

From your PTA



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## Welcome message

On behalf of the Parent Teachers Association, we would like to welcome your child and family to the International School of Iceland's 2015-2016 school year.

We're Going Back To School

We look forward to another very exciting year as we welcome the new Middle School Program to ISI and look forward to ISI's continued journey toward CIS accreditation.

The PTA helps contribute to organizing events and providing parents views in cooperation with the School Board and ISI Administration to support ISI's continued growth and to help support the best educational experience for our children. Our parent community plays a key role in what we do and we look forward to your continued support.

Please find enclosed student welcome gifts; a new ISI swim / travel bag and a gift to commemorate UNESCO's Year of Light that can be attached to your child's backpack for safety. We wish your child much success this year and are happy to have your family as a part of our school community.

Parents asked if they could purchase some ISI logo items last year. We are happy to advise we now have some items currently available for purchase (see attached).

We look forward to your support, encourage your participation and volunteerism.

Your PTA:

Sigrún Boatwright, Chairperson Elizabeth Lay, Board Member Joseph Oyenivi Aiavi, Board Member Gígja Ottadóttir Sprigg, Board Member Kirsten Kummerfeld, Teacher Representative

## **School Volunteers**

There have been 85 studies in the past 30 years which have shown that parent participation in cooperation with school leads to positive results in their children's education.

**The Parent Teacher Association was** established a little over 3 years ago to promote cooperation between parents and the school etc.

The PTA consists of parent volunteers that organize events, encourages volunteerism and raises general issues. All members of the school are part of the PTA and is led by a PTA board of directors and audited by 2 volunteer auditors.

In addition, each class is led by a Class Representative volunteer to help organize class events and raise class issues. The School Council helps in school direction and has 3-4 parent volunteers who provide advice to the school administration.

**An Annual PTA General Meeting will** be held in September to review prior year achievements, financial position, bylaws, seek volunteers for the upcoming school year in various positions, and more importantly obtain parent ideas and feedback.