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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to all

It was a cool start to the day last Saturday, but before long the clouds dissipated and sunny skies warmed up the throngs of adults and children enjoying the annual **ISU Fall Fair organized by the PTG.** (See the message below from the Head of Secondary.)



What a wonderful time it was! We were well entertained by **Adrian LaChance**, a member of the Cree Nation in Canada doing a ceremonial dance to bless the festivities and then, a short time later, the stirring music of **Jonon**, a local UB group who blend traditional and modern Mongolian music with Western music.



Overall, the feedback from teachers, students and parents was very positive. People were impressed with the quality of goods offered by various vendors, captivated by those creatively designed baskets prepared by each grade level for the silent auction, and challenged and thrilled by the games of chance and skill run by the students.

I was impressed with the strong sense of community that pervaded the Fair. What a great way to bring us all together for several hours to get to know each other better in such a festive atmosphere. Well done to all of the participants. The PTG organizes the ISU Fall Fair every year as a fundraiser – using the money for projects that will enhance the education of the ISU students. This year approximately **USD 3000** was raised!

And now we look forward to **International Week** in November. (*more about this event later*)

One other event that we are also looking forward to with great anticipation is the opening celebration of our [new sports fields](#). See the photos further below showing the black asphalt stretching across the back of our school now proudly sporting a green coat of artificial turf. We are planning for the official opening of the new fields on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – the day before we host a



**Grade 10 student-organised soccer tournament**– the first official sporting event to inaugurate our brand new soccer pitch. (*see poster below*)

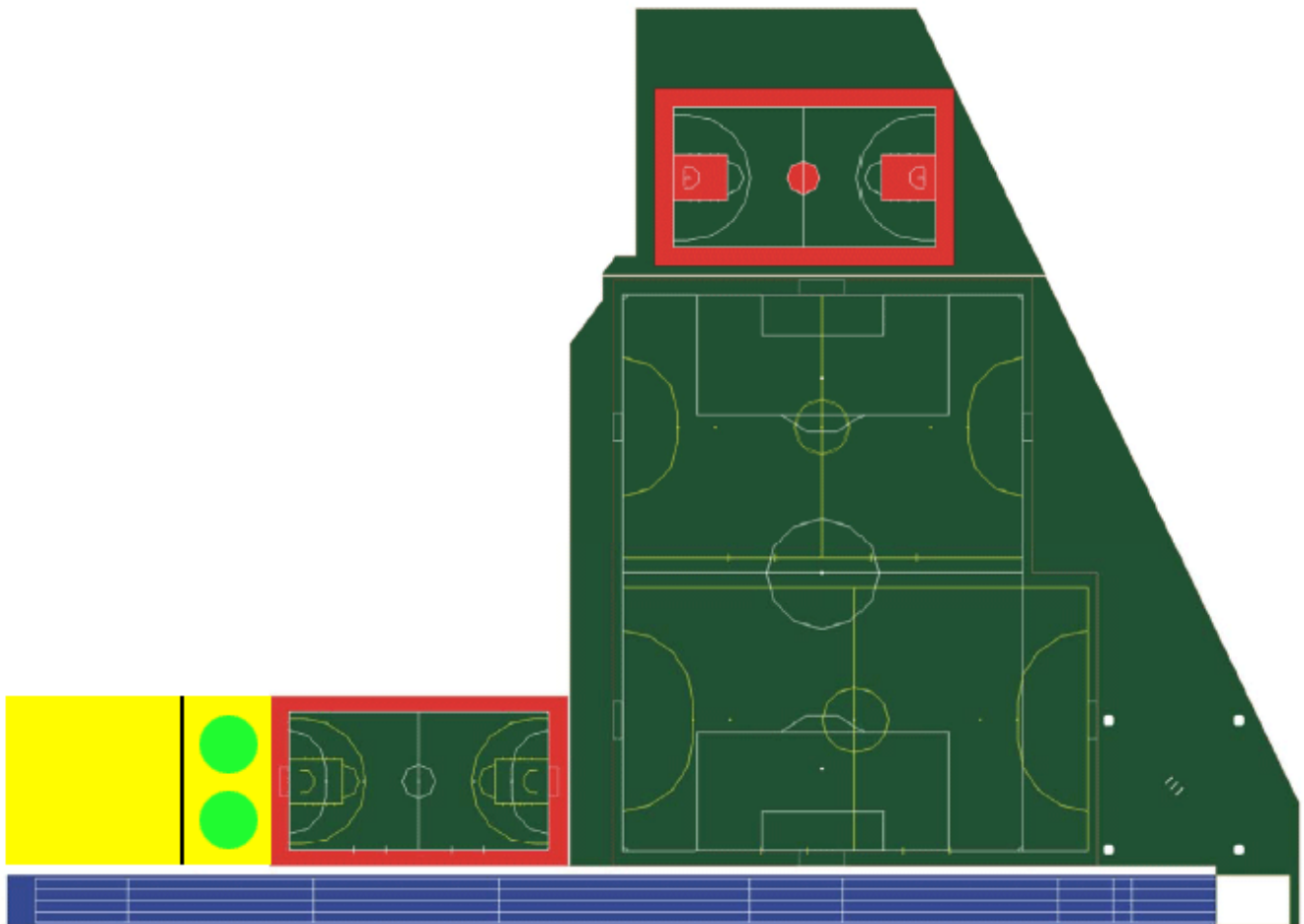
In the meantime, have an enjoyable first weekend of Autumn.

