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CELEBRATING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



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A Word from the Principal Iain Macfarlane

2017-2018 has been outstanding for BFS! Athletically, artistically and academically we have accomplished more than ever before. Our inclusive and welcoming community helped us all to grow as learners and leaders. As the end of the year approaches, we are preparing to say goodbye to our senior class. They have accomplished so much here at BFS, and their 81 acceptances to 64 of the best global universities speaks to their character, intelligence and perseverance. We all share in their accomplishments. For every student here at BFS, June is a time of transition, reflection and celebration.

In April, we were fortunate to have members of a WASC accreditation team visit and report on our school. Since 1999, when BFS received its first accreditation, we have been proud of our association with WASC. Three of the highlights from the draft of their report are:

"All of the stakeholders within this community feel they have a voice and are part of the positive transitions taking place."

"During the three day visit the students and faculty, when asked about school culture, mentioned 'feeling like a family', 'students help at BFS and care for each other', 'we have dedicated teachers who care about us', 'we have a sense of community in our classroom.'"

"The management, faculty and staff deeply believe in their school and are dedicated to providing an outstanding educational environment."

The positive WASC report noted the number of changes that have taken place in the last year. In 2018, we were proud to offer many new Advanced Placement courses, including Studio Art, Music Theory, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, Spanish, and Seminar. 2018 was also the first time that we had a fully articulated Computer Science, Art and, Spanish program from kindergarten to the college level. We implemented Responsive Classroom to ensure that every student was engaged in our community, every single day. We put in place the celebrated Eureka math in kindergarten through grade 2. We are especially proud of the new renovations in the Early Childhood and the adoption of Reggio Emilia to welcome our youngest students. We all strive to live our motto, "Embrace diversity, strive for excellence."

In the last week of May, the Middle and High School Student Council held elections for 2018. Students prepared media campaigns and made speeches to their colleagues. Our candidates excel at forming connections, influencing decisions and motivating decisions. In the words of John Maxwell, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." Student leadership is in great hands at BFS!

I hope that your summer brings adventure, discovery, and joy. For those of you who are moving on to new and exciting challenges, I wish you all the best. For those of you returning to BFS, I can't wait to see you in August. We have exciting work to do!

Iain Macfarlane
BFS Principal

Family Fun Day

Balloons strewn about, music pumping, children laughing, teachers and parents vending, bartering, socializing and exploring, football on the field, the smell of barbecue floating in the air, pies flying, super bubbles, splashing water, artistic faces, roasting marshmallows on chopsticks over coals, and children bouncing their way down a 10 meter slide...these are the memories that come to mind when I think back on the 2008 Family Fun Day. In comparing this year's event with years past, I am thrilled to say it was a true success! Thank you to EACH and EVERY person who attended or participated in some way!!

Although sponsored by the PTSO, this communal celebration would not be possible if it weren't for the generous contributions of ideas, time, resources, and skills of so many groups within our community. It is in the spirit of community that I would like to thank those involved.

Thank you to the PTSO Parent Representatives and active members who brought forth fresh ideas, sorted used uniforms, worked the booths, grocery shopped, organized the music, and recruited helpers. Thank you to the fathers who worked many hours more than you signed up for in order to feed the masses, solve logistical problems, and greet our guests with friendly smiles.

Thank you to National Honor Society and Student Council who attended pre-meetings, suggested ideas to bring buyers to the garage sale, organized the pie raffle, taped and signed the gym floor, planned, purchased goods, and worked the quality activity booths.

Thank you to the teachers who volunteered to have pies thrown at your faces, who helped to raise funds, and who ran safety on the Bouncy slide. Thank you to the garage sale vendors for setting up abundant displays with your goods: handmade, used, & new.

Thank you to the Korean staff who set up tables, distributed chairs, and tirelessly cleaned both before and after the event.

Lastly, I would like to thank Vanessa Allepuz and Goeun Choi who designed our signs, flyers, and enhanced our advertising! You ARE all amazing! Thank you for everything you do to make this community so special.

By Señora Sánchez (2018 PTSO President)

*Thank you Señora Sánchez for making
this year so fun for parents and students.
You are leaving BFS a great legacy.*



Talent Show

It's been a great 4-year ride supervising and leading this activity! I'm proud that we had so many participants, all the kids felt they could all be included, felt safe and sure of themselves to go up on stage, take direction and work with the crew and other cast members, and be so brave to show off their special skills! :)

None of this could happen without the support of the parents, stage crew volunteers, and BFS staff! I've enjoyed working with Dr. Kim for the past 4 years on this project, and having the addition of Mrs. Harvey the past two years. A special thank you to Mrs. Kim, Ms. Hwang, Ms. Shim and Ms. Jang who called parents and translated information for us, Ms. Choi and Ms. Allepuz in the marketing department who made the fliers and made the certificates, and Mr. Armstrong this year, who worked so hard to make the light show interesting and Mr. Galles who was so flexible and supportive and gave up his gym time for us to rehearse!

