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The International School of Busan Weekly Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 23rd September - ISB Community Run at Haeundae  
Saturday 23rd September - SKAC ES Futsal Divisional at ISB  
Monday 25th September - Team Building Trips (G6 to G10)  
Tuesday 26th September - HS Volleyball ISB/BFS  
Wednesday 27th September - 40th Anniversary Celebration  
28th September - 1st October - Chuseok Holiday  
Monday 2nd October - PD Day (No students in School)  
Friday 6th October - SKAC X-Country Meet at DIS  
Saturday 7th October - SAT at ISB  
7th to 8th October - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Trip

## Featured Story



It's finally here! To celebrate our 40th Anniversary and the Traditional Korean holiday of Chuseok. A special event will take place on **Wednesday 27th September 2023 between 1:30pm and 3:30pm**. Our guests include the Gijang County Mayor, Member of Congress for Gijang, the Consuls of Mongolia, China, and the US, the BMC Council Chair, the BMC Director of Education, Programme Director of BeFM, Chief of Foreign Affairs from Gijang Police, ISB Board Members and US Navy Representatives. Everyone in the ISB community is invited to join us to celebrate this fantastic milestone!

Please [fill out this registration form](#) if you'd like to join us!

## ISB on Air!

This morning Grade 12 ISB Student Ellie and Head of School, Simon McCloskey, were invited to speak about ISB to the listeners of Busan Worldwide at Busan English Broadcasting. They discussed the upcoming 40th Anniversary Celebration and highlighted the depth and variety of learning that takes place at school. Ellie spoke incredibly well on air, and host Stephanie Yoon enjoyed finding out more about what our school has to offer students as well as the larger community. You can [listen to the replay online](#) or [watch the live stream](#)!



Education USA ISB  
International School of Busan

### Education USA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ROADSHOW

October 12th 4pm - 6pm 2023

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International School of Busan, 50 Gijang-daero, Busan

## The EducationUSA U.S. College and University Roadshow 2023

The event hosted by EducationUSA Korea will be held at the ISB Campus on Thursday, October 12th 2023 in the school gymnasium. It provides an opportunity to meet with admissions officers from approximately 30 universities, ranging from 2-year community colleges to 4-year universities and graduate schools in the United

States. Everyone who is interested in studying in the U.S., including students, parents, and teachers in the region are welcome to attend. All details about the event, including a list of participating universities and institutions can be found on the following pages in [English](#) and in [Korean](#). Register [here in both languages](#).

## OPEN HOUSE!

Prospective parents can register for Busan's Open House by [completing this form](#).

For more information, please call 051-720-1100 / 051-720-1101 or email us at [admissions@isbusan.org](mailto:admissions@isbusan.org). Please share this information with anyone you think would like to be a part of our community.

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# OPEN HOUSE

Monday 16th to Friday 20th October

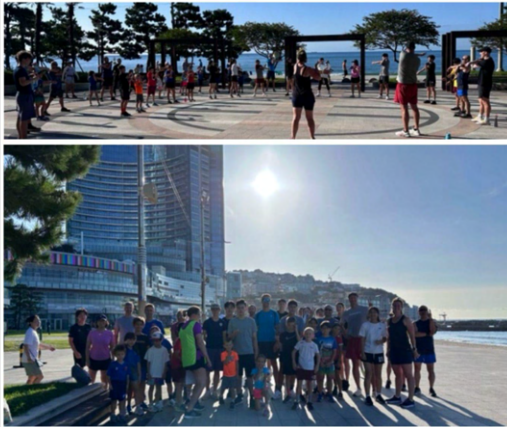
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## ISB Community Community Run

A reminder that our next community run will be this **Saturday 23rd September**. We look forward to seeing you at 7:30am at Pale de Cz (beach side). We will be completing a 4km time trial. **Students please wear an ISB t-shirt so that our marshalls can easily identify you.**



All student community runners completing the time trials are eligible to join the Daegu meet. Please talk to your coach if you haven't received an email and are keen to compete. A reminder that elementary runners are welcome to join us but should have a parent or adult guardian with them on the course. Join the [ISB Community Runs Mailing List](#) for more information. Share your progress on strava: [ISBusan Run Club](#).

Thanks!

- Mr. Aaron, Ms. Zoe, Ms. Meghann, Ms. Emma & Ms. Amanda



## Middle School Soccer Matches Against BFS



We enjoyed some friendly practice matches versus Busan Foreign School on Thursday. Both the Boys' Team and the Girls' Team played brilliantly. Special congratulations to Ellora for keeping a clean sheet in goal and to Morgan for scoring a great hat-trick!

## Photo Week at ISB

Thank you to all students and staff for a huge effort to make photo week exceptional. It was great to see so many smiling faces and school colours on display, as well as a chance for students to enjoy getting together with friends to make some memories. **Please keep a hold of your child's photo cards** and follow the instructions to pre-register and receive your photos as soon as they are ready. If your child was unable to attend their school photo, we will have another opportunity to take school photographs next semester.



