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A Word from the Principal *Iain Macfarlane*

The motto of BFS is “Embracing Diversity, Striving for Excellence.” Parents, teachers, and students are working together to strengthen our community. This past month has seen a wide variety of activities that show why we are the best school in Busan.

Our PTSO continues to outdo itself. The Father-Daughter Dance was a huge success. The amount of work that parents put into making this a special evening for our families was very much appreciated. The transformation of our gymnasium into a dancehall was magical. Even more special was the smile on our elementary students’ faces as they got to spend time with their fathers and grandfathers. Thank you to the Middle School Student Council who served as attendants for the evening.

March was an exciting month for athletics at BFS. Our Middle School Volleyball teams played in both KISAC and SKAC tournaments. Led by our coaches Ms. Taylor, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gates and Mr. Galles they showed consistent improvement as the matches progressed. The Middle School Girls’ Volleyball Team emerged as the SKAC Champions.

Our High School Basketball Teams traveled to Jeju for a two-day KISAC tournament. Mr. Gates, Mr. Galles, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Leland led our teams in an outstanding competition. Once again the girls represented by winning the B Division Championship. Our High School Boys came away as the Plate Champions. While we are proud to hang some new banners in our gymnasium, we are more proud of the collegiality, composure and competitive nature of all our young athletes.

March has also been our Literacy Month here at BFS. Our librarian, Ms. Gleb, and our elementary teachers have done an outstanding job of bringing parents and students together to celebrate reading. A special thanks to Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Wiehe for supporting our High School Student Council as they provided the delicious eggs, pancakes, fruit, and coffee for our Breakfast with a Book. The only thing better than seeing parents read to their child is seeing them read to a class. For the first time, we had World Reads at BFS. Parents in grades three through five volunteered their time to read to students in their native language. We are a diverse community and seeing parents reading in languages such as Japanese, Spanish, Korean and Russian sends a powerful message to students. Literacy matters!

I want to send a special shout-out to our Early Childhood Teachers, Mrs. Cressey and Ms. Carr for their current unit. Beginning with visits to the grocery store and then cooking in the kitchen our three and four-year-olds finished by hosting a bake sale. Parents, students, and teachers benefited from the hard work and ingenuity of our youngest learners.

We are a community that “Embraces Diversity and Strives for Excellence!” As we head into Spring Break, I hope that students, parents, and teachers spend time with loved ones. This is a time to rest and rejuvenate. We have important work coming in our final quarter. Together we are making this our best year ever!

Iain Macfarlane
BFS Principal

March Literacy Month



March 5th - Crazy Socks Day



March 13th - Breakfast with a Book



March 13th - World Reads



March 12th - Potato Book Character



March 18th - Literacy Fair



March 18th - Library Open House

Daddy - Daughter Dance

Impressions from Friday, February 15th's Daddy-daughter dance: Thank you PTSO and BFS moms for organizing such a special event. You really outdid yourselves. A special mention also to MS Stuco for being such great helpers and putting together killer music playlist. You really make BFS a special place for our students.



BFS Pep Rally

BFS Pep rally took place on the last day, last period of the spirit week. At first, we had elementary kids come in and play volleyball with sharky, our school mascot. Then the students vs the teachers' basketball game began. The boys played tough and our male teachers didn't back down. Our girls played hard against female teachers. Everyone got off their seats cheering for each other and the sheer excitement really stood out. Everything ended on success and we thank the HS StuCo for organizing it. Go sharks!

By David Lee (HS Stuco)



Early Childhood Bake Sale

PK3, and K4 friends made chocolate haystack cookies, bread, butter, and lemonade for a bake sale!



Elementary February Student of the Month

Congratulations to our March SOM winners for showing us how to be socially conscious. The assembly was proudly presented by the 2nd graders.



PK3	Maksim
K4	Polina, Artyom
K5	Jiho, Chloe
1 st Grade	Hannah, Michelle
2 nd Grade	Ivanna, George
3 rd Grade	Mason, Mina, Christopher
4 th Grade	Ruby, Ryuichi
5 th Grade	Mi Re, Eric, Nevaeh



4th Grade “Night at the Museum”

What happens when the lights go out at the museum? The statues come alive! 4th graders became living statues of famous people and explained themselves to the teachers and students.



