

2022-23 Community-wide Goal:

IST community members recognize that we are all learners and understand the importance of enthusiastically sustaining our love of learning throughout our lives. We nurture curiosity across the diverse domains of human knowledge and experience, developing and fine-tuning skills for inquiry and research, and celebrating all kinds of learning success. We think for ourselves but also understand the importance of working together in teams.

Dear Parent and Students,

I was absent from campus last week for two very different reasons, each leaving me with very different emotions. Firstly, I accompanied IST Music teacher, Russell Wiemers, home to his family in Australia. While it was wonderful to see Mr. Wiemers home with his loved ones, it was a sad way in which to end his time with us in Tianjin, and difficult leaving him knowing that he continues to face a long and challenging convalescence. **Mr. Wiemers asked me to express his sincere thanks to the entire IST community**, and to share his best wishes for Thursday's MAD Night. I believe I can speak on behalf of Mr. Wiemers in sharing the observation that our student performers did a terrific job. Mr. Wiemers would be very proud – kudos to you all!

After accompanying Mr. Wiemers to Melbourne, I returned to Tianjin via Guangzhou where I first attended the ACAMIS Board Meeting (in my capacity as President), and then the annual **ACAMIS Leadership Conference**, which saw some 450 teacher leaders from across 70 of our 85 member schools in attendance (15 schools from Mongolia, HK, and Taiwan were unfortunately still unable to attend). In addition to keynote speakers, the conference involved multiple peer presentations on all matters related to education, and the educational environment in China specifically. In addition to my general experience of collegiality and optimism for the future, I was also incredibly proud to attend three outstanding presentations by members of the IST community.

Mr. Schaaf and Mrs. Lobsey presented on curriculum change management (using reading as a case study), representing our school with great distinction, and with several schools asking if they could come to visit us to learn more! Making me even prouder, however, were two **presentations by IST students Isaiah Conway and Annie Zhang (student leadership of our Literacy Lab) and Isaiah Conway and Brandon Zhou (student leadership using XR Technology)**. As the only student presenters in attendance (and with the conference theme being 'Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow'!) they were warmly received with significant acknowledgement given for the quality of their content and their advanced presentation skills; they really were wonderful! I am very proud to say that IST students are already *leading today!*

And, just to highlight IST's strong regional status and reputation, I wish to remind you that in just two weeks' time **IST will host Asia's very first international school conference on the use of Extended Reality (XR) technology in teaching and learning**. Some 20 international schools from across our region (including Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Macao, and many of China's most prestigious

Upcoming World Celebration Dates...**Tuesday - April 25, 2023 ANZAC Day**

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

Tuesday - April 25, 2023 Portugal's Freedom Day

Freedom Day is a national holiday in Portugal, with official commemorations. It celebrates the 1974 Revolution that ended the dictatorship and started democracy. It also commemorates the first free elections that took place a year later on 25 April 1975.

Thursday - April 27, 2023 Netherland's Koningsdag or King's Day

The date marks the birth of King Willem-Alexander. Koningsdag is known for its nationwide vrijmarkt ("free market"), at which the Dutch sell their used items. It is also an opportunity for "orange madness" or oranjegekte, a kind of frenzy named for the national colour.



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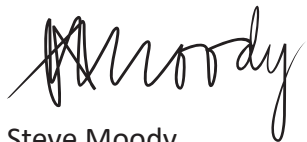
schools, such as IS Beijing, WAB, Keystone Academy, Shanghai American School, Nanjing IS, Hangzhou IS, and United World College) will spend two days with us on the 5th and 6th of May, learning about how we use XR technologies here at IST and in the process helping to develop augmented reality presentations on climate change to be used by UNESCO! Exciting times indeed, and real cause for us to feel very proud of our small school!

