Lauder Family • The Touret Family • Veronique Valdettaro •
The Rieu-Isaacs Family • Marti Lemp • Barabara Saran-Brunner •
Palmer Berry • The Foy Family
In Oriane’s Words…

An 11th grade student receives a special invitation to Barack Obama’s Inauguration

Have you ever been able to scream as loud as you wanted to just because the crowd was louder? That was the feeling rampaging through the crowd at Barack Obama’s Inauguration on January 20th, 2009 where the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, and his Vice-President, Joe Biden, were sworn in.

I was one of the 1.8 million people attending the inauguration, filling Washington D.C. to the maximum capacity. The program I was with rented a fleet of buses that shuttled us to the city after a 5 AM wakeup call. We finally reached the museum tent that we had rented where we were comforted with hot chocolates.

After several minutes in the tent, I exited onto the Mall, dodging people and security officers alike. I realized that I was in the non-ticketed zone when I actually had a ticket! Feeling quite ridiculous, I tried to find a way to cross 7th Street, blocked off by the military. After three different attempts, I made it, all thanks to the group leader who made a welcomed appearance. I glanced at my watch and saw that I still had an hour and a half to wait.

Different chants were spreading through the crowd, the most prominent being: “Yes we can!” We all cheered much louder and waved our flags higher when appearing on the screens. Suddenly, the loudest cheer of all erupted at the sight of our next president. After President Obama took his oath, another cheer cut through the air, only to be silenced by his speech. The energy of the crowd flowed through me as I listened attentively to the man who will lead our country for the next 4 years.

Overall, attending the Inauguration was an unforgettable experience and worth the biting temperature and long day.

-Oriane L.-

“So it must be with this generation of Americans.”

-President Obama

Dear Ms. Grote,

Your student, Oriane L. finds herself on the eve of one of the most historic presidential inaugurations in history, having completed yet another productive day here at the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC). Today’s keynote address featured former Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Al Gore. Oriane and her fellow scholars were lucky enough to hear an inspiring message of hope….

Sincerely, Tonia Jacobson
Director of Admissions
(Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC).
Congratulations: Science

Our students were 4 places away from winning a trip to U.S Space Camp!

Congratulations to Ollie, Erik and Santiago under Mr. Meshna’s and Ali Bozkurt’s direction (an engineer mentor) for participating in National Engineers Week Future City competition.

In September, Ollie, Santiago, and Erik entered the 17th annual National Engineers Week Future City competition which consisted of creating a computer simulated city with “Sim City” software, writing an essay on how the city would conserve water through residential water recycling systems, construction of a scale model of the city (on display in the multipurpose room), and making a presentation in front of a panel of judges at Northeastern University. The winning team for each region was invited to the national finals, and the grand prize was a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Alabama, and $8,000 for the school’s technology department.

Out of scores of original entries, seventeen schools managed to complete all requirements to enter the final judging on January 17, 2009. The ISB trio placed fourth in Massachusetts. Not bad considering that the top three schools had all entered the contest in past years, while this was ISB’s first try.

By contest rules all participating schools were required to involve one teacher-mentor and one engineer. The mentors were Mr. Meshna, the 7th grade science teacher and Ali R. Bozkurt, civil engineer and Ollie’s grandfather.

Early in the project the students developed the computer model focusing on green technology. Things really started heating up when Mr. Bozkurt arrived from Turkey and challenged the team to think outside the box by extending new carbon nanotube technology to future construction of a space city thousands of kilometers above the Earth’s surface. Interesting discussions ensued about the feasibility of such a city, leading to hours of research by the students. The judges engaged in a prolonged dialog about the real possibility of such a futuristic space city. Their discussion continued by email for several days after the competition. Kudos to students, mentors, and parents for a job well done!

Submitted by Future City Team

About Future City Competition

The 17th Annual Future City Competition, for seventh and eighth grade students, is held from August, 2008 through February, 2009. The National Future City Competition is sponsored in part by the National Engineers Week Foundation, a consortium of professional and technical societies and major U.S. corporations.

For more information on this competition, please contact Fred Meshna/ Fmeshna@isbos.org

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Congratulations: Art and Poetry

An energetic and lively Grade 8 artist wins a nationwide art competition for her piece "Exuberance"

8th Grader wins Honorable Mention Award

Talented 8th-grader Burgess P. won an Honorable Mention award with her ink and charcoal work entitled "Exuberance" in the recent nationwide art competition, The Scholastic Awards, run by the Boston Globe in Massachusetts.

