

BFS Monthly Wave

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BUSAN FOREIGN SCHOOL WISHES YOU A HAPPY 2015

A Message from the Principal

Dear BFS Community:

I hope the New Year finds everyone refreshed after a very exciting end of 2014!

As with many of you, the BFS community is taking time to reflect on the successes and challenges of the past and then setting goals to improve our school. Over the past few years, we have improved our facilities and overhauled our systems to improve learning at every level. Last school year, our BFS community worked hard to rebuild the spirit of the school by establishing traditions and creating a more welcoming, inclusive community. This year, while carrying out the intensive work we do to focus on learning, we are also concentrating on the preparation of a comprehensive report for our accreditation agency, WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges), which involves deep reflection on how effective we are as a school, identification of our strengths and challenges, and the creation of a strategic plan to make us even stronger.

These are some of the many bold initiatives we have implemented that have contributed to our success:

✓ Built the capacity to lead across the school, which has included administration, management, teachers, students, and parents

"Building Dreams through Bold Moves"

- ✓ Clarified our school identity and built school spirit by strengthening relationships, unifying our core beliefs, and establishing traditions
- ✓ Increased parent involvement in supporting the higher behavioral and academic expectations for students
- ✓ Improved communication throughout the organization by sending information in multiple mediums
- ✓ Hired and developed high quality, licensed staff dedicated to American style education
- ✓ Established a common curricular focus and understanding of best teaching practices in order to develop in our students' skills for the 21st Century: critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, leadership, agility, adaptability, initiative, effective oral and written communication, information acquisition and analysis, and tapping curiosity and imagination
- ✓ Adopted research-based curriculum materials for all subjects
- ✓ Increased accountability throughout the school
- ✓ Increased elective class options (MS and HS), specialist classes (EC and ES), and Afterschool/Weekend Program aiming to broaden our students' experiences



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Embracing Diversity, Striving for Excellence

- ✓ Increased college preparation services and courses for high school students by adopting the Naviance program and adding more Advanced Placement courses
- ✓ Enhanced technology integration by implementing a BYO-Device policy, adopting iPads, iMacs, and installing Smart or Tech Boards in classrooms to increase access to resources and support learning
- ✓ Added options for bolstering academic skills, such as, creating and implementing a comprehensive ELL program, developing a Response to Intervention Program, and providing intensive literacy instruction across the curricula

Once again, I would like to thank our families for entrusting the dedicated BFS staff with your children's learning and wellbeing. Working together, we are building dreams through our focused efforts to provide the best education possible for your children; ensuring that all BFS students reach their full potential.

As always, thank you for being partners in our students' journey in education!

With warm regards,
Diane Lund
 Principal

News From Vice-Principal Saunders

It seems like it was just a few weeks ago that we were hearing from university acceptances for the class of 2014, well the class of 2015 has already heard acceptances from six schools! How time flies!

Here's our list so far:

- ★ Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)
- ★ Embry-Riddle University
- ★ University of California, Riverside
- ★ Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
- ★ Indiana University
- ★ Yonsei University (UIC)

And on a lighter note (ha ha), **mid term exams will begin on Tuesday January 20th** and end Friday January 23rd.

Not only study hard, but study smart. Start preparing a few hours a day now - no cramming at the last minute! Get a good night sleep, eat well, exercise and do something that takes your mind off your studies from time to time -- a destressor!

Mr. Saunders



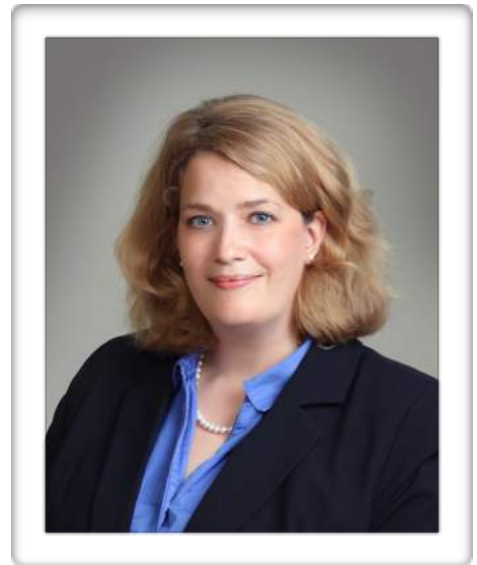
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

연세대학교
YONSEI UNIVERSITY

Counselor's Corner (Ellen Fox)

WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR DO?