BFS students aren't your average book smart students, they have hidden talents that they shared with the audience of over 300 people on May 3, 2018. Secret talents and gifts were shared with the audience and kept everyone entertained for the whole show! The 2018 Busan Foreign School talent show was another big hit.

There were so many great acts, 29 to be exact with 55 individual participants, and each of them deserves special recognition for sharing their gift with all of us! In this year's talent pool, it was clear that each participant worked hard all year to showcase their skills for this annual event. Students wowed the audience with a large variety of talent, from magic, acting, dancing, singing, and a variety of musical instruments and even a rock band!

Overall, the Talent Show 2018 was legendary- an epic variety showcase of Busan Foreign School student's skills and talents that surprised us, made us laugh and cheer on all the great acts. I believe no one is going to forget what happened this year as we got great shots from the photo zone and video of the show, making great memories for everyone.

By Ms. Fox (Coordinator of Student Academic Support Services, School Counselor)



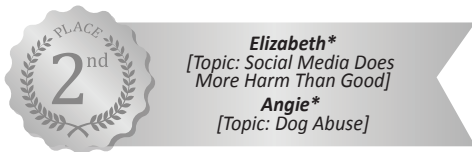
Elementary and Middle School Speech & Debate

The Speech & Debate SKAC took place on Saturday, April 21st at BFS and the Sharks did an amazing job. Joy , Jaelle and Eunhoo represented the fourth graders. Kelila , Luciana , Elizabeth* , Angie* and Jun participated from the fifth grade. Fellow SKAC schools from GIFS, DIS, HIS, and DIS competed.



ELEMENTARY SPEECH & DEBATE WINNERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH & DEBATE WINNERS



Shark Tank Quarter 3

The BFS new Shark Tank is out! 🦈

In this episode of Busan Foreign School's "Shark Tank", you can enjoy the sights and sounds of Spirit Week, and learn about the Drama Club, our choice for Excellence in Action, and special visitors from WASC who were on Campus during the week of April 23rd. (<https://youtu.be/qxtWHRniBxg>)

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel! [BFS TV]:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-jVTfFmnclyo_fP Uyd3TEA



SKAC Fine Arts Fair

BFS participated in the SKAC Fine Arts Fair which was held on Tuesday, April 17th at Daegu International School.

The event was a fantastic celebration of music, visual art, and dance.

Mr. Chapa, our elementary music teacher, brought the 5th Grade students to perform two pieces. The first was a two-part choir piece titled "Shady Grove" which featured Elizabeth Kim as violin soloist. The second piece was an arrangement by Mr. Chapa titled "I'll Rise When the Rooster Crows". 5th graders created a play that brought the music to life.

Also in attendance was the BFS Dance team led by 10th grader Ejew Kim. The BFS Dance team is a student led middle and high school club that has previously performed at school events and assemblies. Our dance team performed incredibly well and was a crowd favorite.

It was a wonderful experience for our students to share, watch, and learn from the fine art programs of different international schools.

By Mr. Chapa (Early Childhood & Elementary Music Teacher)



BFS Orchestra Spring Concert



Update to the Procedure for Visitors of Busan Foreign School



Dear Parent,

The safety of your child is important to us! As a result, we have decided to tighten our processes and procedures for visitors. This updated procedure will take effect Monday, April 30th, 2018.

Drop and Pick Up Times (8:10 am to 8:30 am and 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm)

During the times specified above the school's front door will be open.

Supervision is present through the school's administration and office staff.

Outside drop and pick up times

The BFS front door will remain closed outside the drop and pick up times specified above.

All visitors will need to procure a **"visitor's badge"** in exchange for a valid id at the security booth (bottom of the main entrance stairs).

Please note that the main office will not buzz in anyone not having a valid BFS visitor badge.

We would like to remind you that due to limited space, the BFS parking is reserved for BFS buses and BFS personnel.

We appreciate your support in making BFS a safer place for all.

Best Regards, Iain Macfarlane (BFS Principal)

Elementary Global Citizen's Day



Reading Buddies



April Student of the Month

APRIL SOM

Articulate: be an active listener!

