PTA Newsletter

May-June 2013

The PTA newsletter is a monthly update of social activities going on in and around the ISGR community. If you have comments, corrections or ideas for the newsletter, please email : ISGR.PTA@isgr.se

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Word of the PTA

The PTA welcomes ALL parents in the school to come and help in the running of the PTA and to help organise events for the children, parents and teachers. Currently there are many parents of different nationalities helping in different ways so please let us know if you are interested.
Come to our meeting on May 20th and meet us!

We have been lucky to have had such a dedicated PTA board this year, who have hosted many wonderful events and raised funds to support both PYP and MYP. We must however think about the board for next year.
Therefore, it is time to put together the PTA board for the 2013/2014 school year. The positions available are: Chairman, MYP Vice Chairman, PYP Vice Chairman, Secretary, Social Events Coordinator, and Classroom Represenative Coordinator. If you are interested in joining the PTA board please submit your name to Rachel at **Trcallander@aol.com** by May 15, 2013. Election day for these positions will be held May 20th, 2013 at a general meeting. All parents are encouraged to cast their vote. If you have any questions please contact Rachel

Spring Discos PYP & PTA Second Hand Sale

The Disco was as always lots of fun for the kids and we would like to thank the parents for supporting the PTA Discos and the Second

Hand Sale by attending and buying tickets. **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS, Siblings and 10th Graders WHO HELPED US** through the events! You are amazing and we could not have done it without you!
The disco team.

Save the date:

- Spring show - Wednesday May 15th :
  * Snowdrops Show :16.30-18.00
  * Tulips Show : 18.15-19.45
  Burgårdens Konferenscenter, Skånegatan 20, 402 29, Göteborg
- PTA General meeting & Elections – Monday May 20th - 8:30 am Guldheden Football Club

ISGR Teacher appreciation day.

Dear Parents and Students from ISGR.

Teacher appreciation is a feeling expressed worldwide, because teachers are that special part of the community helping us all to grow up and be better citizens.
This is why most countries celebrate either the World Teachers' Day (WTD) 5th October or their own national equivalents.
We would like to show our appreciation this year on
Tuesday 21th May.,
By offering them special Fika/ Brunch
With your favourite and/or national dishes.

"Teaching Is the profession that teaches all the other professions."
Anonymous

Would YOU like to help us to make it an unforgettable event for the teachers on both school grounds - Guldheden or Götaberg - please contact the organisers

For Guldheden Campus: Atie Schagen,
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For Götaberg Campus: Birgit
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Teacher Celebration worldwide: Albania 7th March, Argentina 11th September, Bolivia 6th June, Brazil 15th October, Bulgaria 24th may, Chile 16th October, Colombia 15th May, Costa Rica 23rd November, Cuba 22nd December, Czech Republic 28th March, Dominican Republic 30th June, Ecuador 13 April, El Salvador 22 June , Guatemala 25 June, Honduras 17 September, Hungary first Sunday of June, India 5th September, Mexico 15 may, Moldova 10 September, Nicaragua 29 June, Panama 1rst December, Paraguay 30 April, Peru 6th July, South Korea 15th may, Spain 30th September, Sweden 7th November, Taiwan 28th September, Thailand 16th January, USA first full week from May, Uruguay 22nd September, Venezuela 15 January, Vietnam 20th November.

DID YOU KNOW

Parents' meetings with the Board and Birgitta Sandström Barac, Head of School

On the evening of Tuesday 16th April a meeting was held for parents with Board members and the Head of School. The purpose was to give parents the chance to ask questions about the Board, their role and responsibility for the school. The meeting was rich with questions and answers and over 60 parents came. Notes have been sent out from this meeting to all parents and posted on the Facebook page. There are also the accounts of the school and the annual report available if you would like to read them. If you have a problem finding any of these documents then email Catherine Guillou at **robertsce@aol.com**.

Three more meetings were scheduled with Birgitta Sandström Barac – these are to increase communication with parents and their involvement in developing the international nature of the school.

The first took place on Monday 22 April and Birgitta presented her plan to introduce parent councils to represent parents and involve them in developing the school. She will be sending out more information about this in the next weeks.