- Works with individuals and groups
- Helps identify needs of students
- Encourages better interpersonal relationships
- Promotes positive attitudes and choices
- Aids teachers and parents in helping students
- Assists people in making use of community resources
- Coordinates efforts with other school programs
- Assists students with the process of growing up
- Coordinates referrals to outside agencies
- Assists with in-service programs for faculty
- Participates in curriculum development
- Provides "preventative" services
- Maintains confidentiality



SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS

During the school year many services to support our students are available through our school counselor and academic support teacher.

Group Counseling: counseling groups are available for students in grades K-12. Participation in a group is voluntary and requires parental notification. Topics covered during groups sessions include: social skills, self-esteem, communication skills, problem-solving skills, assertiveness, and maintaining friendships. The children are encouraged to practice each skill throughout the week.

Classroom Lessons: Lessons are provided by the school counselor. They may be taught to a whole grade level, or specific classrooms, based on teacher requests. Past topics have focused on anger management; bullying and harassment; appropriate touch (keeping hands to self); transition to middle school; kindness, and the importance of respect.

My office is always open to students who need to discuss an issue or problem. Students may also meet with the school counselor on an individual basis to address concerns raised by parents and teachers. Please contact me at my e-mail: efox@bfs.or.kr if you have a concern regarding your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ellen Fox

SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS

Halloween



♪ Trick or treat? Trick or treat?
Give me something good to eat.
Apples, peaches, tangerines.
Happy Happy Halloween ♪.



Spirit Week



Spirit week took place in honor of the Girls and Boys SKAC Basketball Tournament. After Pajama Day, Decades Day and Crazy Patterns Day we watched our team compete at BFS and got to cheer for them loudly!

November



What don't we do for a good cause!!!

Although we always try make sure our electric shavers are sharp and in good condition, Mr. Pynnonen (see picture to the right) seems to be of a different opinion ...



SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS

Thanksgiving



At BFS we like to keep the Thanksgiving tradition alive! This year parents sat and had lunch with their kids, at BFS and we decided to change the layout of the lunch tables to make them more family style. Students and teachers liked them so much that they have now become the new norm!

Student of the Month (ELC&ELE) - Quarter (MS&HS)



SOCIAL ESLR

Pk3 : Justin Dalope

K4 : Brianna Hodgkins

K5 : Hyeyun Kim, Timothy Kim

1st : William Lee, Ian Kim

2nd : Lauren Lee, Kelila Harvey

3rd : Jinsoo Park

4th : Dylan Kim, Jena Kim

5th : Michelle Moon, Edwards Doh

6th : Oleg Kim

7th : Jian Hong

8th : Min Jeong

9th : Liheng Wang

10th : Sally Bang

11th : Michelle Jang

12th : Yulia So

BIWA Charity Christmas Bazaar

BFS innovates! At this year's BIWA Charity Bazaar two groups performed: Jake Choi performed an astounding Chopin's Etude No. 4 Op.10 piano piece and the Parrisdon Kings sang two fantastic pieces.

Our NHS and PTSO organisations also fundraised and entertained the many attending kids during the entire day. Just the perfect start to the Holiday Season!



Winter Holiday Pageant



The 2014 Winter Holiday pageant took place at Busan Foreign School for the first time in the school's history. A lot of preparation went into making the school's gym a warm environment, reflecting the winter cosy theme of the season. All decorations were made by school students in



the Art classes as well as the MS&HS design classes. The school also spent additional resources to fine tune our sound system in the gym to ensure all performances would be 100% appreciated. All students did a fantastic job and gave parents, grandparents, teachers and siblings a wonderful quality performance.



Spelling Bee - Grades 1 to 8



December 11th we had two schools competing against our BFS students. All of BFS students in the 1st-4th did a fantastic job. All of our students lasted multiple rounds on their grade level words without a mistake.

We had students in the following grades who placed 1st from BFS:

- 2nd grade Kelila
- 3rd grade Jinsoo
- 4th grade Dylan.
- 6th grade Amy
- 7th grade Brian

• 1st grade was a long drawn out battle between two BFS students, Benjamin Payne and William Lee. We ended up having a tie!

Our 1st-4th grade BFS students all made it to the confidential lists. Way to go BFS finalists!