Grade 8 students recognized for their poems and ISB wins a Poetic Achievement Award

Poetry in Middle School

Please come to the library to read the published poems of Nathalie P., Yannick B., Farah R., Zelda W., Yasmine H., and Seraina E. (last year’s) 8th grade students at International School of Boston.

Kim Sterling, English teacher at the school, entered her students in the “Creative Communication” literary contest. Nathalie P. was among the top ten. The works of Yannick B., Farah R., Zelda W., Yasmine H., and Seraina E. recognized as High Merit Poems and were published in the “Celebration of Poets” anthology along with Nathalie’s poem.

Consequently, the school has received a Poetic Achievement Award for having a large number of entries of which over 50% were accepted for publication. Hundreds of schools enter the contest; few schools are honored. This award acknowledges the International School of Boston as having a superior Language Arts Program.
Congratulations: Sports

For the Love of Sailing.

8th Grader finishes 2nd

An eighth grade ISB sailor finished 2nd in the Laser 4.7 class at the annual Valentine's Day regatta held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in Florida. The event which was scheduled over two days ended up with only 2 races on Sunday given the poor wind conditions.

For more information on Sailing, please contact ISB parent Jacques Longerstaey at jacdia@comcast.net

Jiu-jitsu

Students earn more stripes

I have the great pleasure to announce that the Brazilian Jiu-jitsu team has continued to build on its technical skills since the children were awarded their diplomas by an official member of the International Federation, also a member of the Brazilian Top team which brings together the best Brazilian Jiu-jitsu athletes in the world.

I would like to praise the perseverance demonstrated by the children in a sport which demands discipline and regular practice. Six of them already have 4 stripes on their white belts, and will be ready to participate in the next graduation ceremony to receive their yellow belt.

They are: Virgile D. (grade 5), Eva (grade 4), and Charlotte S. (grade 6), Emeric C., Lowey P. and Antoine D. (grade 11.)

Congratulations also to Matthieu J. (grade 3) who has managed to obtain 2 stripes in less than 2 months of practice. It is an exceptional achievement for his age. Especially worth noting is the attention he gives to the precise execution of each movement, as well as his outstanding performance when facing heavier and more experienced opponents.

Submitted by Tho Vu
Greening the Student Council for Spring

The Student Council teaches us a thing or two about going Green.
(Saving the compost program, hand dryers, Semaine de la Terre & a “Lights Off” policy, to name a few.)

This year’s Upper School Student Council is preparing to fulfill its “Green Dream”! As well as coming up with numerous green initiatives and future ambitions for the coming Student Councils, we have also put several of our projects into action.

Back in December, the Student Council saved the ISB compost program. ISB was the first school in the City of Cambridge to start composting its lunchtime food waste, but at the start of this academic year our composting program was on the verge of cancellation due to a lack of knowledge about its existence amongst students. One day the composting bin disappeared from the cafeteria, and the Student Council began a battle to rescue it. Within a week, we made composting posters to decorate the cafeteria, and an impressive educational video which was shown to all Upper School and Middle School students in a ‘Green Assembly’. Since then, ISB has been able to compost food waste from lunch every day.

February’s ‘Kiss on the Lips Party’ was another great success. All the paper and plastic waste from the dance was recycled, and the Upper School raised over $300 for the Student Council and our latest green project: hand dryers. As ISB does not recycle its paper towel waste, we thought we could go one step further and eliminate paper towel waste altogether. We hope to have our pilot hand dryer up and drying by the end of the academic year.

Some more future grand designs involve our ‘Semaine de la Terre’ project. The whole school embraced the week of eco-friendly activities back in 2008, and we hope to do the same again with some new ideas this year, including potential tree-planting.

We haven’t forgotten that every little action makes a difference too. Soon the school will have a

3 New Clubs: SOCCER, RUGBY AND CAPOEIRA!

We are delighted to announce the opening of three new clubs:

- GRADES 1 and 2 - SOCCER!!
  Practice will take place on the new turf from 3:45p.m. to 4:45p.m.
  The day of the week is still to be determined. The club will start after the Spring vacation.