The next two meetings are on Monday 13th May at 8.30am in the Guldheden football club and the following one on Monday 27th May in the evening 18-19.30 in the small Bamba in the PYP building at Guldheden campus. Childcare will be available close by.

You are warmly invited to come and participate in either or both of these meetings. The focus will be on looking forward and developing the international character of the school.

Birgitta is very open to hearing parents ideas and concerns, and taking them forward. This is a real opportunity to help make the school a better place for our children.

Catherine Guillou
For ISGR parents

PTA fund raising

Thank you to all parents and students who have helped with our fundraising efforts this year, we have raised money for both PYP and MYP, and feel that we are contributing to very valuable resources which will enhance our childrens education.

In PYP we have focussed our efforts in providing more IT resources in the form of IPADs. We have contributed 8 iPads which will be implemented into the classrooms as part of an ongoing IT project. We have also donated more than 12,500 SEK in classroom library books chosen by teachers.

In MYP we have donated video and digital cameras, together with animation and media design software for the media centre.

We have also donated money to our schools chosen charity Bibi Jaan in Dar Ees Salaam

Of course it is not just about raising money, we really feel that the community in our school have worked very closely to create a good atmosphere, organised enjoyable events for the students to create nice memories and experiences of their time in sweden.

Thank you everyone for your time and effort. We really hope to make a difference.

Wendy van Duijvenboode
On behalf of PTA

DID YOU KNOW

Country representatives

Below you'll find the list with the country representatives for the next schoolyear. We still miss a lot of countries. If you think you can be that person who would like to help the new people from your country to feel more at home in Göteborg by introducing them to the others or parents of classmates, then contact Chris Joosten-Vandegehuchte (chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl), 0708806658

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(until the summer – We are currently looking for a new one)

THE ISGR FACEBOOK GROUP

Find us on Facebook

How to join the ISGR Facebook Group :

1. Log into your Facebook account
2. Search for ISGR PTA Group
3. Request to be a member. In the message box please include your children's name and grade - this information will be used for verification only
4. You will be notified when the group administration approves your request

Joining the group is completely voluntary and does not replace any other means of communication.

See you online!

SOCIAL PAGE

Next social outing Tuesday 14 May 10:00-12:00

A guided tour of Slottsberget and Lindholmen

During our next tour we will make a little trip to the other side of the river Göta Älv, to the North Riverbank, the former ship yard area, now Gothenburg´s own little London Docklands.
After a short Älvsnabben ferry ride from Lilla Bommen to Slottsberget we will start the guided walking tour with the picturesque dwellings built by the former shipyard workers. Here once a castle and stronghold was built.
We will continue through the old Lindholmen area and will end the tour in the middle of modern Lindholmen with the spectacular bulidings Kuggen and the brand new Radison Blu.

9:45 Meeting in front of the Lilla Bommen (where the Ferries are leaving, ...) at departure point of 285 Älvsnabben Ferry

10:00 Departure Lilla Bommen
10:16 Arrival Slottsberget
12:00 End of the tour at Lindholmspiren

Who wants can join us for a lunch there before heading back from Lindholmspiren to Lilla Bommen.
Again we have a minimum of 15 participants and a maximum of 25 participants. If you want to join please let me know before the 8th of May by email **chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl** or sms 0708806658

Art Show

Tuesday, May 21st from 3-6 pm

Dear Parents, the annual art show is coming up! This is a lovely occasion when you can see your children´s art work on display (Guldheden). If you are able to help set up during that day, even just 30 minutes, please let me know. Any help will be appreciated to make sure that this fantastic event is a success! Thanks and see you at the Art Show!
Contact: **nadine@greasley.eu**

End of year picnic

Friday, June 14th, 11am Slottskogen.