100th Day of School

Did you know on Friday, February 1st, we celebrated 100 days of school? Our Early Childhood made the best of it!



Elementary December & January Student of the Month

Hats off to our SOM Knowledgeable ELC and ELE sharks! Special mention to grade 3 who led December & January SOM assembly. Good job!



PK3	Nefeli
K4	Janie
K5	Maya and Jiho
1 st Grade	Noah and Lana
2 nd Grade	Junho and Edward
3 rd Grade	Chloe and Sophie
4 th Grade	Kristina and Sophia
5 th Grade	Deshaun and Justin



MS & HS Student of the Quarter 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Socially Conscious	<i>Beauregard</i>
Hardworking	<i>Clara</i>
Articulate	<i>Angela</i>
Responsible	<i>Caleb</i>
Knowledgeable	<i>Youseung</i>

HIGH SCHOOL	
Socially Conscious	<i>Wonjeong, Ricardo</i>
Hardworking	<i>Mina</i>
Articulate Communicator	<i>Ilya</i>
Responsible Citizen	<i>Zenith</i>
Knowledgeable	<i>Yuna, Hammad</i>

Congratulations to our SHARK winners for the third quarter of the 2018-19 school year. We are proud of the example these students give in their every day-to-day interactions at the school.



High School Late Night

High School Late Night hosted by the HS StuCo was a successful event. It first started off with everyone either chilling with their friends or doing some charades. Then we had each grade go against each other in an intense match of volleyball. People who did not play volleyball managed to cheer their grade up in the stands.

After the games, people had pizza fest. I mean everyone likes pizza no doubt! Everyone gathered up, ate pizza, then it was time for the activities. Friends went to each different rooms to either play cards, board games, some trivia and even karaoke.

People enjoyed so much to the point where some who wanted to leave earlier decided to stay until the events end! The late night ended with people choosing to play volleyball or basketball and it was a huge success. We hope everyone had fun!

By David Lee (BFS HS StuCo Student)



High School AP Seminar Performance

High school AP Seminar students presented their Team Multimedia Presentation. This was part of their AP score for College Board.



Middle School Recreation Night

The majority of BFS Middle School students participated in the MS Recreation Night on the last day of February. There were several events hosted for the students to enjoy their time. The MS STUCO (Student Council) hosted several rooms for the students to spend their evening. E-Sports room, Free Room (Mafia), Sports Room, and lastly Outdoor events were provided for the students. All students had chances to hang out with many other friends and students. Recreation night was an excellent day for students to interact with others! Here's to a new MS tradition!

By Rheena (BFS MS Stuco Student)



Endothermic and Exothermic Reactions by Grade 8

After a very detailed study of Thermodynamics the 8th Graders got the opportunity to show off their skills to the 5th Graders. They were invited to watch a series of Endothermic and Exothermic reactions performed by the grade 8s and explained by the grade 8s, while Mr. Cressey proudly looked on (feeling a little envious that he did not get to join in the fun)



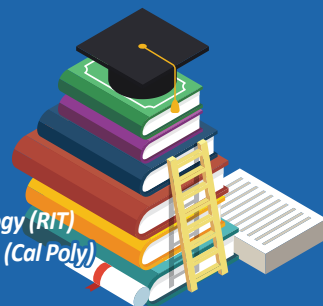
First List of 2018-19 SY University Acceptances

Here's the first list of this year's college acceptances. It's just a taste, as we are still waiting to hear back from 80% of the 175 applications sent out this year! Big shout out to the class of 2019 as they have already earned over a half a million USD in merit-based scholarships.

