

# BFS

# MONTHLY WAVE

October 2016 Edition

## **What a Start!**

*Iain Macfarlane, BFS Principal*

This is an amazing time to be at Busan Foreign School. We are celebrating our 20th year of serving students in Busan, "...who are prepared to enter top universities worldwide and become responsible, contributing citizens in a rapidly changing world." Our busy first month has shown us to simply be the best school in Busan.

The level of community participation from teachers, students and parents is unparalleled.

Thanks to Suzi Suchyta, for organizing our water balloon fight for all of our students. It was such a great way to spend a Saturday. I also want to thank all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for our first "Coffee with the Principal" and to participate and support our school through the PTSO.

Student participation in our after-school athletics and activities has dramatically increased over last year thanks to the guidance of our new Athletic Director, Mr. Pat Galles, and the initiative of our teachers. Our cross-country team represented our school proudly at the recent meet at HIS in Pohang. We know that they will do even better at HFS on October 18th.

This year, for the first time, we will also have a separate boys and girls volleyball team. We are very proud of their showing at DIS. Make sure that you save October 20th in your calendar. We will be hosting our first tournament of the year and we want to see you at the school. Last weekend our Elementary Students also travelled to DIS where for the first time we also had separate boys and girls teams. Our students give so much to be their best and we need to let them know that we are there to support them.

In the Arts, Mr. Chappa is introducing a 5th Grade Band for the first time at BFS. Our K3 and K4 students are also receiving daily lessons in art and music from a specialist teacher for the first time. This will help to support and develop the talent for Dr. Kim's amazing orchestra program. During the month of August and September it has been a pleasure to hear Holst's "Jupiter: God of Frivolity", drifting through the hallways.

Our new students and teachers have greatly added to BFS' outstanding academic program. We have a rich tradition of preparing students to enter top Universities in the United States, Canada and around are the world. Our students are inquisitive, dedicated, focused and our faculty has the experience and dedication to guide them in meeting their goals.

On behalf of the administrative team at BFS, I want to thank you for entrusting us with social and intellectual development of your children. They are going to have an amazing year.

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## BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF OUR SCHOOL'S LATEST WEBSITE POSTS

### **SCHOOL-WIDE**

#### [2016-17 SY 1st Pep Rally](#)

Sep 19, 2016 10:04 am

On Friday September 9th, the HS Student Council hosted the first spirit rally of the year! It was an event full of balloons, music, and an exciting relay race not shy of messy games! Led by senior class president Ricky...

#### [School evacuation drills](#)

Sep 10, 2016 05:10 pm

Every year BFS tests evacuation procedures for the safety of our students. This year students and teachers prepared for a fire drill on September 9th. All students proceeded calmly to the soccer field and lined up behind their teachers. All...

#### [United States Consul General Roberto Powers presentation at Busan Foreign School](#)

Sep 08, 2016 08:00 pm

On Thursday, September 8th, the United States Consul General Roberto Powers visited Busan Foreign School to speak with our American families and teachers. His speech focused on two topics. The first was Routine American Citizen Services (ACS) services, including Passport Services and Consular...

#### [Water Splash and Balloon Fight](#)

Aug 25, 2016 08:42 am

This school year started with a SPLASH as BFS hosted its 1st Annual Back to School Water Balloon Fight on Saturday, August 20. Filling over 4000 water balloons isn't easy!!! It took 2 days of effort on the part...

#### [Back to School Orientation: what a turnout!](#)

Aug 12, 2016 03:28 pm

This year's back to school orientation probably had its highest turnout ever. And we like that. Do not worry: we have taken good note and next year we will add chairs next to our school bleachers :-). The event started...

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY**

### Kite Flying

Sep 21, 2016 01:27 pm

It is a sunny and warm Friday evening ... after all this rain the Early Childhoods were keen to test their classroom made kites. And oh it was so much fun! On many spring days I wish that I Could...

### New Playground Equipment

Aug 30, 2016 09:29 am

Starting this calendar year, our elementary student's break time has become more fun and active. BFS and the PTSO invested in acquiring playground equipment based on the elementary teacher's recommendations. You can now see students enjoying hula hoops, soft baseball bats,...

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

### Environmental Class

Sep 02, 2016 09:07 am

This year we introduced an Environmental Science Class at Busan Foreign School. On September 2nd, the class went on their first walking field trip. Located just 7 walking minutes from the school, the little creek that runs out of the Daecheong...

### MS&HS Clubs Fair

Aug 17, 2016 04:44 pm

Today, Wednesday August 17th, we held our MS&HS Clubs Fair. Representatives from each club, and external companies the school has strong links with presented their clubs in the sports, academics, arts domain. BFS students had the opportunity to discover everything...

## **SPORTS**

### Elementary Futsal: 1st SKAC meet results

Sep 26, 2016 11:42 am

1st ELE Futsal Results BFS had a great showing at the SKAC elementary futsal tournament. The team split into a boys team and a girls team. The boys posted a record of 2-1-1, and the girls posted a record of...

### Cross Country: 1st meet high level results

Sep 09, 2016 09:23 am

Congratulations to all our runners on yesterday's first SKAC meet of the season! Many of our BFS runners finished among the top 10. Our runners have now one more month to practice for the next and final meet on October...

**OTHER**

**241st Navy Ball**

Sep 19, 2016 02:36 pm

Dear Parents, this year, as last year, the U.S. Navy Ball committee will host its event in Busan (Friday October 7th, @ the Grand Hotel). The committee has extended an invitation to this year's event to all BFS families. Ball tickets cost 75,000krw each, and...

IMAGES OF THE MONTH



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