- GRADES 4 and 5 – RUGBY!!
  Practice will take place on the new turf from 3:45p.m. to 4:45p.m. every Friday.
  The club will start after the Spring vacation.

- HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: CAPOEIRA!!
  Saturday mornings from 10a.m. to 11a.m. in the multi-purpose room.
  First session on March 7.

We are still looking for coaches who would be willing to lead other clubs such as Ultimate Frisbee and field hockey. Please contact Tho VU at tvu@isbos.org
From Our “Office of First Impressions” at Cambridge:

It’s Working! “Excuse me, Please, Thank you…”

A few simple words that help get some attention!

Word has gotten around that the quickest way to get results at the Front Desk is to use some magic words! We started our “please” and “thank you” campaign last fall, and it’s both funny and gratifying to see how the students have responded. Now, if someone says, “I need a copy of this,” or “can I use the phone,” I look at them hard, as if I didn’t hear. They look back at me as if I am deaf, and repeat the question. After about the third time, if they still haven’t gotten it, I ask, “what’s the magic word?” I now get a big grin (usually) and a big “please?/s’il vous plaît?” followed shortly thereafter by a big “thank you!/merci!” Stephanie says her approach is a bit different: “I just raise my eyebrows and they know – it’s awesome!”

Rings and Things (continued)

Have you lost your license?!? MA license plate 159 DW8, a mysterious bracelet, and a heavy gold ring with amber stones belonging to “Agatha M” – these are just a few of the current items in the Front Desk treasury. Please ask Martha or Stephanie if you think one of these is really yours.

(submitted by Martha Mayne)

Order your yearbook now and save money!

A chance to order your yearbook now before prices go up!

Well it’s that time to order your yearbook before it’s too late!! You won’t want to miss out! Once again, the yearbook will be in all color and will have a hard cover. Every year we try to improve our yearbook while trying to keep costs low. The yearbook will be $35 and the deadline is Friday, March 13, 2009. After the deadline, the price of the yearbook will go up. Furthermore, we cannot guarantee a yearbook after this date.

If you would like to order a yearbook, please ask the receptionist for an yearbook envelope or contact our yearbook coordinator, Florence Hamilton at fhamilton@isbos.org

Return the envelope/form with your check to the “Yearbook Order Box” near the receptionist on either the Arlington or Cambridge campus.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Interested in Advertising in Our Yearbook?

One advertisement could reach over 350 local ISB families.

ISB is offering all interested individuals, families and companies the opportunity to place an ad in the 2008-2009 Yearbook. Please contact our yearbook coordinator, Florence Hamilton at fhamilton@isbos.org Please note that all ads will be in color.

Thank you,

Florence Hamilton
All School: Winter Concert DVD on Sale

DVD of the Middle School Winter Concert
February 4th, 2009

Did you miss the concert? Would you enjoy watching this unique performance again? Would you like to share this event with family and friends?

We prepared a DVD of the concert that we will distribute to all Middle School and 9th grade families next week. This is much more than a simple copy of a video. We’ll let you be the judge, just watch it!

There are no strings attached, please enjoy the show. We are happy to donate our time to help further school spirit. However, if you are inclined, you can make a donation for the DVD toward the new exciting Math Lab project described by Mr. Renault at the last curriculum meeting. We suggest a donation of $10, but you can give as you see fit – less or more.

Leave your donations by check in the box located in the Cambridge lobby (look for the DVD donation box), or by mail your check to France Crespin, International School of Boston, 45 Matignon Road, Cambridge, MA 02140 (write concert DVD in the for line)

DVD du Concert D’hiver du Collège
4 Février 2009

Vous n’avez pas pu assister au concert? Vous souhaiteriez revoir cette performance unique? Vous souhaiteriez partager cette événement avec votre famille ou vos amis?

Nous avons préparé un DVD du concert qui sera distribué à chaque famille du collège et de la classe de 3ème. C’est beaucoup plus qu’une simple copie d’un film. Regardez-le, et jugez par vous même!

Il n’y a pas d’obligation, regardez le DVD avec plaisir. Nous sommes heureux de partager ce projet avec vous, et de promouvoir l’esprit communautaire au sein de notre école. Toutefois, si vous le souhaitez, vous pouvez faire un don pour ce DVD. Vos dons seront utilisés à 100% pour le nouveau projet du Laboratoire de Mathématiques que nous a présenté M. Renault lors de la réunion de la situation de l’école. Nous proposons un don de $10, mais vous pouvez donner plus ou moins.

