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## A Word from the Principal Iain Macfarlane

At BFS we are always looking to make meaningful partnerships that prepare our students to become responsible and contributing citizens in a rapidly changing world. For the last few months, we have been in discussion with **Wonder Lab**.

A project of **Purdue University's** School of Industrial Design, Wonder Lab seeks to bring the process of designing and innovating to our students. With 3D printing, laser cutting, and CNC fabrication our students will speed up the manufacturing process. Any individual student can develop, create, test, and refine products within a single day. BFS will continue to take advantage of the new opportunities that technology provides to our students.

We have also submitted and received a grant from the East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS)

to host and present a weekend learning workshop run by TJ Kim, Associate Professor of Industrial Design and Product Development at Purdue University. This workshop will be open to top educators at international schools in the EARCOS region. Taking place in October, this weekend workshop will allow us to showcase our fantastic school and network with leading professionals.

The partnership with Wonder Labs will complement the program innovations we have made at BFS over the last two years. In Computer Sciences, Music, Arts, Maths and Science we have been seeking valuable opportunities to improve. If you would like to see more of the work that Wonder Lab has done with schools in the United States, please visit their website. (<https://www.wonderlab.space>)

## Literacy Month

During the month of March, thousands of schools around the world celebrate literacy. Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write. Here at Busan Foreign School, we kept incredibly busy and actively fostered these essential skills that affect each of us.



On Friday, March 2nd, elementary teachers read a Dr. Seuss book to their students. PK3 - Kindergarten had a special breakfast of green eggs and ham to celebrate the author's birthday.



On Wednesday, March 7th, The middle school students and the elementary students enjoyed spending time reading with their book buddy.



On Friday, March 16th, HS Stuco and the PTSO welcomed parents and students to have breakfast at school. Breakfast was free for anyone who wanted to join us in the cafeteria. Parents could read with their child to share the love of reading together. We had a great turn out and we even ran out of food!



On Tuesday, March 20th, Miss Wesen had a library open house after school. Students gave their parents a tour of the library and they were welcomed to check out books.





Throughout the month, we had many parent volunteers be guest readers in their child's classroom. This was fantastic in that parents took the time out of their busy schedules! Thank you, parents!



On Thursday, March 22nd, we hosted a Literacy Fair event in the auditorium. The PK3 class showed their Three Little Pigs video. The third-grade class showed the book trailers they made in the library with Mr. Morrison's wonderful assistance. Parents could look at the tables with displays of their child's work. The fourth and fifth graders also created some book trailers in their classrooms that they showed on the iPads.



On Friday, March 23rd, the entire BFS student population all gathered into the gym to silently read for 15 minutes. This was our last event for the March literacy month.

## Ice Cream Social to Celebrate Our Elementary Readers

The Elementary students deserved being treated with ice-cream on April 12th. They over achieved in the non fiction reading challenge set by Miss. Wesen: over 350 non fiction books checked out in one month. Well done!



## Egg Hunt





## March Student of the Month

### MARCH SOM

*Hardworking: be your best!*

**K3: Max & Toby**

**K4: Naya**

**K5: Olivia & Noah & Elsie**

**1st Grade: Noa & Lea**

**2nd Grade: Irene & Rishika**

**3rd Grade: Yoojin & Nikita**

**4th Grade: Tristan & Justin**

**5th Grade: Kylan & Junseong & Lauren**

Congratulations to our hardworking sharks! These students were recognized at the March elementary student of the month assembly.



## February Student of the Month

We celebrated *"Socially Conscious: be caring"* at the February elementary student of the month assembly. We also shared videos and images of what happened during the last month.

### FEBRUARY SOM

*Socially Conscious: be caring!*



**K3: Akim & Janie**

**K4: Chloe**

**K5: Kamea & Janis**

**1st Grade: Yunji & Sofia**

**2nd Grade: Irene & Alecia**

**3rd Grade: Maria & Alexa & Sean**

**4th Grade: Lyn**

**5th Grade: Connie & Luciana**

## Early Childhood and the Three Little Pigs



On March 16th, our youngest learners projected the "Three Little Pigs". The famous story 100% acted by the PK3 Class. It is always interesting to see oneself on the big screen! Especially when accompanied by your parents, enjoying some pop corn and fresh drinks.

## **MS Trip to Songjeong Beach**

It was a fun-filled day for middle school of BFS on April 11!

The MS Student Council set up a sandy field trip, with lots of help from the middle school teachers. Middle school visited Songjeong Beach, where many team-building activities occurred. Games such as Capture the Flag, Pictionary, and sand mascot building were played to help with teamwork. Student Council also provided Subway sandwiches for everyone!

