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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Greetings to all,

Two full weeks into the new school year and summer holidays are already becoming a distant memory! However, little bit of summer fun (and learning of course!) is being relived at ISU this week as our Secondary students experience three days of camping in Khustai, Buuveit, and Heaven's Envoy and then on Friday, our Primary school holds their annual picnic.

These two events provide a very important opportunity for all of our students, especially those new to ISU, to get to know each other better and to increase their collaborative teamwork skills, discuss some key issues at different grade levels, take on new challenges, and, at the same time, have lots of fun. Our teachers often find that through these shared experiences, a solid, positive relationship between them and their students can be formed. This in itself can be a significant factor for some students in raising their academic performance.

Next week our *After School Activities (ASA)* programme begins. We are very pleased to be offering a programme that we think offers a rich and balanced choice of activities for all of our students.

With all that is going on at school, my wife and I are also discovering what the Mongolian culture and environment has to offer. Last weekend we spent a day in Terelj with the ISU staff enjoying our very first *khorkhog*.

What a feast – for the stomach with such an abundance of delectable food, for the eyes with such a beautiful set of hills, blue sky and blue river all around us, and for the ears listening to the melodic singing of teachers and support staff as I am told, is the Mongolian tradition with their love of music. I just hope nobody recorded my off-key rendition of “I Understand”!



I've been told I should get out and enjoy the warm, sunny days these next few weekends because they'll soon be getting a wee bit too frosty. I hope you too have an opportunity to do so this weekend.

A quick reminder about the Open House next week September 8, at 18:30

Best wishes

**Robert Stearns, Director**

# THE MEDEE

The Weekly Newsletter of the International School of Ulaanbaatar

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## DIARY DATES:

Tuesday- September 6	ASA-s start
Thursday-September 8	Whole School Open House evening with PTG Cheese and Wine reception 18:30-20:30 pm- <b>PARENTS ONLY EVENT</b>
Tuesday-September 13	Grade 12 Parents College Evening-18:30-20:00 ISU Library
Thursday-September 15	Mongolian and Korean Parents ISU Orientation Evening-separate meetings-18:30 pm
Saturday-September 17	ISU Annual Fall Fair-11:00-14:00
Friday-September 23	School Photo Day

### Open House Wine and Cheese Evening

Please join us for the parent Open House evening on Thursday, September 8 at 18:30pm. Open House is the time to meet your child's teacher and become further informed of classroom expectations and curriculum. Please note that this is a time for teachers to share general information with parents, rather than a time to conduct individual conferences. The classroom/teacher sessions will be followed by the PTG's hosting of a Wine and Cheese social.

### Open House Schedule

**Primary:** In Primary there will be three sessions for you to choose to attend. Homeroom teachers will make the same presentation during the first two sessions and Specialists and Language teachers will be available the second two sessions.

### Primary Time Table

Session/ Time	Homeroom	Specialists (Art, Music, PE)	EAL/Mongolian Language
Session A: 6:30pm- 6:50pm	0	X	X
Session B: 6:50pm -7:10pm	0	0	0
Session C: 7:10pm -7:30pm Session C	X	0	0

0= presentation      X= no presentation

**Secondary:** 6:30- 7:30 Teachers will be at tables in the corridor for you to meet.  
7:30 All parents meet in gym, followed by the PTG Wine and Cheese social.

## SECONDARY NEWS

The school year has started out so well, and it is really exciting to see the new students and all the teachers excited about being here at ISU. We really are a great community and place of learning.

As every year, this week the secondary school has gone off to camp. It is always a highlight for all of us – lots of fun activities, hiking, time to get to know one another, games, and more. Please be sure to ask your son or daughter upon their return Friday evening how it went. More info will be ready for next week's Medee.

We hope to see all of you at the annual Open House Wine & Cheese evening on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. That will give you time to meet all of your child's teachers and see what we will be teaching and doing this school year. The event begins at 18:30 – please note it down in your calendar, as it will also be a good opportunity for you to meet our new director, Mr. Robert Stearns.

Enjoy the end of summer and start of fall and the wonderful weather that it brings.

**Betsy Hanselmann, Head of Secondary**

## PRIMARY NEWS

One thing that has impressed me most during my first two weeks at ISU is the friendly welcome received from all students, parents and caretakers as they arrive at school each morning. What a great way to start the day! Thank you.

Students are settling in nicely to the routines of the school day. I look forward to meeting you at Open House on September 8.

**Rick Elya, Head of Primary**