On Friday, 14th of June, 11.00 am, the school year comes to an end and it is now time for the summer holidays!
To celebrate this, the PTA would like to invite all parents and children to a picnic in Slottskogen.
We will meet at the parking behind Villa Belparc Cafe in Slottskogen around 11.45/12.00 am. We will then walk towards the picnic location together. If you might be late that's no problem, you can find all of us easily in the parc behind the Belparc Cafe, to the right of the lake.
To create a nice international lunch for everyone, we kindly ask all families wishing to attend the picnic to bring along:

- food to share
- plates,
- blankets
- and some toys that the children could play with.
- your own drinks,
- cups,

We do hope to meet you all for the End of the Year Picnic!
(Please note that we will have to cancel the picnic in case it rains!)
If you want to join us, please send an email to:
Dorte Holm Egeskov: **dorte@holm-egeskov.dk**
or Mireille Landsbergen: **mireille.landsbergen@gmail.com**

The Pottery Workshop

The spring Workshop in Pottery was a great success, as usual, when Hanna was teaching the techniques on the pottery wheel. Gallery Hanna was inspiring the participants to create personal art!

Visit to Gunnebo Slott

In April we went with a big group of 28 people to Gunnebo Slott in Mölndal. One of the conservators of the castle guided us around and talked us into the amazing world of John Hall, the first owner of this beautiful summerhouse.
At the moment it was built the house was located far outside the city. One needed half a day by horse and carriage to get there, so at that time Mölndal really was the country side.
He asked one architect "Carl Wilhelm Carlberg" to design the whole house, the furniture and the gardens. As inspiration he allowed to architect to travel through Europe. Carlberg left Sweden for a couple of months, but he stayed away for 5 years because there was so much to see and so much to learn.
From the moment John Hall decided to build a summerhouse until it was finally finished, it took 30 years. The result is amazing and completely in wood, a nice example of neoclassical architecture.
It was a great tour, and we probably all go back to walk through the gardens and show our families around! Thanks for coming and making this trip a succes again.

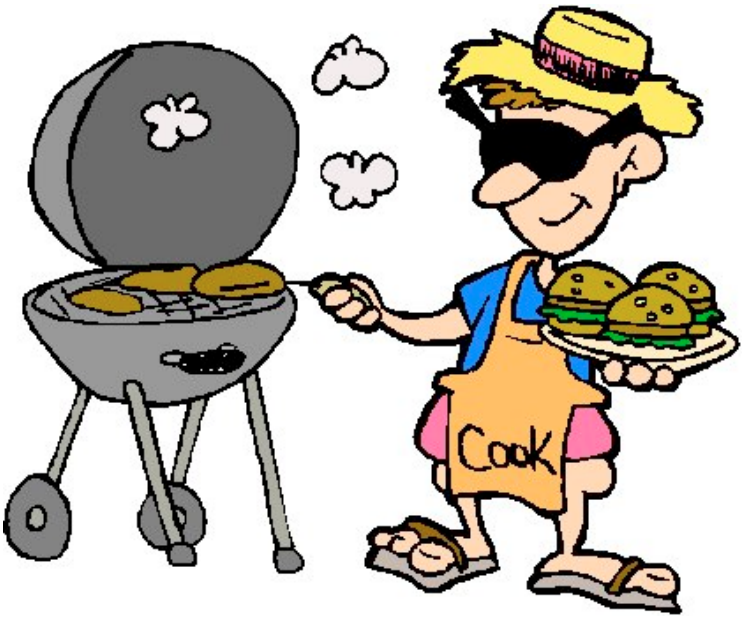
Intuitive art workshop

Painting with melted wax is just a small part of the intuitive art program Dutch Art Therapist Nanda Lourier offers in her art studio in Näset. This technique offers a unique, fun way of creating colourful artworks and at the same time this art style stimulates working from the intuition. Working with the wax enables anyone to create impressive art. The results can be mind blowing.
In May and June Nanda offers a three hour intuitive art workshop with these materials. Anyone can join; you can be an experienced artist as well as a first time art practitioner.
As she can offer only limited spots, she will offer the workshop twice.
Thursday, May 30th 9:30 – 12:30
Tuesday, June 4th 9:30 – 12:30
Price: 500kr per person (this is inclusive VAT)
All materials, drinks and snacks are included. As the wax dries very quickly, you will be able to take your artwork home at the same day! Sign up by emailing Nanda: info@riche-art.com and add the day you prefer. For more information on all creative activities visit her website: www.riche-art.com

Last social outing of this year in June

Kayaking on the Delsjö lakes with a lunch in "Bertilssons Stuga"