Keeping our busy week rolling, yesterday we welcomed five other schools (Nanjing, Shekou, Shanghai, Beijing and Macao) for the **ACAMIS Orange Division High School Football Tournament**. 144 students will play 40 matches over the three days of the tournament, with **the semi-finals and finals playing between 12PM and 3PM on Saturday**. If you can, do try to come along to cheer for all of the players, and especially our IST teams! *Go Blazing Dragons!*

I am pleased to share the news that **our incoming Elementary Principal, Cam Wallace, will be visiting our school next week** as part of the orientation and transition process before he takes over from Mr. Lobsey next August. Mr. Wallace will spend time meeting with all constituents and will be available to chat briefly with parents at 09:30AM on Wednesday morning, just before the parent education forum. Buses have been arranged, and all members of our parent community are most welcome to join us.

Finally, **today marked the last day of classes for our Grade 12 Seniors** who commence one week of study leave in preparation for the commencement of their IB Diploma Examinations following the May Day holiday. On behalf of our entire community, I wish these wonderful young people the very best as they begin what will surely be amongst the most challenging series of examinations that they will ever face! Please be sure to lend these students (and their stressed parents!) your strong support and best wishes on unto success!

Have a wonderful weekend, and don't forget the footy here at IST!



Steve Moody
Director



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FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023



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1ST ELEMENTARY'S

SPEAKING SPECTACULAR

**1ST THEATRE
FRIDAY, 28 APRIL
8:30AM**

**GET READY FOR AN
ELECTRIFYING SHOWCASE OF
SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES
FROM OUR KINDERGARTEN TO
GRADE 5 HOMEROOMS!**

Students will display their confidence when speaking English and show off their creativity in front of a supportive audience!



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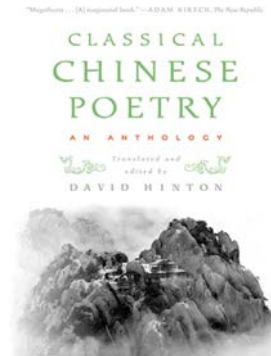
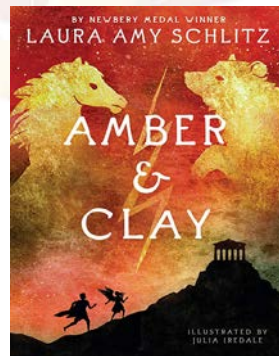
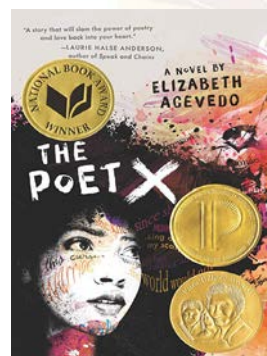
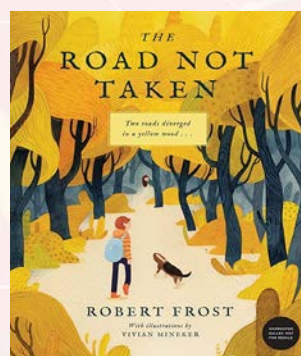
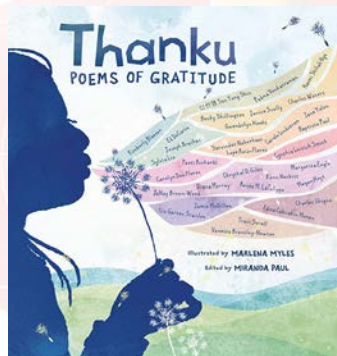
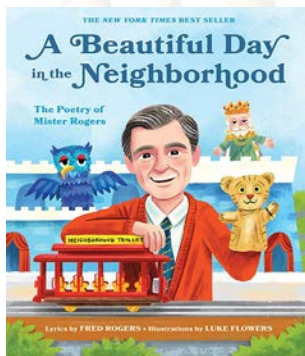
IST Library & Information Literacy Center

Our Mission

The IST Library is a friendly place where our community is inspired and challenged to think critically, read widely, act ethically, value creativity, and defend the right to access information.