University of Rochester
Syracuse University
Temple University
Rutgers University
University of Texas, Austin
University of Westminster
Birkbeck University of London
Brunel University, UK

Cardiff University, UK
City University of London
Franciscan University
MCHPS -- Mass College of Pharmacy
St. Thomas University
Texas A&M
Texas State University
Texas Tech

University of Arizona
University of Rhode Island
George Mason University
University of Maryland
Indiana University
Arizona State University
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
California Polytechnic Institute (Cal Poly)
College of Wooster



New BFS NHS Members



Congratulations to the new BFS National Honor Society members:

- Elizaveta T.
- Hammad S.
- Haram C.
- Jun K.
- Ruth C.
- William S.

Making the World a better Place.

Congratulations Sunny

Hyunzu (Sunny) Kim is not only an avid fencer but also, a passionate writer. Congrats with your 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing awards.



Valentine's Day

Middle School STUCO raised money selling candy grams to fund their MS Retreat. Also NHS students delivered Valentine songs to the BFS community.



KISAC High School Basketball

On Friday and Saturday February 22nd and 23rd our BFS Sharks HS basketball teams traveled to Jeju Island to participate in the KISAC South HS Basketball Invitational Tournament. Both teams played very well at the tournament with each team bringing home a trophy.

GIRLS RESULTS

Our BFS Lady Sharks went 6-0 at the tournament outscoring their opponents 120-42 while winning the championship. The girls' defense was outstanding throughout the entire tournament as they held their opponents to an average of just 16 shots per game while putting up on average 38 shots per game. The Lady Sharks were led in scoring by NL, Katherine, and Joy with 30, 29, and 28 points. The girls hit 10 three point shots during the tournament with Joy hitting 8 of them. Our team MVP for the tournament was Arina for her dominance on the back end of our defense hauling down rebounds and challenging all shots in her area. All thirteen girls were able to play plenty of minutes and they all gained valuable experience in a competitive basketball tournament.



On the season our BFS Lady Sharks won 12 games against just 2 losses, placing 2nd in the SKAC championship and 1st in the KISAC B-Division championship. They outscored their opponents on the season by a total of 251 points to 108, which is an average game score of 18 to 8. The girls also outshot their opponents making 118 shots out of 507 attempts (23%), compared to their opponents who made 49 shots out of 221 attempts (22%).

Coach Barnes and I would like to thank our marvelous seniors for all of their outstanding leadership qualities and the kind and welcoming spirit they displayed to all of their younger teammates as they guided them through this season. They have been a big part of our team's success over the past three seasons and we will surely miss them (Amaya, Yushin, Phoebe, Cloe, and Min).



BOYS RESULTS

Our BFS Sharks boys team won the Plate Championship by securing 5th place in the tournament which is the equivalent of winning the B-Division title! They won 4 games at the tournament and lost just 2 games. Both games the boys lost were to the two teams that went undefeated and met in the A-Division championship game. Winning the Plate Championship is a great accomplishment for a smaller school competing against much larger schools.

All the boys played very well in the tournament and their growth as a team was a big improvement as they displayed outstanding teamwork and solid basketball skills throughout their journey. The team's scoring was very balanced and all players contributed to the team's

wins. Minsung was presented with the team's MVP award for his intelligent play, sound defense, and his ability to finish his shots at the rim! The team's resolve was on full display in their final two games as they completed two very hard fought 1-point wins to bring the Plate Championship home to Busan! Congratulations gentlemen!!

By Mr. Galles and Mr. Gates

Gold Medal in Ski Competition

On January 21st - 22nd, two of our students participated at the ski competition held in honor of the Busan Metropolitan City mayor, the president of the Busan Metropolitan City Ski Association, and Superintendent of education of Busan. We are happy both Elizabeth Kim and Edward Kim won gold medals.



KISAC Middle School Girls Volleyball

Our middle school girls volleyball team stayed strong throughout the KISAC tournaments and improved with each game played. Both our A and B teams placed fifth in their respective divisions. They played beautifully.



