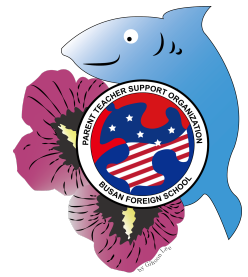


Welcome to Busan Foreign School & the Parent Teacher Support Organization (PTSO)



We are so glad that your family is a part of the unique community of BFS. We hope you will join us at the PTSO, where one of our greatest roles is to support exciting community events that celebrate American traditions such as: Halloween Trick or Treating, Thanksgiving lunch, Valentine's BINGO, an Easter Egg Hunt, and our Family Fun Day & BBQ. Regardless of whether you have lived in America or these traditions are new to you and your family, everyone is invited to participate and everyone will have fun, especially the parents!

In addition to the aforementioned events, the PTSO serves another very important role in our school community. With the help of our committed parent volunteers, we raise money throughout the year to buy resources which benefit the students, support the teachers, and enhance our overall school culture. Among many other things, last year the PTSO purchased a new laminator for the teachers, multicultural books to grow the collection within the school's beautiful library, and large music speakers to increase enjoyment and communication at large school events.

The PTSO also works closely with student organizations such as the Student Council, the National Honor Society, and the Junior Volunteer Club to empower these students to give back to the school and to raise funds for their organizations. For example, last year the PTSO provided Student Council with the necessary funds to host *Breakfast and a Book* in which parents eat with their children and celebrate literacy through reading aloud. This year fund raising projects could potentially provide a book tote for every student in the elementary to protect their library books in celebration of literacy month or to provide essential tools and supplies needed to enhance the after school clubs. If you join PTSO, you can help us to make these crucial decisions.

I recognize that this all sounds like a lot of work, but the PTSO is about more than just working for the school. We are an international group of parents and teachers, each bringing our own unique values, opinions, ideas, and talents to share with one another. In working together on events, PTSO members make lasting friendships. This year we will have a Parent Representative to attend our meetings from every grade level. Also, as was done in the past, we are planning luncheons after our monthly meetings to spend time together and really get to know one another.

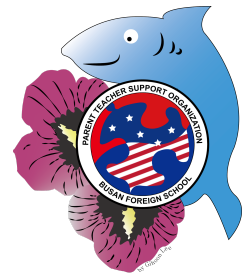
Thank you for supporting the PTSO and BFS.

Our events and fund raising activities simply wouldn't be possible without you!

I sincerely look forward to meeting you soon!

Sarah Sánchez Armstrong, PTSO President

PTSO Information



Thank you for supporting the PTSO. You are welcome to attend monthly meetings, parent lunches, make donations to PTSO activities, and volunteer your time. We appreciate any and all help.

Again, we appreciate any and all volunteer efforts, without which PTSO would not be able to host fun events or raise funds to benefit the students. Please consider donating to the PTSO to receive a metal PTSO logo pin and recognition on our website.

In addition to the above, we also are looking to fill some very important positions: **Parent Representatives** and **PTSO Secretary**. **Yellow grades** are still in need of Representatives.

Current Parent Representatives

High School	Middle School	Elementary and Early Childhood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12: ● 11: Mariana Jimenez-Anzola ● 10: Hyunji Kim ● 9: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8: ● 7: Satoko Crockatt, Hyunji Kim, and Jin Cho ● 6: Suzanne Bowie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5: Junga Heo and Jin Cho ● 4: Satoko Crockatt and Suzanne Bowie ● 3: Mariana Jimenez-Anzola ● 2: ● 1: Jeannie Kim and Junga Heo ● K5: ● Pre-K4: ● Pre-K3:

Are you interested in being the **Parent Representative** for **your child's grade level**?
This means that you would attend most meetings and contribute your ideas.