**Robert Stearns, Director**

# THE MEDEE

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Progress on the new ISU field continues and we look forward to celebrating its completion with the whole ISU community very shortly.



**DIARY DATES:**

- October 8 ISU Soccer Tournament 11:00-17:00
- October 9-14 IBO/CIS/NEASC Accreditation Team visit
- October 17-25 Fall Break
- October 24,25 Professional Development Day for Teachers

# ISU Soccer Tournament

When: TBA or October 8<sup>th</sup> 2011

Time: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Where: ISU Soccer Field

Who: Secondary students, teachers and parents

Entry Fee: ₮3,000 per person

Registration: Board near pool table, "ISU Soccer Tournament" on [Facebook](#)

Questions: Ask [Sung Eun](#) in 10<sup>th</sup> grade



## SECONDARY NEWS

The Fall Fair last weekend was wonderful! Thank you so much to all of the secondary students and teachers who thought up their creative games and ran their booths, as well as all of the primary teachers, teaching assistants and students who worked their games. Based on the rush at the prize table, the children all had fun.

Also, the first year of having baskets for auction was a fun new activity for the creators and the bidders! Certainly it seems that everyone here loves coffee – congratulations to the kindergarten basket for bringing in the most money as the highest bid basket!

Lastly, thanks go out to all of the adults who helped prepare for the Fair. It takes planning and perseverance to make the event fun and profitable for the school, and the core group of woman who put their energy into the event need a special thanks: Pam Mewbourn, Karen Bailey-Summers, Elizabeth Bailey-Summers, Erdenebileg Erendoo, and Elena Marchenko on the bake sale table. Without their background energy and organizing, the event would not have happened.

Our volleyball teams are getting in more practice and more games, thanks to the organization and energy of Kristen Idiens, the girl's coach. She has spearheaded a new league with other schools here in Ulaanbaatar, so we will have some more exciting sports events right here at ISU in the coming weeks, usually on Fridays or Thursdays after school. Thanks Ms. Idiens for your efforts!

The senior YACs will go out for an overnight hike and camping trip this coming weekend, so we also look forward to hearing more about our learning outside of the classroom programs.

The strategic plan points directly to these sorts of events for our students, and Mr. Dave Chilton has continued in his efforts to help our students grow in more ways than with books and computers. Thank you Dave! Have a great weekend.

**Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary**

## PRIMARY NEWS

It is wonderful to see the field and playground areas transition from asphalt to green as workers install the new turf. In just a few short weeks the entire surface should be ready for play. Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather this weekend!

**Rick Elya, Head of Primary**

## SPORTS NEWS



The Boys Volleyball season is already well on the way. It all started with try-outs welcoming many keen players from grade 7 to 12. Twelve players stood out and were selected to join the Eagles. Since then, practices have been taking place; the team is getting ready for the competition

This year, the tournament will be held from 27-29 of October, at BISS, in Beijing. Our Eagles team has been volleyball champions for the past two years, and as the French says: "Jamais deux sans trois" (Never 2 without 3), therefore, we are anticipating a third consecutive success for the ISU team. For sure, there is a lot of motivation and determination amongst the players. This was demonstrated during our first friendly game against ASU last Friday, with a straight forward victory (3-0). GOOOO EAGLES!



**Coach Durant**

## GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL 2011



With regular practices, hard work and dedication the girls are growing stronger everyday and are looking to step on the court at ACAMIS with the strength of communication, heart and skill all working together to get the wins that they all deserve. Last week, the girls played against ASU and took a victory of 3-0 overall, the girls took this opportunity to learn from experience what skills that need a little more time and focus in practice and got a chance to see what incredible capabilities they already have. We are looking forward to participating in more games this season in preparation for the big tournament.

Congratulations to all the girls on a great start to the season.....keep working hard and remember to ask yourselves... How much do you want it?!?!?!?

**Coach Kristen Idiens**

# T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!

Design a t-shirt with the **school mascot** (Golden Eagle), **colors** (black & gold) and **name** (ISU).

Submit your design and have a chance at winning a free t-shirt!

## **Deadline**

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 2011

Turn it in to your  
Student Council  
representative.



**Win a free  
t-shirt with your  
design on it!**