

BFS MONTHLY WAVE

December 2016 Edition

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A Word from the Principal

Iain Macfarlane, BFS Principal



In a few short days, we will have reached the halfway point in our school year together. We have all been working very hard and will enjoy the upcoming vacation. **BFS is the best school because of the tremendous efforts of students, parents and teachers.** As we approach the winter holidays, it feels as if it were yesterday that we all gathered in the cafeteria for Thanksgiving Lunch. Thank you to the PTSO and BFS staff, who through their dedication and passion, make this school feel like home.

Nothing brings a community together like the joy of music. In the words of Plato, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." We had two amazing concerts at BFS which showcased students from the Early Childhood through Grade 12. It is impressive that in a school of our size Dr. Kim conducts an orchestra with 47 talented students. Equally inspiring is seeing the joy of music in our youngest students. Led by Mr. Chapa, we were treated to singers, recorders, ukuleles and the fifth grade ensemble. The creative spirit is alive at BFS.

Our involvement in SKAC continues to grow. Mr. Dysart organized a very successful Science Fair. Participation from our students was completely voluntary and we were very well represented. Mrs. Dysart, Ms. Potter and Ms. Demers have been working with classroom teachers and students for the last few months for the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Michelle Moon (Gr 7) and Amy Jung (Gr 8), who won for our region and have the opportunity to represent Korea at the Scripps Spelling Bee in February. At the same time, Mr. Neeno led our Model United Nations students. Ilya Kim (Gr 10) was able to pass a unanimous resolution on the settlement of the Syrian crisis, an almost unheard of success.

In sports, we hosted an outstanding high school basketball tournament. Coach Gates and Coach Galles, had the highest team participation we have seen yet. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Galles, our Athletic Director, **we have been invited to participate in the KISAC** (Korean International Schools Activities Conference) league for high school basketball. Our students will be travelling to Jeju in the New Year, and we will be hosting a new group of schools in February. Our Elementary Students, led by Mr. Zwingelberg, participated in their first volleyball competition of the season. We are so proud of how our students carry themselves and represent the qualities of a SHARK!

As a school we are pleased to announce we have been accepted by Search Associates. They are one of the premiere teacher recruitment agencies for international teachers. In addition to our work with International School Services and the University of Northern Iowa, our newest association ensures that we will continue to attract the best quality teachers to BFS.

Wherever you find yourself this holiday season, I wish you nothing but happiness in the comfort of your family. I can't wait to see you all again in the New Year. 2017 is going to be amazing!

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

SCHOOL-WIDE

[2016 Winter Charity Orchestra Concert](#)

Dec 09, 2016 02:14 pm

Sometimes people ask why I think BFS is such a strong community. Well, today was the perfect example of why I can stand behind that statement: our school Orchestra performed in front of all BFS students just before the end...

[2016 Thanksgiving celebration at BFS](#)

Dec 01, 2016 02:21 pm

What a busy day Thanksgiving Thursday was at BFS! despite the sudden drop in temperature, our Elementary students went on a "turkey trot". They walked over 5kms all the way to the Jungian water reservoir and back and on their...

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY

[Elementary Annual Winter Holiday Concert](#)

Dec 19, 2016 10:11 am

The annual Elementary Holiday Concert was held on Thursday, December 15th. Students from early childhood through 5th grade performed a wide variety of songs for their family and friends. The performances were spectacular and showcased how diverse the elementary music...

[A big applause to BFS' 4th Grade Ukulele Ensemble](#)

Dec 06, 2016 12:25 pm

The BFS 4th Grade Ukulele Club performed at the BIWA Charity Bazaar on Saturday December 3rd. Students accompanied themselves on ukuleles while singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells". These young musicians sacrificed their recess time for an...

[2nd Graders Perform "Bears Picnic"](#)

Dec 01, 2016 02:47 pm

The second graders in library class have been working on performing a Readers Theater called “Bears Picnic”. Readers Theater is a play in which students read lines that are various scenes of dialog that all students can participate and be...

BFS 1st-8th graders at the SKAC spelling bee

Nov 30, 2016 02:51 pm

BFS 1st-8th graders did a great job representing our school at the SKAC spelling bee held at Kwangju Foreign School on November 29, 2016. We departed BFS at 5:30 in the morning. When we arrived at KFS after our long...

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

2016 Winter MS Dance

Dec 03, 2016 10:16 am

December 2nd was a day full of fun for the BFS middle schoolers! It was the day of the Middle School Winter Dance. The middle school Student Council organized a dance party for the middle schoolers, but added a pinch...

BFS Volunteer Club donates to the Busan Abandoned Pet Sanctuary (BAPS).

Dec 02, 2016 02:14 pm

During the month of November, our BFS Volunteer Club held a donation act for BAPS (Busan Abandoned Pet Sanctuary), a privately run independent animal sanctuary that provides shelter and care for abandoned dogs. The greater BFS community generously donated money...

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BFS participation at the Model UN SKAC competition in Kwangju

Nov 30, 2016 02:29 pm

On Tuesday, Nov 29, the High School Model United Nations Team went to the SKAC Model UN Tournament in Kwangju, where they represented BFS in competition with five other schools from around Korea. Students played the role of representatives from...

2016-17 Science Fair

Nov 16, 2016 03:52 pm

On November 15th we hosted the 2nd SKAC science fair with over 110 students from 5 different schools competing and sharing scientific knowledge and experiments with each other. All of the science teachers are proud of all of our students who competed!...

SPORTS

[2016-17 1st Elementary Volleyball meet results](#)

Dec 12, 2016 10:29 am

The 3-5 grade Elementary Volleyball team competed in a tournament this weekend at DIS. The Gold team finished with 3 wins 2 losses, and the Silver team finished with 2 wins and 3 losses, and most importantly they all had...

[BFS lady sharks get 2nd place on this year's HS SKAC basketball](#)

Dec 08, 2016 11:52 am

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016 our BFS Shark HS Girls Basketball Team participated in the SKAC Basketball Finals held at BIFS. Entering the day BFS was the #5 seed with a Divisional record of 2 wins and 2 losses. In...

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