

**2023-24 IST Community-wide Goal: Understanding and Promoting the Diversity of Knowledge (IBLP)**

Our community welcomes and values the multiplicity of interests, ideas, and beliefs and values that exist within our international community living here in Tianjin, and beyond, and we are committed to providing a safe, open-minded, and inclusive environment for all. In embracing physical and socio-cultural diversity, we also champion diversity of thought and the critical thinking and open-minded inquiry and learning across a range of topics and disciplines that deepens conceptual understanding and intellectual growth and independence. We listen carefully when considering alternative points of view, and we are willing to grow and change as a result of sincere intellectual inquiry and discourse. We will engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance, we challenge injustice, and we take personal and professional responsibility for our roles, responsibilities and actions, and their consequences.

Dear Parents

As always it was wonderful to see parents in attendance at Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences these past Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. As you know IST has four main reporting periods –first and third quarter face-to-face conferences with parents and second and fourth quarter (end of semester) written progress report cards– all of which are intended to provide you with insights into your children’s school experiences and to set goals for future learning. I trust that you enjoyed this important opportunity to hear teachers and students alike reflecting on your children’s learning journeys, and of course for you to raise any questions or concerns that you may hold. Please know that you are always welcome to arrange similar meetings with individual teachers at other times; you simply need to contact the teacher directly, or call the school office, to arrange a time. Thank you for your support ... these conferences really are an example of the important partnership that exists between the home and school.

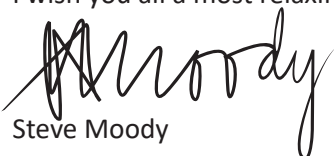
And speaking of partnerships, how wonderful is our Parent Faculty Organisation! As you know the PFO is always arranging all manner of activity and event in pursuit of our school motto and commitment to working together as a community, and many times these pursuits result in the PFO raising funds to dedicate to our school and/or other related endeavors. On behalf of our staff and students, I therefore wish to extend special thanks to our PFO who this week informed me that they are purchasing two outdoor ping pong tables for students to use during break times. Thank you PFO!

I’d also like to draw special attention to a community effort that took place this past weekend in the area surrounding the school where a collection of IST parents and students and supporters spent time picking up much of the trash that tends to be casually dropped around the school. IST mother, Christina Boysen, came to me last week to share the plan and I then arranged for the school to purchase 20 ‘trash pickers’ for the volunteers to use. What a terrific example of communities taking action to make our community and world better places! And now we have a good collection of trash pickers we can do it more often!

Finally, and continuing on with these themes of partnerships and service, I wish to congratulate three Grade 11 students –Yi Ting, Jeremy, and Kaja– who planned an “IST Well-being Day” on Wednesday morning to provide students with a relieving break from the challenges of schoolwork. With the generous support of IST staff and parents, these students arranged five engaging activities for students to participate in, including yoga, cooking, art therapy, and physical activities. Again, what a wonderful example of giving service to others and community partnerships. Terrific stuff!

And just in case you hadn’t noticed, Spring has arrived and with it our annual Spring Break vacation, and school will therefore be closed next week, inclusive of the Qingming/Tomb Sweeping holiday on Thursday!

I wish you all a most relaxing and enjoyable vacation.

  
Steve Moody  
Director



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## the Parent Partnership

I believe many of us have read and heard (many times) parenting advice suggesting it is more effective to tell a child what you do want them to do rather than what you don't want them to do – for example, instead of saying 'don't touch anything', try saying 'put your hands in your pockets' or 'hold your hands together'. So, if it's unhelpful to say 'don't be bossy!' what should we say?

I believe people want to be listened to and heard, people from all generations and backgrounds. So what if we could encourage our children to ask other people for ideas, and listen to what they have to say?

This way we help our children develop the narrative that they can take the lead, and can do this very effectively by asking others for their ideas and opinions. It is a great chance to channeling leadership skills towards inclusion.



## INSTEAD OF SAYING, “DON'T BE BOSSY!” SAY ...

“It's more fun when we take turns. Let's work on this activity together.”

“We can control our own choices, but not those of other people.”

“Was there a time when another person didn't listen to your idea? How did that make you feel?”

