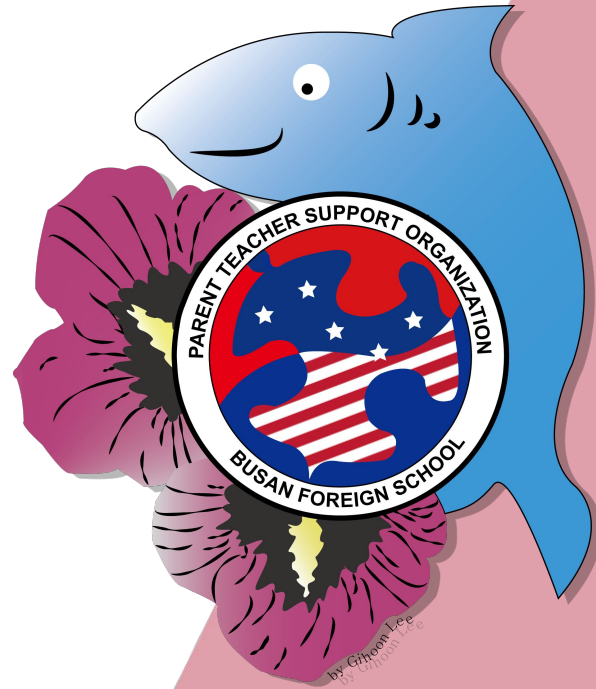


# PTSO & BFS

OCT 4, 2019



# BFS Updates

- PTCs. Next planned PTCs (March 5th, 6th)
- NHS Induction today at 3:40pm. Everyone welcome.
- Founder's Day (MS/HS Stuco ran). Join us for the closing Pep Rally @ 3pm.
- PSATs are coming up (grades 8-11) during school class (per.1 through 4).
- Sports season has started. Save the date for HS Volleyball Finals @ BFS on Tue Oct 24th.
- Changes in attendance tracking (email)

It was asked if parents could join. Mr. macfarlane replied that it would be great having parents at 3:00pm, during the end of day pep rally. There will be a prize ceremony for the BFS poetry contest, a teachers against students volleyball.

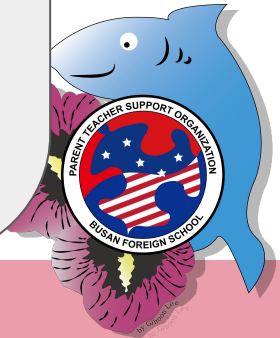
Parents asked more information. It was mentioned that an email had been sent from Mr. Saunders in the morning with more information about the PTSAT. This email includes a study guide. It takes about a month for PSAT results to be known.

Parents asked if there was a link between academic GPA, MAP results, and SAT results. Mr. Macfarlane confirmed that this is the case. He then added that PSATs are a way for students to start learning the format of the SAT. He reminded parents that for the last 2 years BFS has been hosting KAPIAN 10 day SAT Prep

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- Parents asked if it would be possible to have a translator during the PTS meetings. Because they do not always understand the finer details of what is being said.  
=> It was agreed one would be sought after. Ideally a professional translator.
- Parents asked if it would be possible to have some meetings between MS/HS parents and the Principal. The Principal agreed. It was further discussed to host those meetings half an hour before the PTSO meetings. Since Mr. Macfarlane will not be present at the next PTSO meeting, it was proposed that the first such meeting take place mid October.  
=> An email with a sign up form and a questionnaire will be sent to parents. It would be appreciated to receive some of the questions in advance so that the Admin can prepare. The Translator will be present.
- Additional questions parents had:  
Understanding the common core and MAP testing: the MAP tests help us see students' s progression and allow us to compare with other schools. Right now we are above average and at pair, sometimes slightly below with the East Asian International Schools, which is the strongest group in the pool.  
Scheduling: students seem to have little time to go from one class to the other... is there any way that can be extended? This would allow them to use their lockers more and have some time after class to ask questions to teachers.  
=> Mr. Macfarlane pointed out that right now that would only be possible if the time is taken from something else.



# PTSO - Halloween

- Candy donation requests have been sent out
- See attached proposals (games)
- Request for funding:
  - Total estimate = 283,000 krw with cactus candy purchase
  - Total estimate without purchase of cactus candy = 223,000 krw

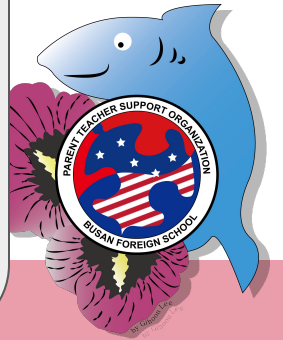


## Halloween Games 할로윈 게임

10.01.2019

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Haeundae-gu, Busan  
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- The request (283,000 krw maximum) was approved. However, there were questions related to the fog machine. It was discussed contacting Mr. Cressey to find out ways to create fog that are not that expensive. Also, a fog machine might not be effective if used in a large room, they can also make the fire alarm go on. Dr. Grant asked that the specs of the suggested machine be shared.
- Ms. Demers asked about the elementary parade and linking it to a MS&HS parade. The Parade is organized by the ELE teachers and PTSO does not participate. This can be discussed with the Elementary Teachers.
- It was also asked if there would be a haunted house and Suzanne confirmed HS Stuco wanted to put one together.

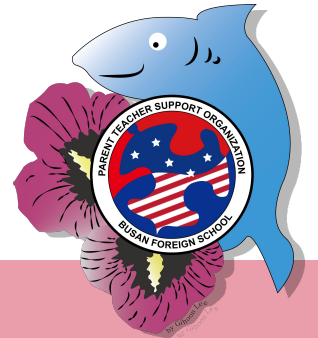


# Current Needs

Positions to be filled:

- Activity coordinators: Thanksgiving
- Do we want to participate at the BIWA Bazaar? (fundraiser)

- Two parents volunteer to help out during Thanksgiving: Hye Joung (Sharin mom gr.10) and Amy (Brayden gr.11 and Keegan gr.7 mom).
- There was hesitation about BIWA Bazaar participation. The parents then started brainstorming about other ways to fund raised. It was agreed it would be a good idea to ask for donation to parents and include in the request some small presents like a bumper sticker or a magnet school calendar. Another idea was for students to sign up to celebrate friendship by asking for flowers to be sent to their friends (or something else).



# THANK YOU!

Let's go for lunch!

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- NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, NOV 1st (Thanksgiving)