Laissez votre chèque dans la boîte qui se trouve à la réception à Cambridge (marqué “Don pour les DVDs”), ou envoyez votre chèque à France Crespin, Ecole Internationale de Boston, 45 Matignon Road, Cambridge, MA 02140 (écrits concert DVD au bas du chèque)

Merci ! Thank you!
Sabine Charbit, Irene Ghazaleh, Pascale Groker, and Mark Mansoor,
6th Grade Parents
ALL - COMMUNITY

ART EXPO

Friday, March 27th
&
Saturday, March 28th

Come admire art work created by ISB students, parents and staff!

March 27th: 6:30 - 9:30
6:30: Musical and dramatic presentations by ISB students.
7:00: Official opening of the ISB Art Expo.
View student art work and if you like take part in our silent auction of adult art work to raise money for the Arts Department.
Adults only; Garderie available until 8pm

March 28th: 11am-3pm
All art work will be available for a final viewing.

Cambridge Gymnasium.
Snow Day Make Up:

We will have a make-up day for snow on Friday, April 17.

“Spring Ahead … Fall Back”

Daylight Saving Time will arrive this weekend. At 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, clocks will move forward to 3 a.m. Please remember for Monday morning.
Maternelle Reminders:

• Summer camp enrollment has begun and spaces are filling very quickly, so don’t wait to register. If you have any questions please see Catherine Bastien. Thank you.

• Dear Parents, don’t forget to purchase the school’s yearbook full of wonderful memories of your children. If you need a form please stop by the office.

Celebrating Mardi Gras at the Maternelle.

Bringing on the creative handmade masks and music by ISB parent, Dan Teager

Our Mardi Gras Breakfast was a big success, the children as well as parents enjoyed themselves. Our special thanks to Dan Teager and his musicians for the wonderful music and to all the parents who helped with the breakfast…

Let’s now prepare for the International week – 2nd week of March–!

Parents and students dance the morning away while listening to Dan Teager and his band “Salsa of the Black Sea!”
Lower School: Reminders

*Lower School Reminders:*

- **Wednesday, March 18.** Chinese Acrobats Enrichment program: Grades 1 and 2.
- **Thursday, March 19.** Grade 3 Moon Journal celebration (details to follow!)
- **Monday, March 23.** United Nations International School Chamber Ensemble performing for Grades 4 and 5.
- **Wednesday, March 25.** Grade 4 Medieval Faire 1:30pm to 3pm (followed by meeting on Farm School).
- **Thursday, March 26.** Parent evening: focus on adolescents and self-esteem with Mindy Craver from Planned Parenthood.
- **Friday, March 27.** 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Art Expo in the gym.

*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 Catherin Bastien at cbastien@isbos.org

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**Coffee! Café! Kaffee! Кофе! Caffè! 咖啡! Καφές! Café!**

**Wednesday, March 18th.**

Lower School Coffee  
Come participate in an open forum with Leigh Doherty

All parents are invited to come enjoy coffee, croissants, and company! Leigh Doherty, Lower School Director, will be available to answer questions about the ISB Lower School. Join us on Wednesday, March 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Cambridge cafeteria.
The Lower School Enrichment Program is in Full Swing
More enrichment programs will soon follow.

In the kickoff performance to the Lower School Enrichment Program for this academic year, the entire Lower School was treated to the melodious sounds of the Cantabrigia Brass on January 22. In two shows, one for 1st-2nd grade and the other for 3rd-5th grade, the five (5) charming members of this brass quintet introduced the students to the history and sounds of the trombone, french horn, tuba and trumpet. The children were delighted by the comedic dance of the french horn player to the Nutcracker’s “Waltz of the Flowers” and marveled at the 300 year old battlefield piece written to signal various instructions to soldiers in battle. The younger kids' show ended with the members playing basketball to illustrate teamwork in the quintet and a march to show the various tempo of different pieces. The older kids' show ended with an impressive conversion by the members from their instruments to garden hoses fitted with mouth pieces and bells! All in all, the show was funny, informative and well received by the children.

The Lower School Enrichment Team
The 5th Grade “Boum” (Dance)
Grade 5 dances the night away….

