Welcome to The Globe, a special newsletter just for Grandparents & Special Friends of the International School of Portland. Each edition is filled with stories, photos and opportunities to get involved. Whether you’re just down the road or halfway across the globe, we’ll help you stay connected to the students you love.

Sliding into Fall at ISP!

We are excited to send you our first issue of The Globe for the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for being a special part of the ISP community!

Our students are engaged in their first units of inquiry for the school year and are enjoying engaging and learning with one another in their classrooms. It feels a bit more like the days before Covid. We are a deeply committed and passionate community of learners. We continually strive to fill the world with global citizens and we are thankful to be united on campus. All of us come together to make ISP the community that is. And it truly is an amazing place!
As we emerged from pandemic restrictions last spring, we started to gather again—as a school, as a community and as a “family.” We could see our community shine again. We find inspiration and support in one another and we all combine to make up the vibrant and dynamic force that is the ISP community. And our community is what makes our mission possible and prepares our students for the future where they will be able to set the standard for what it truly means to be a global citizen.

We invite you to join us on our journey of raising upstanding global citizens with a

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Introducing our New Educational Leadership Team Members

We are excited to announce that we have hired Jason Johnston, to be our new Head of Elementary! Jason has a wealth of experience and has been with the IB Primary Years Programme since its inception. He is a member of the IB Educator Network, presents workshops, and evaluates and consults with PYP schools to move them on their journeys. He has been a classroom teacher, PYP Coordinator, Dean of Students, and Elementary Principal at multiple schools in Mexico and the United States. Jason was a natural fit to be our new Head of Elementary and he is very excited about being here at ISP!

We are pleased to introduce Erin Porter as our new Student Support Services Coordinator! Erin currently is working towards her Doctorate in Neuroeducation and is passionate about finding ways of leveraging students’ strengths to overcome their challenges. She has worked as a school principal, learning specialist, elementary teacher, and literacy specialist in schools and now uses neuroscience-based methods to help build student agency so they can understand and best support their learning. She comes with a wealth of experience with many of the tools and approaches we use at ISP. She has even started her very own children’s book store!
Save the Date!

We are excited to host our Global Auction Gala this year in person! We are planning a weekend of fun community events including a preview party at Learners Hall on campus and our dinner and live auction at the Loft on 8th in SE Portland. Due to its popularity, we will be keeping our silent auction online. Bidding will start on February 9!

Tickets go on sale November 7.
More details can be found at www.intlschool.org/globalgala
The Deloris A. Spear Center for Excellence in Teaching at The International School of Portland was established in 2020 with the generous support from the Spear Family, an ISP alumni family and long-time supporter of the school. The Center aims to serve as the hub for educational innovation and professional learning in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to hosting conferences and workshops, the Center provides opportunities for educators from ISP and outside to come together and share best practices in international education, as well as work to develop a network of highly skilled educators who are invested in international education.

On October 14-15, the Center held its inaugural in-person conference, titled Crafting Inquiry: PDX 2022. More than 100 early childhood and middle-school educators and administrators from around the country attended, with another 40 from around the world taking part through a virtual livestream. The conference featured four world-renowned educators and presenters in inquiry-based teaching practices: Kath Murdoch, Trevor MacKenzie, Stephanie Harvey and Kimberly Mitchell.

“Inquiry-based learning not only instills in students a true love of learning and the ability to pursue knowledge throughout life, but perhaps more importantly, it teaches how to approach challenging issues with empathy and compassion—two things we need in the world more than ever,” said Bodo Heiliger, Head of School at the International School of Portland. “The Spear Center is dedicated to furthering inquiry-based learning, and we were honored to welcome this group of extraordinary educators to our inaugural conference.”