## Gwangalli Free Family Event

Join the Twilight Ocean Festa on October 8th and 9th and enjoy some unique, ocean leisure contents with your friends and family.

The event has two parts, and participants can enjoy either one, or both, absolutely free!

### Part 1 / 5pm - 6pm

This program features ice breaking activities, Refreshing Beach Yoga & Meditation and Sand art activities.

### Part 2 / 7pm - 8pm

This Program gives you a blindfolded sensory experience, team yoga mission and firefly meditation for all ages to enjoy. After the event participants can watch the drone show together from 8 PM!

**Needed supplies:** Beach towel or yoga mat (or nothing if you prefer to sit on the sand, water, comfortable exercise clothes. You can [register here](#) for up to 4 people per reservation.

**2023 TWILIGHT OCEAN FESTA**  
in Gwangalli Beach

**10.8 SUN / 10.9 MDN**  
그루요가 · 컬러 비치 경성 · 나만의 모래 예술 등

**새부일침**

시간	주요내용	비고
16:50-17:00	유치부	유치부 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
17:00-17:15	유아반	유아반 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
17:15-17:30	초등 1	초등 1 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
17:30-17:40	초등 2	초등 2 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
17:40-17:55	초등 3	초등 3 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
17:55-18:00	중학교	중학교 응원 및 안전 사항 안내

**10.9 MDN**

시간	주요내용	비고
18:00-18:00	공연	연등 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
18:00-18:15	유아반	유아반 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
18:15-18:45	초등 1	초등 1 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
18:45-19:55	초등 2	초등 2 응원 및 안전 사항 안내
19:55-20:00	중학교	중학교 응원 및 안전 사항 안내

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## Happy Birthday ISB!

We are all looking forward to the ISB 40th Anniversary celebration on Wednesday 27th September, which will take place between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. We have a great programme of events to share with students. You can view the schedule for the afternoon below. **Please note that we are asking all students to wear their burgundy ISB 40th Anniversary T-Shirt on this day.** Everyone from the ISB community is invited to attend. We do hope that you can join the celebrations.



Simon McCloskey



**4**  
Anniversary

### ORDER OF EVENTS

ISB Orchestra Performance

Opening Remarks

Welcome Address by Head of School  
Simon McCloskey

Congratulatory Speech by Busan City Mayor  
Park Heong-joon 박형준 시장님

Congratulatory Speech by Board of Governors Chairperson  
Paul Edwards

Congratulatory Remarks by US Consul  
Nolan Barkhouse

Performance from the PYP Choir

Cake Cutting Ceremony

Traditional Korean Drumming Performance

Mr Kang's Music Band Performance

Grade 4 Korean Class, Traditional Korean Performance

Sammeul Nori Traditional Korean Performance



## International School of Busan

40th Anniversary

International School of Busan

1983-2023

## Outdoor Stage

We are pleased to announce that our new outdoor performance area has now been completed. This is a great addition to our facilities. Now that the weather has started to cool down, we are looking forward to some outdoor performances from students!



## From the Elementary Principal

PYP students love to explore their playground environment during their break times and there's plenty for them to choose from! Some like to pick out a tune on our outdoor Xylophone, others enjoy a game of football or frisbee, while some play their made-up games in the pebble pit and others explore nature or love to climb a tree or a rope.

A few enjoy playing on the seesaw or rope bridge until the bell rings and we all prepare for class. Happy Playtime!



Kevin Smith



## Elementary Learning Focus

### Sports Camp Success

We had 62 very excited students attending the PYP Sports Camp last Friday and Saturday. Students enjoyed an afternoon of sporting tournaments led by our secondary activity helpers. We had a pizza dinner followed by night games on the field with Flashlight Tag proving popular. Students then snuggled in for a movie night and popcorn in the gym.

The cafeteria laid on a delicious buffet breakfast for students to fuel them up for a morning of sporting activities. The PTA generously provided a delicious and healthy snack before students packed-up and headed home. Thanks to everyone for coming, we had an awesome time!

A sincere thank you to all activity helpers, teachers, and our generous PTA for helping us to make Sports Camp such a success!





Thank you to the Friday activity helpers; Aedan, Violet, Aun & Michael (left) and thank you to Jisu, Taehee, Seungwoo, Jason, Anthony, Emma, Jun & Jinwoo for leading the activities on Saturday. (right)



### World Peace Day: Assembly

Kindergarten helped the Elementary school think about how to act for peace during assembly time for the International Day of Peace. We made a video of what peace means to us and decorated talking sticks to help with some conflict resolution role plays.