On Friday, January 30th, the 5th grade class of 2009 had the first “boum” the Lower School at ISB has ever had! The event was initiated by Phillip P. and Matias A-D. who brought the idea to Ms. Doherty at the end of 4th grade.

Phillip and Matias worked with other classmates on the Boum Committee to meet and plan for the dance in the months before the dance. Fifth graders and their parents contributed food and drinks to the event. Pizza was provided by the school. Phillip and his mom, Mineh, went to iParty to buy the decorations to fit the dance’s theme, Summer. The de Bernède family brought their disco ball, siren lights, and multi-colored ceiling lights which were really cool! Some of the Middle Schoolers even stopped by when the committee was setting up and said our dance looked cooler than theirs!

All 5th graders danced the Macarena, did the limbo and even did some break dancing. We all enjoyed hanging out with our friends on a Friday night. We would like to thank ISB high school student Marc B. who did a great job as DJ for our dance.

We would also like to thank Mehdi Lazar, Patrick Ester, Christel Richard, Darcy Babcock, Christine Higgins and Ms. Doherty who chaperoned our dance and made it possible. It was so much fun!

By 5th graders, Phillip and Matias
Middle and Upper School: Reminders

Middle School Reminders:

• **Thursday, March 26. 6:30 p.m.**
  ADOLESCENCE PROGRAM
  During the month of March, Mindi Craver, community health educator, will be running an adolescence program for students in grades 5 to 8. She will cover such topics as puberty, male and female anatomy, media influences on sexuality, self-esteem, and other important topics. She will also be holding a second parent evening on "Self-Esteem and Healthy Relationships" on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30pm in the Multi-purpose room. All parents are welcome to attend.

• **March 23 to March 27**
  Grades 7 and 8 will travel to Washington, D.C. from March 23 to March 27.
  Among the many historical sites they will visit are the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Supreme Court, and the Air and Space Museum. They will also visit several memorials including the Vietnam Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the FDR Memorial. We hope that they have a great and educational experience!

• **Wednesday, April 1**
  April Fool's Day (Poisson d’avril!) Talent Show!
  The Middle School Student Council is organizing a talent show to be held in school on Wednesday, April 1st. All students are welcome to share their talents!

Please see our “Congratulations” pages to see all the wonderful accomplishments of our Middle School Students.

Please see page 8 to read about the Student Council, submitted by Grade 12 student.

Upper School Reminders:

Thursday, March 12 @ 7p.m.-9p.m: Guest speaker Dr. Virginia Rojas will speak about bilingual education and raising bilingual children. Please join us in the multipurpose room of the Cambridge campus.

We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Rojas to speak to our community about raising bilingual students. Virginia Rojas travels extensively around the world to develop language programs and conduct training at international schools as well as at US schools. A dynamic speaker, she is recognized for her leadership and her commitment to the development of second language proficiency among school populations. She believes that strategies for assisting language learners in K-12 settings are beneficial for all learners. Dr. Rojas has received degrees in language education, teaching English to speakers of other languages and educational philosophy from Ohio State University and Rutgers University. Plenty of time will be allotted for her to answer your questions.
Ski Trip to New Hampshire
Fun, Fun, FUN!!

Twenty-four 9th to 12th graders participated in a three day ski trip during Martin Luther King weekend to Atittash ski resort in New Hampshire. Skiing, snowboarding, swimming, Jacuzzi, poker, movies, card games, The Talentless - Talent Show, PJ party, and pizza were all on the agenda. Congratulations to Olivier and Antoine on winning the outstanding “talent” of the night! Participants also competed in the first ever ISB slalom race for skiers and snowboarders; the competition was tough! Cecilia and Thomas R. came out on top! New friendships were forged and a great time was had by all. We are planning a reunion party to share our photos. We will let you know the date. The chaperones want to thank and congratulate the students for their exemplary behavior and look forward to doing it again next year.

During the ski trip, the high school students took part in a downhill race which was judged by referees Mariana Martins de Almeida, Marielle Deriot, Joyce Latapie, and Tho Vu.

