

January 14, 2008

To the Parents of Students in International School of the Cascades;

It is the fourteenth day of this New Year. The year that some refer to as the year of "opportunities". In each New Year, we start a new with resolution for change and improvement. Some resolutions are well thought out with excellent plans while others have little hope of being alive on the second day of the New Year. It is my goal that any changes or plans for improvement we bring forth in the year 2008 are well planned and destined for success.

As we move in into this year, several events are on our calendar that are important for you to participate in and be aware of:

***January 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m.** ISC Parent Fundraising Committee meeting. Hartman Commons. Goal is to develop fundraising activities that will support field trips, Model United Nations, student needs, and teacher training. Please come and participate in this meeting and planned fundraising events so our students have the opportunity to engage in enriching activities and have the resources they need to support learning.*

***ISC School Board has a board position vacancy.** If you are interested in serving on the ISC School Board, pick up an application at the Hartman Office. The ISC Board meets once a month on the third Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30p.m. The meetings rotate monthly between Redmond and Bend. Applications are due by February 13, 2008.*

***Graduation Planning Meetings** - senior parents are invited to participate planning the Senior Party. Volunteers are desperately needed. Please contact Cathy Miller at 280-0574 or email cmiller2j@aol.com to support our ISC graduates at this special time in their lives.*

***Friday, February 1st, 8:00am – 3:00pm,** Parents are invited to participate in a Community meeting at Elton Gregory Middle School to discuss the needs for new schools in Redmond. This discussion and following bond will determine the future location of the International School of the Cascades. Your participation in the discussion is very important and necessary as Redmond School District determines where the ISC will be located and supported in the future.*

We also wanted you to know that the Hartman Campus will soon have a visiting teacher from Japan. Mr. Tatsuya Omi will be joining us in April. He has a

background in Health and Sport Sciences and will be coming to share his language, culture, and daily life with us. Watch for more information about Mr. Omi in our next newsletter.

ODE mandatory charter school survey – just a reminder that parents, students, and staff will be asked to complete this survey sometime in the near future. At this time, we are still waiting for it to be posted to the website. When it becomes available, you will be able to access it by going to www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/.

We are looking forward to the next six months of school. Time will pass very quickly. There will be many exciting events and memories as we move towards watching our first graduating class of seniors achieve their goals. What huge accomplishments the ISC students and staff have made in such a short time. In closing, I would like to share the following quote:

"In organizations, real power and energy is generated through relationships. The patterns of relationships and the capacities to form them are more important than tasks, functions, roles, and positions."

- Margaret Wheatly Leadership and the New Science

Sincerely,

*Donna Howard
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