Upcoming birthdays



Jan 1st
Han, Justin (G1)
Oh, Chaeree (G-10)

Jan 2nd
Alotaibi, Abdullah (G1)

Jan 3rd
Hong, John (G7)

Jan 4th
Slootweg, Amber Maria (K5)

Jan 7th
Choi, Chanyoung (G10)
Kim, Heenha (G12)

Jan 13th
Choi, Haram (G7)
Lee, Andrew (G7)

Jan 17th
Howard, Nathanael (G10)
Lysenko, Nikita (G4)
Wang, Shiou-bin (K4)

Jan 19th
Kim, Patrick (G5)

Jan 23rd
Kim, Ilya (G8)
Son, Diana (G10)

Jan 24th
Park, Sona (G3)
Khan, Arina (G7)
Cho, Harry (G12)
Kim, Timothy (K4)

Jan 29th
Keenan, Hana (G6)
Ito, Haru (G10)
Lee, James (G12)
Kim, Iris (G4)

Jan 30th
Choi, Jake (G8)

Jan 31st
Lee, Sangheon (G11)
Jung, Alex (G4)

January & February

Feb 5th
Koerner, Tiana (K4)

Feb 6th
Chung, Ashley (G10)

Feb 9th
Lee, Stephen (G11)

Feb 12th
Yang, Esther (G6)

Feb 14th
Moskvicheva, Kseniia (G4)

Feb 15th
Park, David (G3)
Kim, Dylan (G4)
Kim, Erika (G4)

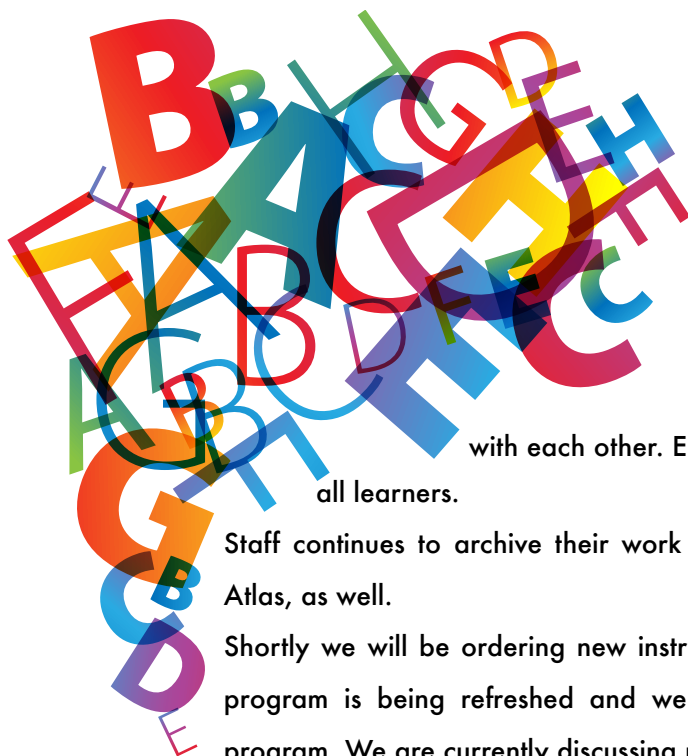
Feb 19th
Kha, Nikita (G6)

Feb 22nd
Han, Gyubin (G8)
Lee, Anne (G11)

Feb 25th
Alotaibi, Abdulaziz (K5)

Feb 26th
Kim, Nahee (G10)

Curriculum and Instruction (Jon Lund)



Happy New Year! As the teachers and students come back into BFS, all are busy finishing up work for our first semester. Completed student projects and exams will be turned in soon.

New instructional resources - our secondary BYOD (bring your own device) and elementary use of the iPads - have been successfully implemented throughout the school. Students are researching in our library's databases, reading and studying from online digital resources, and collaborating in Google Docs

with each other. Education is being delivered in many ways, meeting the needs of all learners.

Staff continues to archive their work not only in Renweb, but in our digital curricular map, Rubicon Atlas, as well.

Shortly we will be ordering new instructional materials for next year's school year. Our K-12 Science program is being refreshed and we will add 4th grade to our Math in Focus (Singapore Math) program. We are currently discussing numerous ways to improve our instruction and our PreK - 12 staff have rolled up their sleeves and been engaged in improving learning for all.

2015 will prove to be a banner year for all Sharks, that's for sure.



EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY

Early Childhood (EC)

Cooperative Book Buddy Program Mr. Zwingelberg (grade 3), Mrs. Dysart (PreK-3), and Ms. Pauley's (K4) students are participating in a cooperative book buddy program. Activities have included a Halloween art activity and Turkey Bingo. Most of all, our students love to read books together! Students are becoming more familiar with each other and building lovely friendships. We look forward to sharing more exciting times together in 2015!



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Kindergarten 5

During the month of November, Kindergarten-5 learned about Thanksgiving and how it came to be. We began the journey by touring the Mayflower. We discussed how what it was like living on the Mayflower for 66 days. The students created their own Mayflower and wrote how they would feel if they were sailing with the Pilgrims. We continued our unit by mapping the journey that the Mayflower took from the United Kingdom to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The students then explored the homes that the Pilgrims built during their first winter in Plymouth. They created their own Pilgrim houses using Popsicle sticks to represent the materials that the Pilgrims used in building their homes. We continued the unit by exploring how the Wampanoag Native Americans helped the Pilgrims survive their second winter in Plymouth. The students created Indian corn representing how the Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, gather food and hunt in New England. We completed our unit by comparing the foods that the Pilgrims and Native Americans enjoyed on the first Thanksgiving to the food that Americans now enjoy on Thanksgiving. The two weeks were filled with projects, questions, great conversations and delicious apple pie!



Elementary

1st Grade Field Trip On Friday, November 7th, the 1st grade class boarded the bus on a field trip to the Busan Tower. The field trip was a celebration of the end of a Social Studies. The unit focused on communities, rules, and laws. To prepare for the field trip, the first graders did some amazing city planning to decide which buildings would be needed in a city. Then, they constructed each building and plotted out where each would be located in relation to other buildings and streets. After creating a map of the city and voting on the name Mustache Land, we decided to compare our city to a real city... and the best way to observe a real city is to go to Busan Tower! We peered out the windows over the beautiful city of Busan and compared it to the city we created. It was a fun and exciting way to wrap up an interesting unit.



4th Grade Idioms are the expressions in English that when looked at literally, really don't make much sense. Recently, 4th graders were presented with various idioms. They analyzed the context in which they were used to extract meaning and then created literal pictures, often comical, to represent them. Here are a few examples:



TURKEY BINGO

Our Annual Turkey Bingo started off to a bumpy start this year. We had the challenge of a last minute



technical issue with the public address system to our classrooms. But Mr. Lund and our middle school students rose to the challenge. Mr. Lund kicked off the event over a hand held loud speaker. Then middle school students made sure each hallway knew what bingo letters to check by yelling out the letters. Kids still had a great time gobbling and waddling down the hallways after they completed their bingo score card. So after a bumpy start our BFS teachers and students made our annual event a success!



SKAC Soccer Tournament

Elementary Soccer finished up November 22nd with a tournament in Daegu. Everyone played well and one of our two teams won third place at the tournament!

Congrats to our young student athletes who worked hard and played well.



SKAC Track meet @ HIS

November 15th the Elementary Cross Country Team participated in the SKAC Cross Country meet. All of the students beat their personal records and the team finished third.

We thank all parents that came that day to support our runners. You truly make a difference!



THE VOLLEYBALL SEASON HAS STARTED. 5TH GRADERS QUALIFY. DO NOT LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A NEW SPORT AND COMPETE IN YET ANOTHER SKAC TOURNAMENT!