Congratulations to all participants for their incredible performances, and some special cheers for Thomas Renault who won first place in the snowboard competition (Senior category).
# ISB College Acceptance List

**ISB College Acceptance List Since 2006.**

*In bold current year acceptance list.*

Submitted by Geraldine Guillermin/ISB College Counselor  
gguillermin@isbos.org

## FRANCE

**Classes préparatoires:**
- Lycée Chaptal
- Lycée Condorcet (2)
- Lycée Saint Louis
- Lycée Fénelon
- Lycée Janson de Salliy
- Lycée Pasteur, Neuilly
- Lycée Saint Louis de Gonzague
- Externat Sainte Marie, Lyon
- Lycée International de Valbonne

**Universités:**
- Dauphine, Eco-gestion
- Université de Bordeaux
- Université Paris V
- Université Paris VII (3)
- Université Paris I
- Université Lyon III
- Université de Toulouse

**Grandes écoles:**
- Ecole Nationale de Commerce
- IEP Strasbourg
- ISCPA Paris (Institut des Médias)
- IUT Montpellier
- INSA Lyon
- Ecole Supérieure de Gestion, Paris (2)
- IPAG, Paris
- Ecoles Nationales Supérieures d’Architecture de:
  - Marseille
  - St Etienne
  - Grenoble
- Parsons School of Design, Paris

## USA

- **Curry College**
- **Drexel University**
- **Merrimack College**
- **Middlebury College**
- **Rochester Institute of Technology**
- **Roger Williams U.**
  - St Michael’s College
  - **U. of Massachusetts, Amherst**
    - Babson College
    - Barnard College
    - Bard College
    - Boston University (3)
    - Bryant University
    - Bryn Mawr College
    - Columbia College, Chicago
    - Columbia University
    - George Washington U.
    - Mount Holyoke Coll.
    - New York U. (3)
    - Northeastern U. (2)
    - Oberlin College
    - Pace University
    - Parsons School of Design, NY
    - Rensslelear Polytechnic Institute
    - Reed College (2)
    - Temple University
    - UC Berkeley
    - U. of Connecticut
    - University of Denver
    - U. of Massachusetts, Lowell
    - U. of Rochester
    - Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)

## UK

- Goldsmith U., London
- **King’s College** (2)
- Kingston University
- Royal Holloway U.
- Roehampton University
- Queen Margaret U.
- **U. of Manchester**
- University of Oxford
- **University of Warwick**
- University of Dublin (2)
- University College London

## CANADA

- Concordia University (5)
- **McGill University** (11)
- **Université de Montréal** (7)
- U. du Québec à Montréal
- HEC Montréal
- **Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal**
ISB in Numbers

January 2000
Since January 2000, 556 donors have contributed $1,285,898. to the ISB Annual Fund.

17%
Our Annual Fund participation rate as of February 2009.

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The number of months we have left to reach our Annual Fund Goal of $250,000.

$74,000
ISB’s Annual Fund total as of February 2009.

6.30.2009
The last day to make your tax-deductable contribution to the 2008-2009 Annual Fund.

$176,000
The amount we all need to raise in the next 4 months in order to reach our goal of $250,000 by June 30, 2009, with hopes of increasing from a 17% participation rate to a 100% participation rate!!
Behind the Windows of ISB

Getting to know the ISB Faculty and Staff
Introducing…an ISB faculty member, parent and donor.
(Vicky Eid and her husband George & children Adriana and Tony)

“When I first arrived at ISB 10 years ago, the Garderie was in the music room, the music class on the stage of the Gym, and the playground was just a small area without the big structure...

For years the donation program (the ISB Annual Fund) has been a catalyst for school progress, helping to improve the overall quality for school development projects for hundreds of students.

Each year ISB parents give generously. The money we raise helps pay support our operating budget and support our programs (gym, enrichment, technology lab, playground…) Programs that make a difference in all the lives of all our students, from pre-K to high school. Without your generosity, the playground and other important projects would have not happened!

As a parent and a faculty member of the lower school, I, along with my husband, feel that our contribution is one way to show that we care about our students/kids and the future of the school.

We hope everyone will consider a donation again this year. Every donation is important and helps to make a difference!”

Sincerely,
Vicky Eid and family.

Ps. “We chose ISB (and still commute from Nashua, NH every day) for our kids because it offers a fully bilingual education and multi-national community.”

To make a donation online please visit [www.isbos.org](http://www.isbos.org), and click “support ISB” (or please [click here](http://www.isbos.org))