### Hanbok Tuesday

Chuseok is just around the corner! We invite students who would like to wear their hanboks to celebrate Chuseok to do so on Tuesday. Students are required to wear their burgundy 40th Anniversary T-Shirts on Wednesday 27th September to our 40 year celebration. Please make sure you have yours ready for the day! Happy Chuseok! 추석 잘 보내세요!

## Grade 4 Lead the World

This week Grade 4 became budding world leaders by focusing on the systems needed for their countries! Each country elected a representative to focus on one essential system: health, safety, education, or transport. These representatives then joined forces with counterparts from other countries to brainstorm innovative ideas for managing their systems. The impressive display of communication skills demonstrated by our young diplomats left us in awe.



## EY1 Music

EY1 students enjoy chants, rhymes, songs and dances together in class. They also explore the different sounds of the instruments in the music room and inquire into how these sounds can be changed. This week we played the xylophones and listened to the long and short sounds we can make.



## Grade 1 Transportation Inquiry

Excerpts from a recent conversation in Grade 1 connected to our unit on transportation systems are developed to meet the needs of the community. "We made graphs from the busy, busy road." "First we learned about tally marks, we can use them to record types of transportation." "Transportation is moving from place to place." "We made tally marks for cars, buses, trucks, bikes, motorcycles, fire trucks, and police cars." "I saw many cars." "In our classroom we coloured a bar graph to show what we saw." "Graphs help us see information."





## Forest School: Beach Exploration

This week, Kindergarten and Grade 1 explored the beach during our outdoor learning session at Forest School. We created roadways, built 'Roly Poly' Cities, dug holes, created patterns, found many treasures, and worked together to make a slide. Students developed their social, communication, thinking, and self-management skills.



## Digital Citizenship in Grade 2

This week, Grade 2 discussed online safety and talked about some of the benefits and dangers of using the internet. This was the first of our Digital Citizenship lessons and we will continue to develop our skills, knowledge, and understanding, as we become more digitally literate learners. We exchanged ideas about 'What is the internet?' and then we tried to draw a representation of our thinking.



## Grade 3 News

This week in grade 3 we finished our inquiry into addition and subtraction patterns. We worked in groups to find a specific subtraction equation and then looked for other equations that worked in the same way. Then while colouring them in the subtraction fact table we saw even more patterns and could predict which ones to colour next. This week we also had a chance to meet our Grade 1 buddies. We learned their names and made a video on Seesaw together to introduce each other. It was a lot of fun and we had to use our communication and social skills to be successful. We look forward to our next buddy time.



## Piano Competition Success

Ashley competed at the WMN (World Music News) National Student Music Piano Competition on August 27th and won the top prize in the first and second grade division. She was placed with 1st graders given her Korean age at the time of registration, but achieved the highest points among all 1st and 2nd graders. Congratulations Ashley!



## From the Secondary Principal

Another great week of learning in secondary school. This week was full of learning activities as well as many classes having summative assessments or gearing their way towards end of unit assessments. With the increase of assessments at this stage of the semester, stress tends to ratchet up as well. Please keep a watchful eye on how your child manages their stress.



Gilles Buck

We hosted the first Middle School Battle of Busan in football on Thursday and it was nice to see parents support their children for this inaugural event. Great football action in both the girls and boys matches against our “across the city” rival, BFS.

This week ended with a MS Assembly (and High School house activities). During the assembly, we are highlighting the Chuseok holiday. Our Korean classes help the entire student body learn about the holiday and Korean culture.

Next week will be a short week due to the beginning of the Chuseok holiday but we will pack a number of important events into the week. On Monday, the team building trips at each grade level will take place and on Wednesday ISB will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of our school from 1:30 until the end of the school day including a number of exciting performances.

As you know, the Week Without Walls trips for Middle School and High School are open and ready for signups. Thank you to the many of you who have already completed the survey. If you have completed the survey, you do not need to complete it again. Please complete the survey if your child is in secondary school and you have yet to complete it. **Please complete the survey if your child will for sure be attending, may be attending or will not be attending.**

Having this information in a timely fashion is important for the organisation of the trips as well for organising a programme for the students who will remain in Busan. Based on our preliminary surveys, we anticipate that 90% of students will be able to participate.

If you have questions or are interested in sending your child but have reservations or specific needs to support your child, please reach out so your questions can be answered or possibilities can be discussed. The simplest first step is to email me at [gbuck@isbusan.org](mailto:gbuck@isbusan.org).

### Week Without Walls signups for Middle School

- [Sign-up for Grade 6 Week Without Walls Trip](#)
- [Sign-up for Grade 7 Week Without Walls Trip](#)
- [Sign-up for Grade 8 Week Without Walls Trip](#)

### Week Without Walls signups for High School

- [Sign-up for Grade 9 Week Without Walls Trip](#)
- [Sign-up for Grade 10 Week Without Walls Trip](#)
- [Sign-up for Grade 11 Week Without Walls Trip](#)

### EducationUSA University Fair

ISB is delighted to host the EducationUSA University Fair on Thursday October 12th from 4 to 6 PM in the ISB Gym. The fair will cater to ISB students and parents.