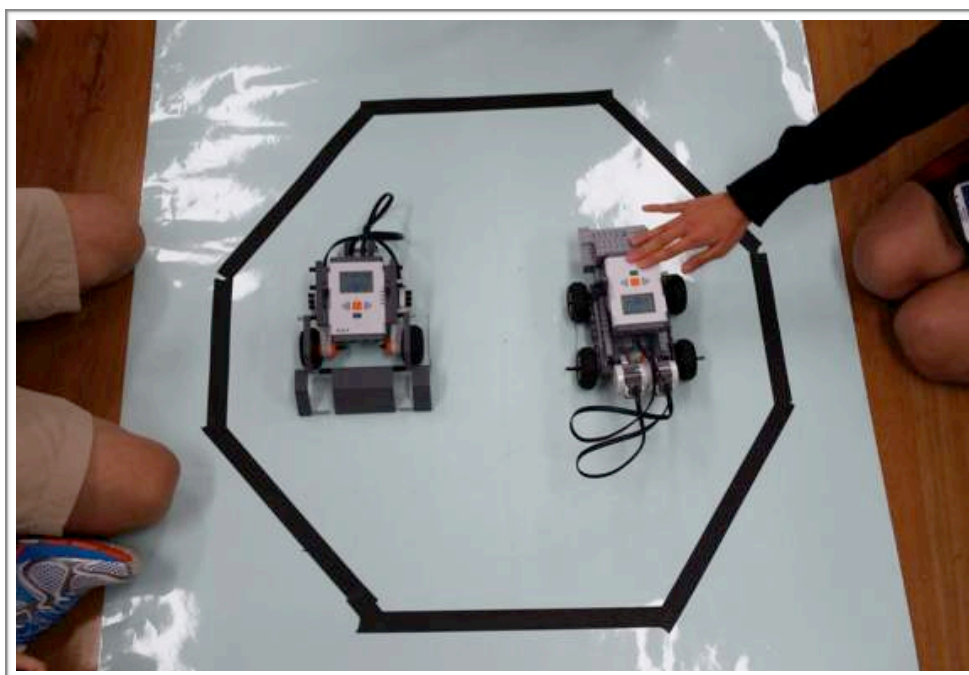
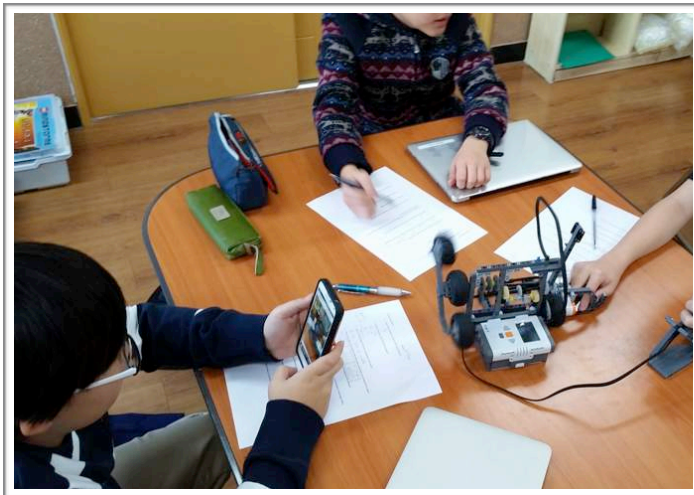
3-5 GRADERS BASKETBALL WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 2ND.

GO SHARKS!

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Robotics Class *Check out what the robotics class has ben up to lately...*

We have been busy in Robotics class! The students have learned the basics of construction, design, programming and sensor use, and have just finished up a unit on gearing and transmissions. They have built everything from remote operated bomb disposal bot, to most recently a 3 speed manual transmission with clutch! They have also been exposed to elements of computer science, such as programming, a history of computers and robotics, and issues facing design and programming.





National Honor Society - Clothing Drive

Who? NHS

What? Donate outgrown clothing to orphans in a local orphanage. Clothing the size of teenagers would be preferable but all clothing will be accepted. PLEASE NO TOYS!

When? Starts from February 23-March 20

Where? Containers would be placed in every class to put in clothing and would be collected weekly.

Why? NHS is collecting clothing for local orphans

Clothing should be:

- Clean
- Wearable
- Good Shape

More details to come.

Thank You

The National Honor Society



Model United Nations

The time of the year has come for BFS

delegates to challenge other school delegates by participating in the SKAC Model United Nations Conference. MUN is an extracurricular activity in which students typically play the role of delegates of the United Nations and simulate UN committees. Our team has been thoroughly researching various worldwide issues and has been preparing for this conference since the beginning of the school year. The General Assembly, Human Rights Committee, ECOSOC, and Security Council will be debating about proposed resolutions dealing with today's global issues, and every delegate will strive to pass their resolutions. Discussions will include the issues of ISIS, the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, and the expanding issue of the Ebola Virus. To achieve such goals, delegates will lobby with other delegates from other SKAC schools to build a stronger and a more widely acceptable resolution, maybe someday aiding in real resolutions to modern world issues.

CrossCountry

SKAC tournament

Saturday November 15th BFS finished a great Cross Country season with an exciting, fun tournament. **All Elementary, Middle and High School teams finished in 3rd place on a very demanding course.** The High School Varsity team, led by the most committed athlete, **Captain Ryan Kang** all ran a great race with everyone improving their times. Boys were led by **Sean Fox** in 3rd place and girls were led by **Jihong Lee** in 1st place.