SKAC Middle School Volleyball

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019 our MS boys and girls volleyball teams participated in the Southern Korean Activities Conference Finals. The boys played at BFS while our girls played at ISB. All of our teams played very well and improved throughout the season. Our MS boys B-team won their division at the Finals by going 3-0 to take the B-division honors prior to advancing to the quarterfinals where they suffered their only loss of the day to ISK's A-team. Our boys A-team fought hard in all of their matches and showed great improvement throughout the season. Unfortunately they were not able to string together their best performances as the tournament went on and our boys A-team was upset in the quarterfinals by DIS's B-team. Congratulations to all of the boys and their coaches (Ms. Taylor and Mr. Nelson) on a great season overall.

Over at ISB, our girls B-team really played their best volleyball of the season over their first 4 round robin divisional matches, winning three of those matches 2 sets to 0 before falling in their final round robin match in the third set by a score of 10-15 to GIFS. With a match record of 3-1 our B-team girls won the B-division and advanced to the quarterfinals to face the ISK/BIA A-team. Our girls gave them a very good match but it was not enough in the end and the Lady Sharks fell to ISK but ended their season with great promise moving forward.

Our BFS Sharks girls' A-team played outstanding volleyball all season long and continued to improve every time they took the floor to compete in the SKAC League. At the SKAC Finals tournament BFS' A-team girls won all 5 of their matches and went 10-1 in all sets played on their way to winning the 2019 SKAC Championship Trophy!!

By Mr. Patrick Galles

A-Team Girl's Match Record and Statistics

Round Robin:

BFS defeated DIS: (2-0) 25-12, 25-20

BFS defeated ISB: (2-1) 25-14, 23-25, 15-10

BFS defeated ISK/BIA: (2-0) 25-15, 25-15

Semi-Final:

BFS defeated ISK/BIA: (2-0) 25-5, 25-17

Serving Statistics: 45/47 (96%)

Ball Touches: 162/178 (91%)

Championship Match:

BFS defeated DIS: (2-0) 25-14, 25-23

Serving Statistics: 46/52 (88%)

Ball Touches: 287/305 (94%)

Semi-Final & Final Stats:

Serving Statistics: 91/99 (92%)

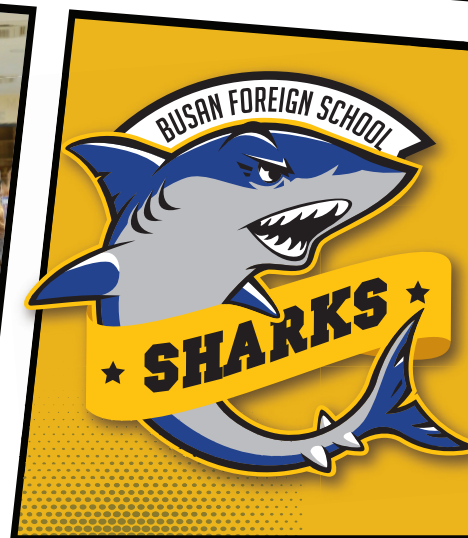
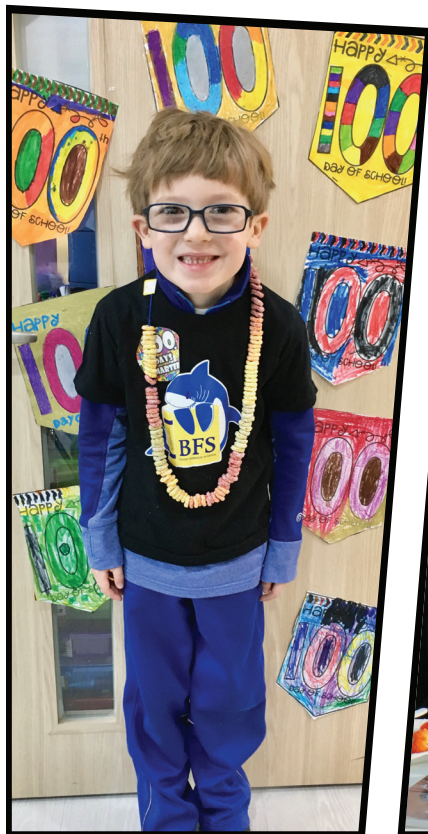
Ball Touches: 449/483 (93%)



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