“You have strong opinions and I love that. It's important to communicate with them so everyone is open to listen.”

“Other kids can say 'No,' just like you can, and that's okay.”

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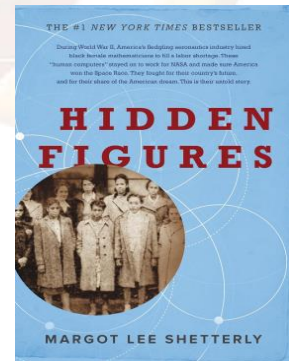
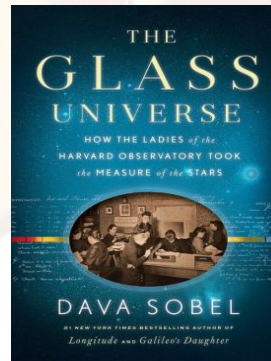
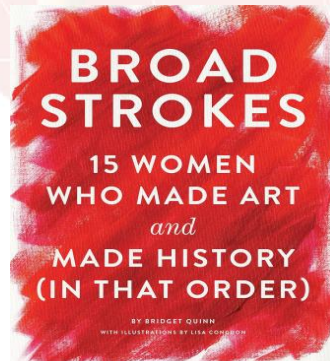
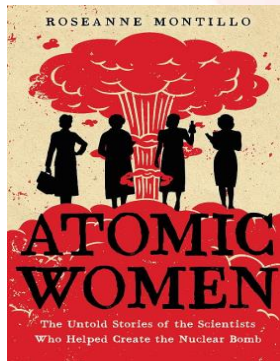
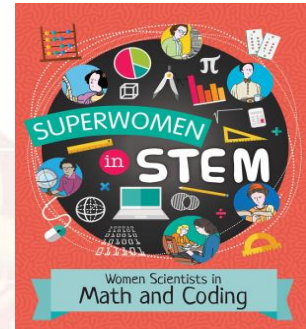
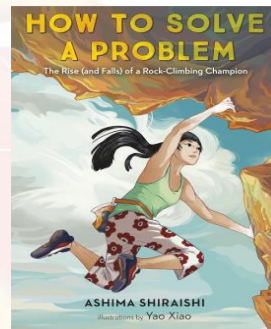
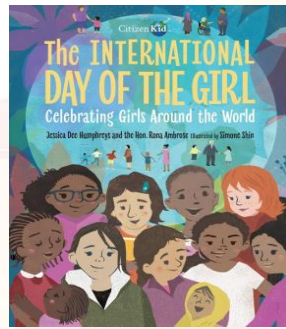
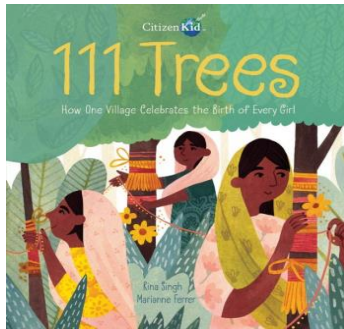
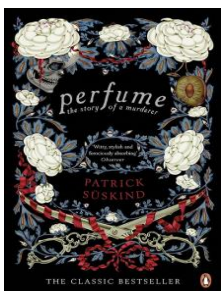
## IST Library &amp; Information Literacy Center

## 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.

## Women's History Month

In the library we have been recognizing Women's History Month and International Women's Day (March 8) with a display of books about different women throughout history. We have books for all ages that celebrate women's achievements throughout history. Here are just a few that are available in the library. Stop by the library and check out one of the books!

Parent Book Club—April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m. in the library

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *Perfume* by Patrick Suskind. We will meet to discuss this book on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in the library. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, French and Korean. A digital copy in English or Chinese is also 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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## Athletics

Since our last update, we have had some thrilling sporting events take place. First, there was the ISAC Basketball Tournament, where both the boys' and girls' teams showcased their skills and competed against formidable opponents. Following that, our teams had a local league game against TEDA, providing them with an opportunity to further demonstrate their abilities. Additionally, the HS badminton team participated in the prestigious ISCOTT Badminton Tournament, where they put their talents to the test. Below, are some write-ups from these sporting events:

## IST MS Girls Basketball

The ISAC basketball girls' tournament in Beijing showcased the incredible commitment of the Grade 6, 7, and 8 girls. In the first game, they demonstrated their dedication by implementing key strategies such as passing, ball movement, and utilizing post players on offense. Despite facing challenges with shooting, our perseverance never wavered but we ended up tying the first game.