We also warmly welcome participation from students and families from both private and public schools in the Busan region and beyond. Please help spread the word and bring your friends and family along!

The fair will allow visitors to engage directly with 30 representatives from universities and institutions in the U.S., to discover a diverse range of academic programs, summer courses for high school students, understand admissions criteria and the application process, and seek clarifications to any questions they may have.

Education USA  
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY  
ROADSHOW  
October 12th  
4pm - 6pm 2023

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All details about the event, including a list of participating universities and institutions can be found on the following pages in [English](#) and in [Korean](#). Register [HERE in both languages](#).

**Date:** Thursday October 12, 2023    **Time:** 4 PM to 6 PM

**Venue:** International School of Busan (ISB) Gymnasium

Admission is complimentary. We look forward to seeing many ISB students and parents on that day to learn about higher education opportunities! Please contact the ISB College Counselor, Ellenore Hibon at [ehibon@isbusan.org](mailto:ehibon@isbusan.org) if you have any questions.

## Introducing

Each week we catch up with a member of our ISB faculty to learn more about who they are, who inspires them and what they like to do in their spare time. This week we met Grade 4 Teacher **Taariq Amaan**.

**Qualification and certifications:** I have a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of Sunderland, and a BA in Business Admin from the University of Bedfordshire. I also have certifications for Teaching in English in Multilingual Classrooms, and will be receiving additional certifications from the IB next month.

**What is your role at ISB?** I am a PYP Homeroom Teacher in Grade 4. I also run a Photography ASA and coach Basketball.

**Our community really is an international community! Where would you say you're from and where else have you lived?** I am from Sri Lanka, and my wife and I moved to Korea in 2020. I've travelled a fair bit, but this was our first experience living outside of home and it has been fantastic!

**What inspired you to become a teacher?** I've always enjoyed learning and teaching let me cultivate a sense of purpose, along with a chance to make a greater positive impact.

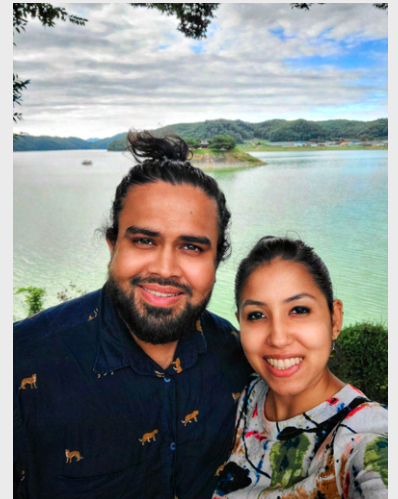
**What is your educational philosophy?** My teaching philosophy is centered on empowering learners to question narratives, think critically, and develop resilience. I believe in fostering a learning environment where young people are encouraged to be humble in victory, graceful in defeat, and unafraid to take risks.

**What made you choose ISB?** The sense of community and the opportunity to play a versatile role in students' education. ISB had a welcoming atmosphere that immediately made me feel at home. It is a smaller, close-knit community where everyone often takes on multiple roles, which I think creates an atmosphere of teamwork. Despite being an elementary teacher, I've had opportunities to work with students from all sections of the school, making my school year quite dynamic and interesting.



**What is the best part of your job?** Seeing my students grow, both academically and personally; witnessing their progress and development over time is genuinely rewarding.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I definitely have a collector's gene and have



so many things I am interested in! Maybe too many? But some things I definitely enjoy are photography, motorsports and martial arts. I am a petrolhead at heart - I love cars and motorcycles!

**What is your favourite quote?** “Real wisdom is not the knowledge of everything, but the knowledge of which things in life are necessary, which are less necessary, and which are completely unnecessary to know.” - Tolstoy

**Who is your most memorable teacher and why?** Funnily enough, my most memorable teacher has to be my 4th-grade teacher, Ms. Clarice. Maybe it's because I never really grew out of the 4th-grade mindset that I can relate to my students so well? :) I will never forget Ms. Clarice's kindness.

From the PTA

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Parent Teacher Association

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
October 21 | 10am-2pm

Sign up form coming next week.  
Join the PTA meeting on Sept 20  
for more information.

PASSPORT  
ISB BUSAN

INTERNATIONAL DAY  
SAT 21 OCTOBER 2023

We're still looking for more and more volunteers to help with International Day. Please email [pta@isbusan.org](mailto:pta@isbusan.org) if you would like to volunteer in any capacity! Let's make this one to remember!

If you would like to see what International Day looks like at ISB, take a look at [this short video from last year's event](#).