This trip helped build stronger bonds with friends, and possibly new bonds were made too.

Overall, it was a great experience where everyone could hang out with their peers and teachers!



## **MS/HS Course Fair**





## Class of 2018 University Acceptances

It's that time of year again. The university acceptances are in!

Here's a quick breakdown of some noteworthy details: ① *Acceptances to the top three liberal arts colleges — Amherst, Williams, Wellesley.* ② *77 Acceptances, 63 different schools.* ③ *20 Top 50 US, 20 top Global 100 Schools in the US, Canada, UK, Korea.* ④ *\$220,000 USD in scholarships.*

- American University
- Amherst College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Clark University
- Concordia University
- Cornell University
- DePaul University
- Duke University
- Emily Carr University of Art + Design
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Goldsmiths University of London
- Indiana University
- London College of Fashion, UAL
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Rutgers University (2)
- Santa Clara University
- SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design)
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)
- School of Visual Arts (SVA)
- Seattle University
- Stony Brook University
- SUNY Korea
- Syracuse University
- Tufts University
- University College London (UCL)
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis (3)
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles (3)
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, San Diego (4)
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Connecticut
- University of Illinois (2) Urbana-Champaign
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Miami (Florida)
- University of Minnesota
- University of Oregon
- University of San Francisco
- University of Toronto
- University of Washington (3)
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
- University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
- University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
- University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
- Vanderbilt University (2)
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Williams College

## MS & HS Student of the Quarter

Congratulations to all the Sharks that have demonstrated living and understanding our ESLRs:

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Socially Conscious:** Sebastian (Grade 8)

**Hardworking:** Erika (Grade 7)

**Articulate:** Nathan (Grade 6)

**Respectful:** Michaela (Grade 8)

**Knowledgeable:** Beau (Grade 6)



### HIGH SCHOOL

**Socially Conscious:** Arina (Grade 10)

**Hardworking:** Jin (Grade 9) & Won Jeong (Grade 10)

**Articulate:** Tristyn (Grade 11) & Yuna (Grade 11)

**Respectful:** Skyler (Grade 9) & Yuri (Grade 12)

**Knowledgeable:** Bini (Grade 10) & Amaya (Grade 11)



## MS&HS Social Studies Showcase



On Friday, March 9th, one hundred ten students from Grades 6-12 participated BFS Social Studies Showcase, producing over a hundred projects, with subjects spanning the field of Social Studies from the Peloponnesian War to the current crises in Kurdistan and Kosovo.

Students were free to choose from creating an exhibit, with posters; creating a website; and making a documentary. This allowed students' creative spirits to rise, as they honed their skills in research, public speaking, planning, artistry, and writing. Topics included women's rights, the Red Scare, the Harlem Renaissance, the environmental movement, and the situation in Chechnya.

Guided by Social studies teachers Laurel Wiehe, Ann Jones, and Timothy Neeno, students spent weeks carefully researching their chosen topics and preparing research papers, before presenting their findings before students and staff in the Social Studies Showcase. Special shout out to all the teachers, staff, and friends of the school who took their time out to act as judges.

Every student who learns something and has fun while doing it is a winner. But we wanted to acknowledge some particularly fine achievements:

By Mr. Timothy Neeno

 <p><b>MS Documentary Division</b></p> <p>1st Place: Veronika Y. Charlize S. 2nd Place: Ella P. 3rd Place: Albert O. Edwards D.</p>	 <p><b>MS Website Division</b></p> <p>1st Place: Misha I. Stanley C. 2nd Place: George C. 3rd Place: Chloe J.</p>	 <p><b>MS Exhibit Division</b></p> <p>1st Place: Ewon K. Lucy P. 2nd Place: Nathan S. Minjune C. 3rd Place: Alex L. Diana L.</p>
 <p><b>HS Documentary Division</b></p> <p>1st Place: Nastya K. Soobin L. 2nd Place: Wontag K.</p>	 <p><b>HS Website Division</b></p> <p>1st Place: William L. 2nd Place: John H. 3rd Place: Ilya K.</p>	 <p><b>HS Exhibit Division</b></p> <p>1st Place: Hidayat M. Won Jeong U. 2nd Place: Arina K.</p>

## Global Education City Model United Nations 2018

GECMUN final results:

Bini's proposal on sustainable development was voted on and PASSED in the ECOFIN Committee. Note: Just to get your proposal voted on is a respectable accomplishment. She was awarded Honorable Mention by her committee chairs. *Note: He peers on ECOFIN voted her: Most Likely to Become the Next Secretary-General! I concur!*

Ilya got his proposal voted and passed in the Founding Fathers Committee, where he had the role of Patrick Henry. His Committee chairs awarded him a Commendation. *Note: The British Loyalists considered him such a menace that they had him assassinated!*

Wontag, in the Jurassic Park Committee, swayed the committee to his viewpoint, getting his proposal adopted. He was also awarded a Commendation.