The second game presented a formidable opponent, and our strong defensive skills shone through. However, shooting remained a struggle, and our front players faced tough blocks. Unfortunately, we lost the game with a score of 2-7.

Finally, during our third game, our confidence resurged, leading to more successful shots. But the opponent had formidable shooting skills, and even though our team's defense proved exceptional, we lost the game with a score of 8-19. Overall, the girls displayed resilience, skill, and growth throughout the tournament.

Last Wednesday presented an opportunity for the girls to demonstrate their development in a match against the TEDA girls. The supporters were able to witness the noticeable progress they had made, leading to a decisive 16-2 victory.

## IST MS Boys Basketball

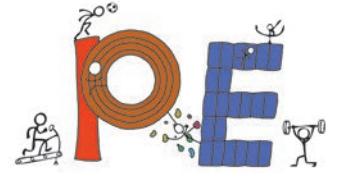
The Boys ISAC Basketball tournament provided an intense and formative experience for the team.

In the initial faceoff against Harrow, the boys engaged in a closely contested match, highlighting their competitive nature and ability to rise to the challenge. While the outcome may not have favored them, the game undoubtedly served as a valuable learning opportunity, allowing the team to adapt and grow.



The tournament also presented a formidable encounter with the powerhouse team from Keystone, a match that proved to be a significant test of the team's resilience and adaptability. Despite facing

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a tough loss, the boys maintained a positive attitude and exhibited commendable sportsmanship, reflecting their dedication to the sport and the values of teamwork.

The tournament's climax unfolded during the final game against YCIS, where the team encountered a substantial deficit in the first half. However, what ensued was a remarkable demonstration of grit and determination. The boys rallied in the second half, ultimately turning the tide and securing a hard-earned second-half victory. Unfortunately, the gap from the first half was too big and YCIS walked away with the victory.

Through these consecutive games, the tournament provided a platform for the team to showcase their skills, adaptability, and unity. It also offered firsthand insight into the invaluable experiences that ultimately contribute to their growth as athletes and individuals. As they navigate through this tournament and beyond, the acquired lessons and moments of triumph and struggle will undoubtedly shape their ongoing development and future successes.

The boys showcased their newfound knowledge from the ISAC tournament in Beijing during their game against TEDA on Wednesday, resulting in an impressive 30-23 victory. Congratulations on a job well done!

## **IST High School Badminton**

At the ISCOT High School badminton tournament hosted by IST on Saturday, the 23rd, IST student-athletes were dazzled with their exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Nuonuo and Kirika gracefully secured 3rd place in girls' doubles Division 1, while Mi Na and Crystal triumphantly claimed 1st place in Division 2. The intense competition in girls' singles saw Nuonuo clinching 3rd place in Division 1, while Annie showcased her prowess by capturing 1st place in Division 2.



In an impressive display of talent, IST boys dominated the singles competition, with Hanho, Brandon, Moritz, and Henry showcasing their skills at the top of Division 1, and Heesung impressively securing 3rd place in Division 2. The breathtaking action continued in boys' doubles, with Hanho and Henry emerging as champions and Brandon, and Moritz shining in 3rd place.

The IST badminton team's remarkable success at the ISCOT tournament is a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and exceptional abilities. Congratulations to all the student-athletes for their outstanding performances and sportsmanship on the court!