Thank you to all the athletes for their hard work and dedication and thank

you to all the moms for coming out to support as well as feed all the athletes and coaches.



HS Basketball

Girls

Another basketball season comes to a close for BFS's high school girls. In Monday's tournament the girls beat HIS but lost to GIFS and BIFS. The girls supported one another and maintained their weird sense of humor throughout – even going so far as to attempt the infamous "barking dog" play in the final seconds of their game with GIFS. **Great job, lady sharks! No doubt you will make a bigger splash in next year's tournament!**



Boys

On December 1, BFS hosted the SKAC High School Boys Basketball Tournament. Six other teams competed in the long 9 am to 9 pm, 14 games tournament. BFS fared well and made it to the semi finals before losing to a tough Handong team. Coached by Mr. Gates and Mr. Thorson, the team had a very good overall season. The BFS team consisted of these dedicated players: **Lei Jugenheimer, Haruiko Ito, Ryan Kim, Stephen Lee, Loui Chung, Daniel Kim, Dima Li, Harry Cho, Samuel Lee, Ricky Ahn, and Steve Park.**

MS Soccer

MS Soccer had a great time at the SKAC tournament in **Pohang**. We separated into two teams and played in two different divisions on some small Futsal fields. Our BFS Sharks



won about half of our games against some very tough opponents from large schools around Korea. Kudos to Louie Chung for his leadership and great attitude, to J.K. Kim and Hidayya Mansour for their strong defense, and to all the soccer players that showed up ready to rock!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL WILL BEGIN
FEBRUARY 17TH
HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER HAS BEGUN!**

GO SHARKS!

PTSO Update

Happy New Year and welcome back to BFS!

Last fall the PTSO was very busy and productive with events and fundraisers! Thank you to all of the parents, teachers and students who contributed their time, money and resources to make the Founder's Day Concession Stand, Global Gathering food sales, Halloween Trick or Treating, Thanksgiving, the Basketball Concession Stand and the BFS tables at the BIWA Bazaar successful events. This wonderful sense of community we have at BFS would not be possible without you all.

The fun doesn't stop in 2015. The PTSO is looking forward to an action packed spring including:

- **Valentine's Bingo** February 13th
- **Basketball Concession Stand** March 17th
- **Egg Hunt** 1st week of April
- **Basketball Concession Stand** April 14th

- Not to forget the Ice Cream Social after the Learning Fair and Invention Convention (Date TBA)
- And more!

Please join us for our next meeting, Friday, February 6th at 11:30 am in the PTSO room (B1) where we will discuss these events as well as new fundraising ideas. Visit us at <http://www.busanforeignschool.org/bfs-community/ptso/> or email us at ptso@bfs.or.kr if you can't make the meeting, but would like to be involved in PTSO activities.

Thank you for supporting the PTSO and BFS!

Elizabeth Poppe -PTSO President

Parents during Halloween



PTSO stand at BIWA Charity Bazaar



Teaching children how to make bracelets



WANT TO PURCHASE HIGH QUALITY ART AT BARGAIN PRICE? All student art work exhibited at the school is available for purchase. Proceedings from the sales will directly benefit the Arts department.

Please contact the main office if interested.

BFS 2015 New Year's Calendar

Do not lose the opportunity to purchase this year's BFS Calendar portraying BFS student art work. There are 2 options available, all of them at the price of only krw 10,000!



21*21 cms



29.5*63 cms

INSPIRING QUOTES



Calendar of Events

Main school events are summarized below: print the calendar and keep it for future reference!

Date	Event	Location
January 16th	HS Winter NHS Dance	BFS
January 20th through 23rd	Mid Term Exams start	BFS
January 23rd	2nd Quarter ends.	BFS
January 24th	SAT Exams	BFS
January 26th	3rd Quarter starts	BFS
January 30th	Report Cards sent home	BFS
February 6th	MS Volleyball SKAC Tournament	BIFS
February 18th through 20th	Lunar New Year Holiday - No School	BFS
February 27th	Progress Reports	BFS
March 6th	Teacher Development Day - No School	BFS
March 6th-7th	Parent Teacher Conferences	BFS
March 17th	MS Basketball SKAC - Boys MS Basketball SKAC - Girls	BIFS BFS
March 23rd through 27th	Spring Break - No School	BFS



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Our next Newsletter will be issued first week of March 2015 and will cover end of January and february updates