April is Poetry Month

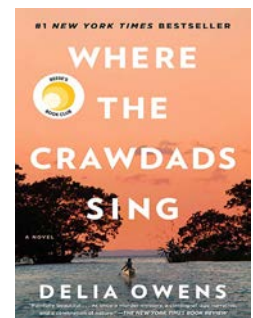
We're celebrating Poetry Month! The IST library has books of poetry for all ages, from poetry collections to novels in verse. Below are a few book recommendations from the library. Stop by the library to borrow your poetry books this week!



Parent Book Club – April 25 @8:30 in the library

We will be discussing our next novel, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, on April 25th at 8:30 in the library. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, Korean, and German. A digital copy in English or Chinese is available upon request.

All interested parents are welcome to join us for a book discussion, coffee, and treats, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. Contact one of our library staff to join our WeChat group.



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SHARE KIDS BOOKS

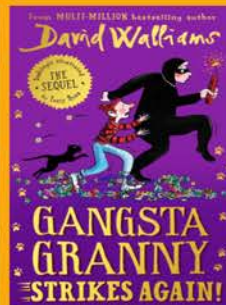
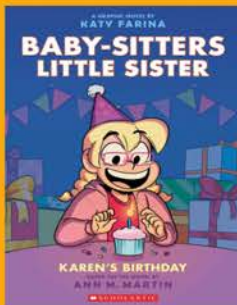
Welcome to Our April 26-27

BOOK FAIR!

April 26th - April 27th
Wednesday to Thursday



Follow Us for More New Books!





Food theme: Delicious Indian cooking class

Menu:

1. Basmati rice
2. Chicken curry
3. Egg fry
4. Kheer Desert



When: 28th April 09:00am-2pm

Where: IST Elementary Kitchen

Host: Sharmi

Cost: 100 RMB per person

Please join the WeChat group by scanning this QR code:
Max 16 participants, first-come first-served.





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PARENT EDUCATION FORUM

Session: I - Elementary*

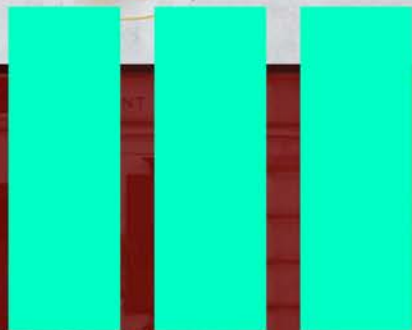
Meet & Greet: 9:30 AM

Join us as we chat with Mr. Cameron Wallace, the incoming principal of our elementary school!

Session: II - Elementary**

PYP: 10:00 AM

"Inquiry and Action in the PYP"



26 APR.

PFO Meeting
Teacher's Centre
Han Building

Time: 9:30 AM

Our Speakers



Kisha Hugh-Abban
DP School Counselor
Host



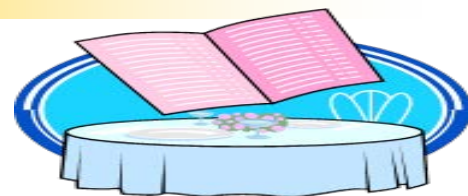
Rebecca Conway
MYP School Counselor
Co-Host



Jane Lobsey**
PYP Coordinator
Presenter

For more information or to suggest topics of interest please contact Kisha Hugh-Abban, School Counselor: kisha_abban@istianjin.org.cn
We look forward to seeing you there!