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FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2024



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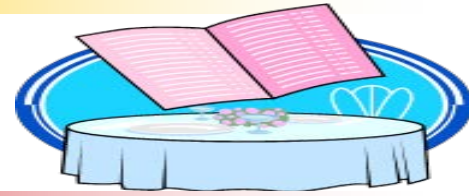
## LEARN MORE ABOUT COFFEE AND TRY TO MAKE BARISTA ART

APRIL 10TH  
9.30AM OR 11.15AM  
EACH SESSION 1.5 HOUR  
LOCATION - 1ST ELEMENTARY MEETING ROOM



Only 20 rmb/person  
Scan the code to join the group

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EAT LEARN LIVE MENU G2-G12					
	Monday 2024-04-08	Tuesday 2024-04-09	Wednesday 2024-04-10	Thursday 2024-04-11	Friday 2024-04-12
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	Penne Tomato with Creamy Cheese Sauce 奶油芝士焗面  Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬  Allergy: milk, flour, cheese	Chicken and Ham Roll 火腿芝士鸡肉卷  Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜  Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆  Allergy: milk, herb	Chili Con Carne 墨西哥炒牛肉馅  Steamed Black Beans 蒸黑豆  Steamed Rice 米饭  Allergy: beef, pepper, onion, cumin, cajun seasoning, black beans	Chicken Burger 鸡肉汉堡  French Fries 薯条  Allergy: chicken, flour, tomato, cucumber, lettuce, mayonnaise	Plum Pork Chops 西梅猪排  Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬  Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥  Allergy: pork, plum, cream
Asian From The Wok/Noodle Station	Eggplant and Potato Stewed 地三鲜  Spicy Tofu 麻辣豆腐  Allergy: chili, soya sauce	Beef Teriyaki 日式肥牛饭  Stir fry Cabbage 炒洋白菜  Steamed Rice 米饭  Allergy: beef, flour	Pork Dumplings 猪肉水饺  Cucumber Salad 拌黄瓜  Allergy: wheat, soya sauce	Bibimbap 韩式拌饭  Steamed Rice 米饭  Allergy: chicken, onion, pepper, chili paste	Sauteed Chicken with Chili 辣子鸡  Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜  Steamed Rice 米饭  Allergy: Soya sauce, garlic, ginger
Vegetarian		Sauteed Potatoes 干锅土豆	Vegetables and Egg Dumplings 蔬菜鸡蛋水饺	Bibimbap 韩式蔬菜拌饭	Stir Fried Zucchini 素炒西葫芦
Soup	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤	Borch 罗宋汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤	Pumpkin Soup 南瓜汤
Dessert	Swiss Roll 瑞士卷	Mini Muffin 小玛芬	Mousse 木司	Carrot Cake 胡萝卜蛋糕	Chocolate Cake 巧克力蛋糕
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 715	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水化合物 (g) 102	Fat 脂肪 (g) 16
Nutritional recommendation 营养建议		725	25	100	25

EAT LEARN LIVE MENU NURSERY-G1					
	Monday 2024-04-08	Tuesday 2024-04-09	Wednesday 2024-04-10	Thursday 2024-04-11	Friday 2024-04-12
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	Meat Loaf 牛肉面包  Vegetable Sticks 蔬菜条  Mashed Potato 土豆泥  Allergy: beef, soya sauce
Fruit	Fruit of the Day	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~Friday - April 1~5, 2024  
Spring Break

Tuesday - April 9, 2024  
Elementary group photo shoot day

Thursday - April 11, 2024  
Secondary group photo shoot day

Monday~Friday - April 15~19, 2024  
Secondary Speaking Spectacular

Wednesday - April 24, 2024  
Elementary Speaking Spectacular

Wednesday - May 1, 2024  
May Day Break

Wednesday~Saturday - May 1~18, 2024  
IB Diploma Exams

Tuesday - May 7, 2024  
ELA Entrance Testing

## SPORTS DATES

Saturday 13 April -  
ISCOT HS Football Tournament (Boys @ WEL;  
Girls @ IST)

Saturday 13 April -  
ISCOT MS Basketball Tournament (Boys@  
TEDA; Girls @ TIS)

18 - 20 April -  
ACAMIS Football (Boys and Girls @ TIS  
Macau)

18 - 20 April -  
ACAMIS Badminton (Boys and Girls @ NIS  
Nanjing)

Saturday 27 April -  
ISAC HS Football Tournament (TBD)

Saturday 11 May -  
ISAC MS Basketball Tournament (Boys @  
HBJ; Girls @ IST)

## WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

Season 3 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 11 Mar and ends Friday, 24 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
- ☺ HS Badminton - Mondays and Fridays - 15:30 - 17:00
- ☺ MS Basketball - Tuesdays and Thursdays - 15:30 - 17:00

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

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