*Note: His peers voted him 'Most Calm', and he narrowly missed 'Handsome'!*

Harrison, in the International Olympic Committee, got his plan for security for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics passed UNANIMOUSLY! Quite an achievement. His peers did vote him 'Most Annoying' however, so I guess fame comes at a price!

Daniel, on the Crime & Narcotics Committee, got TWO proposals voted on and passed. He was also voted 'Fossil' for his old school, proper dress.

Jin, representing Libya, got a large bundle of UN aid put into the resolution on Syria, substantially benefiting his country.

And EVERYBODY had fun!!

By Mr. Timothy Neeno





## Shark Championship Pennants: Now on display at the gym

Do you know how many SKAC championships we have won? Here is an overview of the pennants we proudly display on our gym:



- Elementary Girls Basketball – SKAC Champions 2017
- Middle School Boys Volleyball – SKAC Champions 2017
- High School Girls Volleyball – SKAC Champions 2017
- High School Girls Futsal – SKAC Champions 2017
- High School Girls Basketball – SKAC Champions 2017
- Elementary Girls Volleyball – SKAC Champions 2018
- Middle School Boys Volleyball – KISAC Champions 2018

Check our Shark mini clip! <https://youtu.be/7eV3ljUqPcc>

## KISAC MS Volleyball Boys at BFS: Thanks to all that came to watch and support!

The Middle School boys volleyball team hosted a small tournament on Friday, March 2nd.

The KISJ Dragons from Jeju and the BIFS Bears provided some excellent competition on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd. Those who attended saw some spirited play from all three teams!

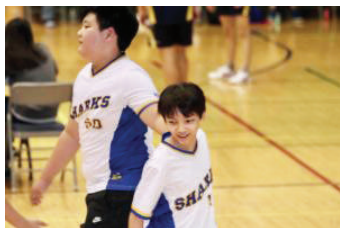
BFS had their backs to the wall from the outset due to players having obligations elsewhere. The A team competed Friday and Saturday morning, but once the brackets were set for the afternoon matches, they were unable to field a team. Players gave it their all though, especially Tae who broke his wrist because of his tenacious style of play.

The KISJ Dragons earned the championship trophy defeating BIFS two games to one in the final round. It was a tightly fought and well-played match, going down to wire.

The BFS B team, however, kept some hardware of its own as they won the B bracket. After four matches, they earned the second seed. They squared off against the Dragons from KISJ for the B team title. The Sharks won the match in three games, proving that although dragons are feared in Game of Thrones, at BFS, they are just a stepping stone to the throne.

Both the A team and the B team would like to thank those who helped out during the duration of the tournament. They would also like to thank those who came to watch.

*By Mr. Erik Nelson (Coach)*



## ES Basketball SKAC Divisional Results: A Great Day at DIS

On Tuesday, March 13th our ES girls basketball team traveled to Daegu International School (DIS) for the Southern Korean Activities Conference (SKAC) Divisional Basketball Tournament. All of our girls played very well and the experience they gained will surely help elevate them even further as the season marches on.)



Our BFS Girl's A-Team (the SKAC League defending champions) were outstanding throughout the day, winning all four of their games by an average scoring margin of 32-12. The A-team outscored their opponents 128-49 on the day. Here are the A-teams results:

### BFS Girl's A-Team

*BFS-A (W) 30-6 DIS-B*

*BFS-A (W) 26-21 DIS-A*

*BFS-A (W) 37-5 ISK*

*BFS-A (W) 35-17 BIFS*

**Scoring:** Angie (64), Lilly (14), Kelila (14),  
Sophie (10), Mishel (8), Connie (4)

**Note:** The other teams committed 14 fouls against our players and each foul resulted in one point for our team, therefore making up the difference in total points (128).

Our BFS Girl's B-team won 3 games and lost only 1, outscoring their opponents by an average scoring margin of 19-9 over four games. The B-team score a total of 77 points while giving up 37. Here are the B-teams results:

### BFS Girl's B-Team

*BFS-B (L) 10-12 DIS-A*

*BFS-B (W) 23-8 ISK*

*BFS-B (W) 13-8 BIFS*

*BFS-B (W) 31-9 DIS-B*

**Scoring:** Hadassah (30), Hana (14), Lyn (10),  
Alexa (10), Amber (4), Jamie (2).

Ana Maria did not score but played outstanding defense and really hustled hard on the court!