Are you interested in being the **Secretary**?
*This means that you would **attend ALL meetings**, prepare the agenda, and record our minutes?*

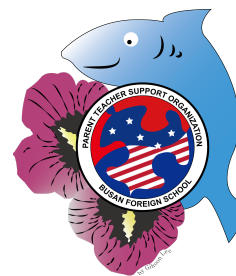
If you answered **YES** to EITHER of the above, please provide your:

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

PTSO Donations



The PTSO recognizes that without our invaluable donors, we simply would not be able to host our fun school-wide holiday events, participate in fairs in the Busan community, run the concession stands that have become much loved at home sporting events, or raise the funds for special projects at the school which benefit each student's education. This year if you donate 15,000 KRW or more, you'll be given a beautiful little metal pin with the PTSO logo you see at the top right of this page. Please wear it proudly at PTSO functions so that the BFS community will know what we at the PTSO already know—our donors are amazing!

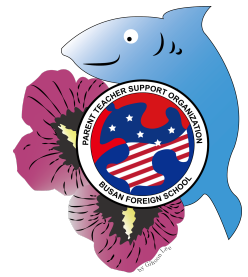
Donations are always welcome, appreciated, and may be paid in person at the PTSO meetings or through an online transfer with the following bank details.

Bank Name: Ever Rich Bank / Post Bank

Account Holder: BFSD

Account Number: 601567-01-002451

Thank you for supporting our organization!



PTSO Year at a Glance

2017/2018

We have big plans for the year! Please [click this link](#) to see the minutes from the most recent meeting and make note of the following dates and volunteer needs.

We'll be updating you at future PTSO meetings, but you can also check our website for information at <http://www.busanforeignschool.org/bfs-community/ptso/> or request to join the [PTSO Busan Foreign School Facebook Page](#).

Plus, it's never too late to donate or volunteer! If you a meeting, we'd still love to have you. Email us at ptso@bfs.or.kr

Please DONATE packaged snacks, bars, fruit chews, chips, cookies, juice boxes, soda, sports drinks, and home baked items to support the Middle School Student Council Concession Stands.

September

PTSO MEETING	FRI, 1 @ 11:30am
National Honor Society Induction	FRI, 29 @ 3:45pm

October

PTSO MEETING	FRI, 13 @ 11:30am
FOUNDERS DAY	FRI, 20
HS VOLLEYBALL FINALS (BFS/BIFS)	SAT, 14
HALLOWEEN	TUES, 31

November

PTSO MEETING	FRI, 10 @ 11:30am
*MS & HS SKAC STEM FAIR	TUES, 14
THANKSGIVING	THUR, 23

*Please donate desserts for Thanksgiving *

Please sign up to help serve students and parents

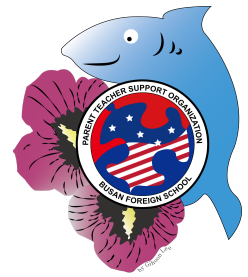
*Please speak up if you have a nice big oven—

we might need a volunteer oven or two for cooking turkeys*

Will need parent volunteers to make crafts before the December BIWA Bazaar

December

PTSO MEETING	FRI, 1 @11:30am
BIWA BAZAAR	SAT, 2
HS BASKETBALL FINALS	SAT, 9



PTSO Year at a Glance *continued

January

PTSO MEETING FRI, 12 @ 11:30am
PICTURE DAY MON, 15 - WED, 17

* We will need parents to help comb and straighten student hair and uniforms on picture day. *

February

PTSO MEETING FRI, 2 @ 11:30am
VALENTINE'S BINGO WED, 14

March

PTSO MEETING FRI, 2 @ 11:30am
KISAC RED MS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FRI, 2 & SAT, 3

April

PTSO MEETING FRI, 6 @ 11:30am
*SPEECH AND DEBATE SAT, 21
ES BASKETBALL FINALS FRI, 27
BREAKFAST WITH A BOOK TBD
EGG HUNT TBD

May

PTSO MEETING FRI, 11 @ 11:30am
MS BASKETBALL FINALS WED, 16
TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST TBD
GLOBAL GATHERING TBD
FAMILY DAY / GARAGE SALE TBD

* Will need parent volunteers to help with games and events on Family Fun Day *

June

GRADUATION FRI, 8

* We will recognize parents that have greatly contributed to the PTSO*