K3: William

K4: Ethan

K5: Catalina & Michelle & Addalay

1st Grade: Lauren & Given

2nd Grade: Shiou-bin & Nikol

3rd Grade: Diego & Arsh & Meilani

4th Grade: Eunhoo

5th Grade: Elizabeth & Willem & Jeremiah

Congratulations to our "Student of the Month" winners. These students have demonstrated a great understanding of the value: Articulate! Be an active listener.



Anchored4Life: Getting ready for the next school year



On Tuesday, April 17th, we had the good fortune to get our newest Anchored4Life team leaders trained for the upcoming 2018-19 school year!

At our refresher, Ms. Fox and the Anchored4Life team inducted 6 new students to the program as team leaders and had 2 veterans returning. Our students worked hard all day long to refresh and learn counseling lessons that were taught throughout this school year and were trained on honing their leadership skills.

Anchored4Life focuses on building confident leaders who inspire others by contributing to a caring and supportive environment.

Ms. Fox and the trainer focus on teaching and reinforcing life skills so they can teach and model life skills to better connect with their peers and community during transition.

Congratulations to the following 2018-19 Team Leaders representing BFS' elementary division:
Ana Maria, Kristina, Theo, Diego, Tristin, Hana, Joy, DeShaun



MS/HS Student Council Elections

Congratulations to the MS/HS Student Council elected officers and thank you for supporting the BFS community!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ✓ Co-Presidents: Michael C., Chloe J.
- ✓ Historian: Reehna K.
- ✓ Treasurer: Andrew L.
- ✓ Secretary: Kirill L.

HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ Co-Presidents: Amaya A., Zenith S.
- ✓ Historian: David L.
- ✓ Treasurer: Anika C.
- ✓ Secretary: Nastya K.

Middle School End of Year Field Trip



The Middle School and Grade 5 day trip to Gyeongju World was totally amazing!

We all made wonderful and unforgettable memories from there. Although the amusement park was busier than last year, students enjoyed the exciting rides.

The new roller coaster built a few months ago made everybody want to try it! It had a 90° falling point, which made most of us feel like a frightened chick!

Three-word summary: It was great!

Written by Rheena Kim (MS Stuco Historian)

NHS Officer Elections

Congratulations to the NHS elected officers!

Co-presidents: Jiwon, and Yuna

Vice President: Sunny

Looking forward to your leadership within the National Honor Society in the coming school year.



Jangsan Creek Stream Flow

Introduction

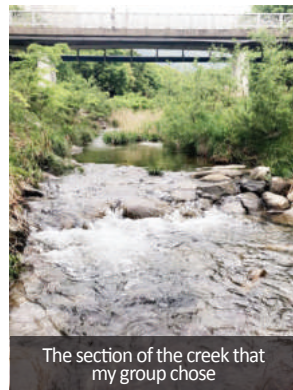
The environmental science students took advantage of our school's location next to the local creek and went on a trip to the Jangsan Creek in order to use it to expand our knowledge about environmental science. On this trip, we were able to get an effective hands-on learning experience through determining the stream flow of a creek. This experiment is related to environmental science because one important factor in determining the water quality is to evaluate the stream's flow. For example, high temperatures, low levels of dissolved oxygen, and levels of toxins can all be affected by a low stream flow and vice versa.

The Experiment

In order to determine the stream flow, the environmental students needed the following equipment:

- Meter stick (to measure the depth)
- Tape Measure (to measure the length and width)
- Tennis ball (to measure the stream's speed)
- Stopwatch (to measure the time)

Due to measuring the overall stream flow of an entire creek is a tedious and time-consuming work even for professionals, the environmental science students chose a section of the stream to work with in order to determine the section's stream flow. After choosing their section, they measured the length, width, and depth of their stream's section using the tools stated above. Then, they gathered the data in order to determine the stream's velocity through measuring the how long it took for a tennis ball to flow down their section. The students repeated the process at least four times in order to have accuracy. Throughout the process, the students recorded their data in their field notebooks in order to calculate the stream flow.



The section of the creek that my group chose

The Calculations

The section of the stream that my group chose had the following measurements that we collected:

(We decided to separate our section in half because the left and the right side had different factors that cause a difference in the stream flow i.e. rocks and plants)

Location	1	Location	2
Depth (cm)	32	Depth (cm)	16
Distance (m)	2	Distance (m)	1.3
Trial 1 (s)	2.67	Trial 1 (s)	4.39
Trial 2 (s)	2.43	Trial 2 (s)	3.20
Trial 3 (s)	2.33	Trial 3 (s)	4.32
Trial 4 (s)	2.00	Trial 4 (s)	5.62