**Note:** The other teams committed 7 fouls against our players and each foul resulted in one point for our team, therefore making up the difference in total points (77 points).

## HS Basketball KISAC 2017-18SY Results

The annual KISAC HS Basketball Tournament was held on Jeju Island on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd. Our Lady Sharks represented themselves and our school very well at the tournament, winning 3 out of 4 games in the first day on Friday.

In our first game, we battled KISJ and it was a close game throughout. We managed to open up a 14-10 lead late in the second half, but KISJ was able to battle back and tie the score up at 14-14 with about 1 minute to play. Neither team was able to score and the game went into overtime. In the overtime, both teams battled defensively holding the other team scoreless. Onto the second overtime we went! With the score still knotted at 14 apiece, the second overtime was a "sudden death" overtime, whereby the first team to score would be the winner. KISJ controlled the tip and the ball and managed to get several good looks at the basket and it really seemed like they were going to win it on that first possession. Luckily though, we finally secured a defensive rebound and advanced the ball to our frontcourt, and... on Daniella's first touch of the second overtime, she lifted a 3 point shot from around 24ft that was a beautiful rainbow with nothing less than a pot of gold at the end of it...SWISH! Game Over! BFS 17 – KISJ 14.

In the second game of the day, our Lady Sharks faced BIFS. The girls were exhausted after playing such a tight first-round game that went into two overtimes. As such, BIFS was able to get out to a quick start to establish a double-digit lead. We fought hard and battled back but at the end of the day it was not enough, and we fell by a score of 5-21.

After that second game we had time to each lunch and regroup, and the team was able to focus to get back on track. Their next opponent in the third game of the day was Branksome Hall Academy. Our Lady Sharks came out ready to compete and would not be denied another win, knocking off BHA by a score of 15-12.

Three basketball games in one day is a lot of basketball, but we still had a fourth game to play. This time against last year's champion NLCS. At this point in the tournament with the other results in it was evident that the winner of this game would be the 2-seed and the loser the 3-seed heading into Saturday's play. Knowing that we would be facing NLCS again in the first game in the morning on Saturday, we wanted to end our day as the #2 seed. Our girls played hard and smart and knocked off the reigning champion by a score of 12-10!

Onto Saturday we go! Facing NLCS once again for a shot at entering the championship game with a win...we were ready to play! As always, our games with NLCS are hard fought and close all the way. This one was no different, except that this time we were on the other end of the score. NLCS won the game 12-8. Unfortunately, we just couldn't create enough breaks for ourselves, and the ball just didn't want to drop. Many close shots that didn't go in...but that's basketball. With this loss, we were headed to the Consolation Game for 3rd place.

In our final game of the tournament, we agreed as a team to make sure everyone got to play a lot. This was important for our team since some players weren't able to get a whole lot of playing time in our first 5 games because of the nature of the scores being so tight. In any case, we battled hard and everyone was pleased with their effort. We didn't win the consolation game but we did end our season on a real positive note, playing together, competing hard, and finishing their season with immense Shark Pride!

Coaches Galles and Wesen are very proud of all of the girls this basketball season. Our BFS Lady Sharks won the SKAC HS Basketball Champion with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. And, for the entire season, the Sharks won 9 games against 4 losses. Quite an accomplishment for a young team!

*By Mr. Patrick Galles (Athletic Director)*





## Upcoming Events

**April  
21<sup>st</sup>**

Speech and  
Debate

**April  
27<sup>th</sup>**

Elementary  
Basketball Finals

**April  
30<sup>th</sup>**

High School  
Futsal Finals

**May  
2<sup>nd</sup>**

Middle School  
Basketball Divisional

**May  
3<sup>rd</sup>**

PTSO Meeting,  
Talent Show

**May  
4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**

Children's Day  
(No School)

**May  
5<sup>th</sup>**

SAT Test

**May  
7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

AP Exams

**May  
12<sup>th</sup>**

Family Fun Day,  
Garage Sale,  
BFS Open House

**May  
15<sup>th</sup>**

Teacher/Staff  
Appreciation  
Breakfast

**May  
16<sup>th</sup>**

Middle School  
Basketball Finals

**May  
18<sup>th</sup>**

High School  
Prom

**May  
22<sup>nd</sup>**

Buddha's Birthday  
(No School)

**May  
24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

High School  
Overnight Trip


**May 31<sup>st</sup> -  
June 1<sup>st</sup>**


What the Book Fair




**June  
8<sup>th</sup>**



Graduation  
Ceremony


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