When: tuesday the 4th of June
More info will follow, If interested please send a mail to chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl



Welcome BBQ - Saturday, August 31st

The International School Parent and Teachers Association would like to invite you to a Barbecue to welcome in the new school year!
The BBQ will take place on Saturday the 31th of August 2013, so put a big X in the calendar.
The invitation is open to teachers, parents, students and families. It will be a great way to meet up with old friends and make new ones.
Mireille and Dorte
On behalf of PTA

WHAT'S UP IN GÖTEBORG: MAY- JUNE 2013

Universeum: The Dinosaurs Are Back

The dinosaurs return to the rooftop terrace at Universeum science centre for a second, even more spectacular exhibition. Visitors can walk through the pre-historic landscape accompanied by sixteen full-sized dinosaurs. They are hunting, protecting their babies and they are for sure keeping an eye on you. Several are covered in feathers and they all move and make sounds. The exhibition is an experience for the entire family.

Date: **Thursday 28 March 2013 to Sunday 6 October 2013**

Visit the North archipelago of Gothenburg: Skärhamn &Åstol

Stroll in the picturesque fishing village of Skärhamn, watch the boats coming in while enjoying a "fika" at one of the cafés or a cold glass of Rosé at the hip bar /restaurant "Tapas Baren" in the port.

Visit the only Aquarelle Museum in Scandinavia " Akvarell museumet" and let the kids try out their skills in the "Open Studio". The Nordic Watercolour Museum is open to all ages.

The whole family is welcome to try their hands at brushes and paint in our open studio, or else take a course together.

The Museum Open: Tuesday-Sunday 12-17 , open studio :Saturday-Sunday 12-15

Website www.akvarellmuseet.se

Don't forget to take the ferry from Rönnäng, (close to Skärhamn) to the tiny Island Åstol and visit the very well-known restaurant Åstols Rökeri where you can eat specialties straight from the salty sea.

http://www.astolsrokeri.se

WHAT'S UP IN GÖTEBORG: MAY- JUNE 2013

Göteborgsvarvet Half Marathon 2013

Göteborgsvarvet is one of the largest running events in the world and more than 44, 000 competitors ran the half marathon along the streets of Gothenburg last year.
The half marathon (21 kilometres) is open for participants 17 years and older. (already fully booked) Large crowds are supporting the runners along the way and around 50 music stations make the atmosphere vibrant. The days before and after are also devoted to running, with races for younger participants on May 19.
Date: Saturday 18 May 2013 & Sunday 19 May (Lilla varvet)
Like last year, ISGR will have several kids running together, so make sure to encourage your child to sign up and join in the fun!
www.goteborgsvarvet.se

FIM Swedish Speedway Grand Prix

Don't miss this World Cup race at Ullevi where you get the chance to see some of the world's best drivers. We can guarantee that it will be a thrilling evening for everyone in the family.
Speedway is a dense, tough and explosive sport that gives the audience an exciting, eventful and thrilling experience in the stands. FIM Swedish Speedway Grand Prix is part of the World Cup, taking place in various locations around the globe during the entire season.

Date: Saturday 4 May 2013
Info & Tickets: http://62.88.129.99/gotEventExtern/?selection=evenemangsSida&id=8677

Soccer: UEFA Women's Euro 2013

Gothenburg is one of seven host cities for the UEFA Women's Euro 2013. The arena, Gamla Ullevi, is also the Swedish national arena for women's football.
Sweden is in group A, playing in Gothenburg and Halmstad. The other nations in the same group are Denmark, Finland and Italy.
First game: July 10, Sweden-Denmark (opening match)

Gothenburg Aero Show

Over the course of two action packed days, you'll experience an air show and exhibitions with many activities for all ages.
At the Gothenburg Aero Show you'll see historical and modern aircrafts from both the military and civil line ups. There'll also be dubbledeckers, helicopters and a lot more. Both on the ground and in the air.
You'll also have the opportunity to visit the aircraft museum, Aeroseum, which is built inside of a mountain.
Date: Saturday 8 June 2013 to Sunday 9 June 2013
Info: http://www.aeroseum.se/

WHAT'S UP IN GÖTEBORG: MAY- JUNE 2013

April 27 : Liseberg is Open!!!