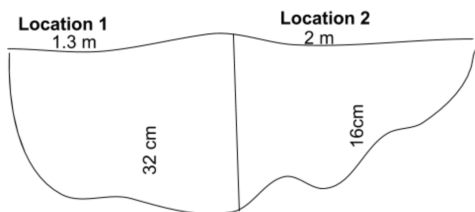


Diagram of the section of measurement

Through this, we determined the area/cross section of the halves, labeled location 1 and location 2:

Location	1	Location	2
Area	$l(w)$	Area	$(bh)/2$
Area	$(130)(32)$	Area	$((200)(16))/2$
Area	$4,160\text{cm}^2$	Area	$1,600\text{cm}^2$

Then, we calculated the velocity through using the equation, $\text{Rate} = \text{Distance(m)} / \text{Time(s)}$, and calculated the average of the four trials per location:

$$\text{RateAverage}(\text{Location 1}) = 0.855 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{RateAverage}(\text{Location 4}) = 0.30 \text{ m/s}$$

Lastly, we determined the stream discharge through the equation: $\text{Discharge} = (\text{Rate})(\text{Area})$.

$$\text{Discharge location 1} = 2.055 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Discharge location 2} = 1.810 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

Overview

Overall, the experiment was educational due to it being very interactive. Personally, I enjoyed this trip and experiment due to it allowing the students to have a hands-on experience in the field and using teamwork in order to gather the information needed for the stream flow.

High School Prom

On May 18, 2017, student council hosted another huge event: Prom!

The theme this year was A Spring Nights Dream, which matched well with the flock of fancy golden birds on the ceilings and arrangement of flowers at every table. The event was hosted in Cacao Tree at Centum Hotel, and all high school students were invited to the three hour (6 pm – 9 pm) event with a payment of 60,000W.

In the hour of luxurious buffet dining — featuring Western, Korean, and Chinese style dishes to a wide range of desserts such as various cookies, cakes, and fruits — students shared compliments to each other around their tables and had an extravagant feast. Soon after followed the announcement of prom king and queen which the entire high school voted for. They were presented as seniors Yuri Keenan and Minji Kwon.

After their crowns were awarded, everyone was invited to the open space where they could dance with their friends. Many upbeat songs played for around two hours, and girls in dresses and boys in suits danced with their friends while some took photos or enjoyed card games with chaperones. The music resounded across the entire room dimmed with low lights, and as a closure to dance time, many students slow-danced with their partners.

As everyone woke up from their spring night's dream and left the event, students and teachers had a huge smile on their faces.

Written by HS Stuco Historian Min Jeong



Junior Volunteer Club



Thanks to PTSO, there was an after-school pizza party for the Junior Volunteer Club on May 1st. So many have benefitted from their work this year. In 15 minute increments, during breaks and lunches, and occasionally with an after-school hour here and there, the students have cumulatively donated over 150 hrs to the school!

We Go Donuts for Peer Ambassadors

On Tuesday April 24th, Ms. Fox and the BFS Peer Ambassadors celebrated the 3rd annual “We Go Donuts for Peer Ambassadors” meeting.

At this meeting, current and new PAs met celebrating a successful year of the program. Students celebrated with donuts and by watching a video made by a member, talking about the successes and results of the Peer Ambassador survey, and hanging out with friends.

The following students were recognized & welcomed as new members for the 2018-19 school year: *Tanvi, Elizabeth, Justice, and Jun (Class of 2025)*

We also said goodbye to our seniors and they got certificates of recognition for their years of service: *Gene, Jihong, Jee Hyun, Mary, and Daniel (Class of 2018)*



High School Movie Night



On Friday, April 20, 2018, HS student council held their first high school movie night.

Attracting more than 50 students, movie night was a phenomenal success with its featuring movie, *The Greatest Showman*.

The student council served ramen, cookies, and soft drinks to accommodate the movie, which nearly all students were happy to buy for their cheap prices.

As the musical movie played and the songs filled the auditorium, students huddled with their friends, transfixed and enchanted by the movie's visuals and resonance.

Students hope for another movie event in high school can gather together in one setting.

Written by HS Student Council Historian, Min Jeong

Sports Banquet



Middle School Basketball



Elementary SKAC Basketball Results

ELEMENTARY GIRLS

BFS Girls B-Team

On Friday, April 27th, 2018 our BFS ES Girls Basketball Teams traveled to Daegu International School (DIS) to play in the SKAC ES Basketball Finals. Our BFS girls' B-team won two games and lost two games on the day. Their two losses were against the tournament runner-up (DIS-A). In both defeats, our girls' B-team gave them a good hard fought game. Overall our B-team outscored their opponents 73-63 despite two losses.

Great defensive effort and lots of hustle:

Ana Maria, Lyn, Jamie, & Maria!

