



A message from the PTA

The ISI PTA would like to thank all the parents that participated in the annual PTA General Meeting. We appreciate the great turn out and wonderful ideas.

The general meeting is held to provide an annual report from the board of the PTA, elect new volunteer parents into open positions, get feedback and general new ideas. At the meeting the articles of association and the financial statement were approved. In addition, it was agreed to increase the optional membership fee by 500 kr. Thus, new **minimum of 2500 kr. per family with option to donate more** was approved.

We thank our parents for their participation in an active brainstorming session to help generate ideas and provide direction for the coming year to the PTA.

We are pleased to welcome our new PTA Board members listed on the left as we incorporate the board alternates into board members for this year and agreed position of VP can remain undefined without changing article of association for this year. We also thank Gem King and Kirsten Kummerfeld for their hard work and dedication over the last year.

We would like to thank those volunteers who helped us last year and would like to congratulate our new Board Members, Class, Grunnstoð and School Council Representatives and Auditors who are also listed in the boxes to the left and below.

Our parent and teacher volunteers play an important role in our school community and in their children's education.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer to help our children's school continue to be a great place for them to learn and grow.

Your ISI PTA

ISI PTA 2016-2017

Board of Directors:

Sigrun Boatwright, Chairperson
Laurie Wilkins, Treasurer
Tatjana Jastsuk, Board Member
Zuzana Rutenberg, Board Member
Vanessa Clemeur, Board Member
Stephanie Cortembos, Board Member
Erica Takahashi, Board Member
Ann Thorsson, Teacher Representative

Auditors (2):

Ivan Mladenovic
Hjörleifur Pálsson

Grunnstoð Representatives:

Páll Viggosson
Laurie Wilkins

Class Representatives

Drekafoss: Erica Takahashi & Gigja Spriggs
Skógafoss : Ásdis Sigríðardóttir
Hraunfoss: Vanessa Clemeur & Stephanie Cortembos
Goðafoss : Liz Lay & Yuko Motoyanagi
Gullfoss: Stephanie Cortembos & Ilva Krama

ISI School Council

Principal: Hanna Hilmarsdóttir
Teachers: Kirsten Kummerfeld , Lára Stefánsdóttir
Parents:, Erica Takahashi, Gunnar Þórisson, Sigrun Boatwright, Wendy Richards
Two ISI students

Parents & Family:



The ISI PTA promotes the community spirit of our school family. We again offered new parents access to our **Buddy Program**, where new families to the school can partner with an existing ISI family in order to ease the transition to a new school, new city, and new country. We have already partnered one new family with a buddy and it's still not too late, if any new families want to be connected to a buddy, just contact the PTA by email.

Cooperation:

Grunnstöð Garðabæjar is an umbrella association for parent representatives of Parent Associations and School Boards of all primary schools in Garðabær. ISI has been a member since March 2013, this year represented by Pall Viggooson with support of Laurie Wilkins.

Grunnstöð works on matters that concerns all the schools of Garðabær and assists and gives advice on school and family related matters to the Town Council. The purpose of the association is to strengthen the voice of the parents in the community and to join their forces for the good of the school community. Grunnstöð meets with the Mayor of the Garðabær twice a year.



ISI Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 10/10 PTA recognizes Teacher Appreciation Day!
- 14/10 ISI Wear Something Pink Day
- TBD PTA T-shirt and Hoodie Sale starts
- 24/10 ISI Staff Day (not a regular school day)
- 26/10 ISI Wear Sunglasses Day
- 28/10 ISI Halloween Party

ISI Teacher Appreciation Day will be celebrated October 10th by the PTA!



Two years ago the ISI PTA celebrated UNESCO's World Teacher Appreciation Day (official the 5th of October) and was the first school in Iceland to recognize this important event. The ISI PTA was later recognized on May 20th, 2015 by Heimili og Skóli, an organization which advises and assists parents and parent associations in Iceland. ISI expressed their congratulations : "We feel so fortunate to have such hard-working, creative and dedicated parents!" ISI in cooperation with the PTA was the first school to bring this important recognition to Iceland. Other schools in Iceland now recognize this day. On October 5th, 2016 both ISI and Sjalandskili held a recognition during morning singing for Teacher Appreciation Day. A video of students expressing their gratitude of their teachers of both schools was shown among other things.

Teachers play a vital role in society and this day marks an opportunity to recognize their contribution to education and development of young minds. To add to the school celebration this year, the PTA is happy to express their appreciation of Teachers **this Monday, October 10th**, by again providing a luncheon for teachers and a gift

How can parents help? Please remind your children to thank their teachers that day – they can even give them a hand written letter or card! Contact the PTA if you want to contribute to the luncheon by this Friday.

Missed the General Meeting and still want to Volunteer??

There are plenty of ways to volunteer. We always need parents who can help at events or even run a committee. If you have an idea on something you would like to sponsor or organize – just contact the PTA. For example, you want to help organize the next Meet & Greet for parents at a local bar or restaurant or lead another get together or help the class reps --- just contact the PTA or your class rep directly!