Info: www.liseberg.se

Äskhults by

Move 200 years back in time to the 19th century and visit these four old farms from 18th and 19th century,with roots back to the 17th century.
They are open from May 1st. You can have a guided tour or just walk around on your own. There are several paths to follow in the area if you like to stroll around in the nature. Coffee is served in one of the houses. Check the homepage for more information and telephone numer. It's situated about 45 minutes south of Gothenburg at Fjärås.

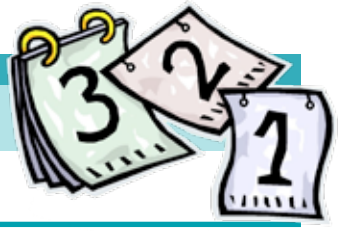
http://www.vastsverige.com/sv/kungsbacka/products/109374/Askhults-by/

Where do they make those towels

that you find almost all over the world? Well, not far away from Gothenburg. About 1 hour South East of Gothenburg, at Horred you will find Ekelund. If you like the towels, and the child blankets, and aprons, and table cloths etc ,that are made at Ekelund, then it's worth a visit to Horred.
http://www.linnevaveriet.se

Ekelund at Horred, Masterweaver since 1692

CALENDER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Info
Coffee & chat with Birgitta	**Monday, May 13th,** 8.30 am	The club room at the Guldheden Football Club near the parking lot.	All parents are welcome. Meeting with Birgitta Sandström Barac, head of school.
PTA Social outing	**Tuesday, May 14th** 10.00 am	Slottsberget & Lindholmen	More information on the social page of this newsletter
Spring show	**Wednesday May 15th**	Burgårdens Konferenscenter	More information on page 1
General PTA meeting & elections	**Monday May 20th** 8.30 am	The club room at the Guldheden Football Club near the parking lot.	All parents are welcome.
Teacher appreciation day	**Tuesday May 21st**	PYP & MYP	more info see page 2
PYP art show	**Tuesday May 21st** 3-6 pm	Guldheden Campus	More information on the social page
Coffee & chat with Birgitta	**Monday, May 27th,** 6-7.30 pm	Guldheden Small Bamba	All parents are welcome. Meeting with Birgitta Sandström Barac, head of school.
PTA Social: kayaking	**Tuesday, June 4th**	Delsjö lakes	More information on the social page of this newsletter
PTA Social: Picnic	**Friday, June 14th** 11.00 am	Slottskogen	More information on the social page of this newsletter
PTA Social: Welcome BBQ	**Saturday, August 31th**	Guldheden Campus	Save the date, more info to follow

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Info
Walks at Slottskogen	**Mondays** 9:00 am walk 10:00 am fika	Meet at Slottskogen car park near Villa Belparc at 9:00 am	We walk for an hour, then, if you have time, we go for a coffee at Villa Belparc café at 10:00. All parents are welcome. For more info contact **Miranda Eldridge** : miranda.panda@btinternet.com or by phone : 070 5747 668
English club	**Tuesdays** 8:30 – 10:00 am	Guldheden Campus Clubroom at Guldheden Football Club near the parking lot.	For parents who want to improve their English. For more info contact : **Michelle Steele** : steele5@telia.com or by phone : 070 3685457 **Mary Bailey** : mary.bailey@telia.com or by phone : 070 7694075
French club	**Wednesday** 9:00 – 10:30 am	Alternating between Christelles home at Örgryte and Florences home at Eriksberg.	For parents who want to improve their French. For more info contact: **Christelle Lemarchal** : christelle.lemarchal@gmail.com or by phone: 070 2092361
International choir	**Thursdays** 9:00 – 10:00 am	Askims church (Askims kyrka)	Cost : 30 SEK / session (we sing in the church but we are not a religious choir) For more info contact : **Michelle Steele** : steele5@telia.com or by phone : 070 3685457
The Göteborg Lunch Queens	**2 times per month**	To be decided every month	For women who want to try out different kinds of restaurants. For more info contact: **Catherine Robert**: robertsce@aol.com

The NL team members are : Charlotta Arenlid, Ann De Tavernier, Christophe De Vos, Annie Hembrough, Jackie Keller, Henriette Persson