BFS Girls A-Team

Our BFS Girls A-Team finished their SKAC basketball season with an undefeated record of 8 wins and 0 losses over the course of two tournaments. In the Finals held on Friday, April 27th, 2018, our girl's A-team won all four of their games; outscoring their opponents 138-42. Over the four games, they averaged 34 points while giving up an average of just 10.

The championship game against DIS (A) on DIS' home floor was a very exciting and well-played game by both teams. DIS shot off to an early lead by scoring the first four points of the game and their home crowd was going crazy! BFS battled back but trailed most of the first half by trading baskets until a late run put BFS in front at halftime by a score of 13-10. In the second half, our BFS Sharks increased their lead to 17 to 12 and it looked like we were going to pull away, but DIS fought back with 8 consecutive points to take the lead 20-17 with around 5 minutes to play. BFS called a timeout to regroup and came out of the timeout with great determination to tighten up their defense. The result was a shutout, and our BFS Lady Sharks scored the last 14 points of the game to secure their second straight SKAC League Basketball Championship in back to back seasons.

Congratulations girls! What a great accomplishment!

Leading Scorers in the Finals:

Angie: 53	Sophie: 8
Mishel: 24	Mikaylin: 6
Lilly: 21	Connie: 6
Kelila: 20	

ELEMENTARY BOYS

It was a lovely day to be playing basketball at DIS on Friday, April 27th.

The BFS boys were ready to play and enjoy some good competition. Both the A and B teams worked well together and showed improvement from our last tournament. All 14 boys made at least one basket during the tournament. We had some tough competition and we lost most of the games. This didn't discourage them but in fact, helped motivate them to continue improving for next year.

Some quotes from the boys include:

"We had a lot of fun even when we lost."

"We worked together as a team."

"We did well passing and dribbling."

I'm sure proud of all of them and I hope they continue playing basketball in the futures.

By Miss Wesen (Coach)



Images of the Month

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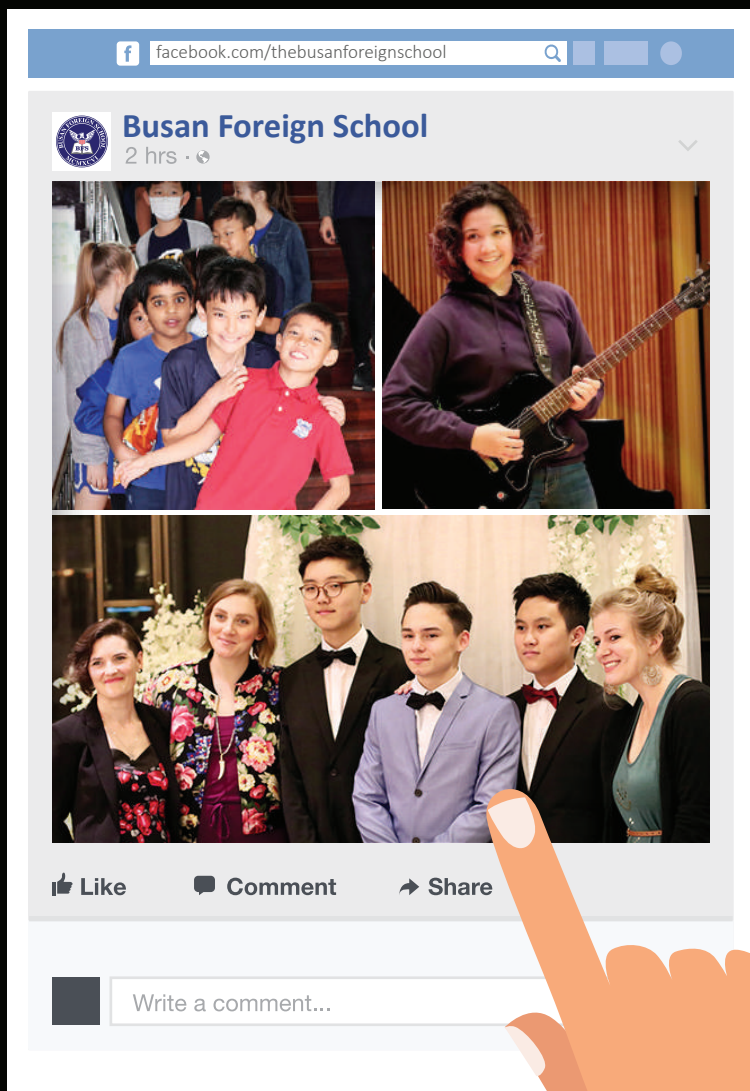
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