

## EDITION HIGHLIGHTS

### FAMILY & EDUCATION:

**Holiday Family Fun Night:** ISI PTA Holiday Family Fun night featured crafting, book buying, and many holiday surprises

### COMMUNITY & HUMANITIES:

November, parents pamper teachers with ISI Mini-Spa treatments as a follow-up to **World Teacher Appreciation Celebration day**.

**ISI PTA donated books and craft supplies to ISI :** Over 30 new titled books were donated to the ISI library and the PTA donated various craft supplies that ISI students used during the holiday crafting. (Valued around 35,000 ISK)

**ISI PTA provided ISI staff with a small candy gift bag** as a holiday thank you. The PTA also donated candy gift bags to a **local family shelter** this holiday season.



### ISI PTA GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL



The PTA provided a gift of new and popular books in English to the ISI School library. Some books were earned through the on-line program and the PTA also donated funds to add new books to the library. **The PTA has provided approximately 25,000 ISK worth of books to ISI this Fall**, thanks to fundraising events and the support of our school community.

*Happy  
New Year!*



## A message from the PTA

**The PTA would like to wish you a very Happy New Year.** Since our last edition, we are pleased to share with you the highlights of many of the **PTA 2015 fall activities**.

Many students, teachers and ISI families are again showing their school spirit by ordering new ISI logo apparel during the PTA's fall offering.

A spooktackular ISI Halloween event was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the holiday party hosted by the school and supported by many parents, the PTA gave a "hand" by surprising students with a popcorn filled ghoulish hand.



November, the PTA hosted a Holiday Family fun night with many prizes and surprises, as well as, offering great book deals and by sponsoring a Scholastic on-line book club. The PTA donated books and crafts to the school and provided the ISI staff with a little holiday candy gift on behalf of all ISI parents. The PTA also visited a local shelter for abused women and children, donating a holiday candy bags to the kids there.

Again, we appreciate your help and dedication to the PTA and look forward to a great 2016.

**Wishing you a Happy New Year!**

Your PTA Board of Directors



### Pampering Teachers with mini-spa treatments

The PTA arranged for **ISI Staff to receive spa treatments** during their break, inclusive of: back and foot massages, aromatherapy and paraffin hand treatments in November as a part of the previous months recognition of World Teacher Appreciation Day.

Teachers play an important role in society and the PTA was honored to recognize the dedicated and high caliber teaching staff of the International School of Iceland.

## Family & Education:

The PTA sponsored a Holiday Family Fun Night.

This school year the PTA combined it's 4<sup>th</sup> annual book fair with crafts and a lot of family fun. Special guest author **Gunnar Helgason**, author of a new book, *Mamma Klikk!* and many Icelandic football stories, was on hand to educate children on the writing process. He also read from his new book and signed his books at the event for parents.

The night also featured holiday crafting. Craft supplies were provided to families by the PTA along with providing examples. The night was internationally oriented with various crafts from different representing different countries. Our thanks to parent volunteers, Erica, Yuko and Kristina, who helped teach families origami (the art of Japanese paper folding). Kids received



already made origami Santa's thanks to the prior work of some parents.

Families could also make various holiday puppets. These included a Turkey, Santa or Diwali Diya [a small lamp that is lit especially at Diwali (New Year / the festival of lights in India and Nepal)]. Our thanks to Rie and Suzana who helped at this station.

The night also included some wonderful surprises. The song premiere of the ISI's school song was heard for the first time. The song was written by Gem King, PTA Vice Chair and was composed and recorded by Máni Svavarsson, featuring the voices of several ISI students. *(continued on page 3)*





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The song was met with great applause and appreciation by those in attendance. Our heartfelt gratitude to Gem and Máni for their hard work in putting together the sound track in time for us to unveil it at the event. We look forward to hearing it again in the future.



Gryla was on hand to hand out over 100 raffle prizes thanks to our parent volunteers and board members who collaborated to get such great items and a special thanks to our sponsors. Everyone was a winner as they picked an ornament from the raffle prize tree.



The event also featured a ISI Café with soup and holiday treats for families to enjoy. The evening ended with a visit from one of the Yule Lads, *Þvörusleikir*, the spoon licker, who handed out candy bags to all the kids.

All in all, a wonderful night of family fun.



The PTA provided all the ISI staff with a small holiday gift of GOA candy on behalf of parents. The teachers express there thanks and appreciation for the gift.

Our thanks to our class representatives who organized Christmas gifts for the homeroom teachers of their classes. Some classes have already organized so fun class parties as well. Hats off to our class representatives for their great work so far!





Thank you to our sponsors for generously donating their support to the Holiday Family Fun Night



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