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From your PTA



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## A message from the PTA

The ISI PTA would like to thank all the parents that participated in the Annual General Meeting. We appreciate the great turn out and enthusiasm to help this year.

### ISI PTA 2017-2018

#### Board of Directors:

Sigrun Boatwright, Chairperson  
Eva Charlotte Haensel, Treasurer  
Stephanie Cortembos  
Karólína Hreiðarsdóttir  
Chris McClure  
Yuko Motoyanagi  
Krystal Pettigrew  
Zuzana Rutenberg  
Laurie Wilkins  
Ann Thorsson, Teacher Representative

#### Auditors:

Ivan Mladenovic  
Páll Viggósson

#### Grunnstoð Representatives:

Páll Viggósson  
Karólína Hreiðarsdóttir

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 suggested by parents attending, and approved by all participating, to increase the optional **PTA membership fee** by 500 kr. Thus, new **PTA membership fee is 3,000 kr. per family with option to donate more.** It was also agreed this would be sent electronically as a request to parents bank accounts to further eliminate paper forms.

Given the overwhelming interest, it was agreed to keep the alternate board members activity participating this year on the board and add 2 additional members for the upcoming year with no change to the articles of association for this year. The PTA Board will meet in the near future to further review structure.

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.

Some other parents have expressed willingness to volunteer in some way who are not listed, and we want to again mentioned to those interested we will have other volunteer opportunities for parents to help on Committees or at Events.

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.

### Class Representatives

Drekafoss: Chris McClure & Ellen Guðlaugsdóttir  
Skógafoss: Telma Velez & Karólína Hreiðarsdóttir  
Hraunfoss: Anita Bella & Stephanie Cortembos  
Goðafoss: Liz Lay & Yuko Motoyanagi  
Dettifoss: Alda Jóhannesdóttir & Guðrún Magnúsdóttir  
Gullfoss: Mohamed Abdelfattah & Svanhildur Reynisdóttir-Svansson

### ISI School Council

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

## Parents & Family:



The ISI PTA promotes community spirit of school families: We again offered new parents access to our **PTA Buddy Program at the ISI New Parents meeting**. Through this program 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. New parents can contact the PTA by email to participate.

### 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 ISI will be represented by Páll Viggósson and Karólína Hreiðarsdóttir

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.



Thank you middle school student volunteers for your babysitting help of the young students during the PTA General Meeting! They seemed to have fun watching the movie and eating snacks. Great Work!

ISI World Teacher Appreciation Day will be celebrated October 5<sup>th</sup> by the PTA!



Three years ago the ISI PTA was the first school in Iceland to celebrated UNESCO's World Teacher Day. 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.

Teachers play a vital role in society and this day marks an opportunity to recognize their contribution to education and development of young minds. The PTA will again be happy to express their appreciation of Teachers **on Monday, October 5th**, by again providing a gift for the ISI staff and some treats.



**How can parents help us recognize this day? Thank a teacher: Please remind your children to thank their ISI teachers that day – they can even give them a hand written letter or card on October 5th!**



### Missed the General Meeting and still want to Volunteer??

We had a great response from parents expressing an interest to volunteer in some manner yet may not have been placed in a particular volunteer position during the General Meeting. However, please be advised there are plenty of ways to volunteer and will keep you informed. We always need parents who can help at events, participate on a committee, contribute Raffle Gifts, or donate baked items for certain events. We will keep you posted on these volunteer opportunities and get-togethers.