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EAT LEARN LIVE					
MENU G3 - G12					
	Monday 2023-04-24	Tuesday 2023-04-25	Wednesday 2023-04-26	Thursday 2023-04-27	Friday 2023-04-28
Salad/Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day
Western From The Grill Station	Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨	Chicken Schnitzel 炸鸡排	Beef Lasagna 牛肉千层面	Chicken Fajita 墨西哥鸡肉	Beef Goulash 红烩牛肉
	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 Allergy: flour, cheese, tomato sauce	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: chicken, breadcrumb	Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 Allergy: beef, cheese, onion, pepper, milk	Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Roasted Potatoes 土豆角 Allergy: Cumin, cajun seasoning, pepper, sour cream, flour	Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: tomato sauce, beef
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Spicy Noodles 重庆小面 Cucumber 拌黄瓜 Allergy: wheat, egg, seaweed, sesame	Noodles with Beef Soup 牛肉面 Boiled Vegetable 煮蔬菜 Allergy: beef, flour	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: chicken, curry paste, coconut milk	Kimbab 韩式饭卷 Fried Rice Cake 炒年糕 Allergy: seaweed, sesame, kimchi	Indonesia Fried Rice with Chicken 印尼炒米饭配鸡肉 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Shrimp Cracker 虾片 Allergy: samba sauce, onion, egg, ginger, shrimp cracker
Vegetarian		Noodles with Vegetable Soup 蔬菜面	Vegetable Curry 咖喱蔬菜	Bibimbap (Vegetable) 韩式蔬菜拌饭	Baked Penne w/Mozzarella Tomato Sauce
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Minestrone 通心粉汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤
Dessert	Banana Bread 香蕉包	Cookies 饼干	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Apple Pie 苹果派	Fruit Tart 水果塔
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 731	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g) 104	Fat 脂肪 (g) 23
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

EAT LEARN LIVE					
MENU NURSERY-G2					
	Monday 2023-04-24	Tuesday 2023-04-25	Wednesday 2023-04-26	Thursday 2023-04-27	Friday 2023-04-28
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Vegetable Pie Fruit Cut	Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cut
Set Meal	Stir Fry Noodles 炒面 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, soya sauce, oyster sauce	Chicken Curry 咖喱鸡肉 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Steamed Rice 米饭 Allergy: coconut, curry paste	Pork Rolls 猪肉卷 Sweet Corn and Vegetables 玉米粒炒蔬菜 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: flour, pork, soya sauce, green garlic	Baked Fusilli w/Meat patty 螺旋面配牛肉饼 Stir Fry Zucchini and Corn 西葫芦玉米 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Allergy: Beef, onion, tomato sauce	Hamburger 牛肉汉堡 Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条 Roasted Potato 烤土豆 Allergy: pork, soya sauce
	Fruit	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Drinks	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult	Milk/Yoghurt/Yakult
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Morning snack offer available at 6 rmb, Snack are only available for daily set lunch consumers.

DIARY DATES

Monday - May 1, 2023
May Day Break

Monday~Thursday - May 1~18, 2023
IB Diploma Exams

Thursday - May 4, 2023
ELA Entrance Testing

Friday - May 12, 2023
Elementary Sports Day

Monday~Friday - May 22~26, 2023
Secondary Exams (G9-11)

SPORTS DATES

APRIL

Saturday 22nd
ACAMIS FOOTBALL @ IST (3 Day Tournament @ IST)

Tuesday 25th
MS Basketball (Boys @ Wellington and Girls @ IST) (GIRLS HOME GAME)

Wednesday 26th ISCOT MS Basketball Tournament (Girls @ TGA and Boys @ TIS)

Wednesday 26th ISCOT HS Football Tournament (Girls @ Wellington and Boys @ IST)

Saturday 29th ISAC HS Badminton Tournament (Boys @ ISB and Girls @ WAB) (Beijing)

WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 3 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 6 Mar and ends Friday, 19 May
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Season three includes:

- ☺ HS Football -(Mondays and Fridays 15:30 – 17:00)
- ☺ MS Basketball- (Tuesdays and Thursdays 15:30 – 17:00)
- ☺ HS Badminton – (Mondays and Fridays 15:30 – 17:00)

Please do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions.

- ☺ Mr. Kennedy – Athletics Director (byron_kennedy@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Mr. Silvis – Activities Director (ben_silvis@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Ms. Guo Ying – Activities Officer (CCA's) - (ying_guo@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Ms. Durian Wang – Activities Officer (Sports) – (durian_wang@istianjin.org.cn)
- ☺ Activity Office: telephone 022-28592003 / extension 8150.