



## ISI PTA 2019-2020

### Board of Directors:

Sigrun Boatwright, Chairperson  
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### Auditors:

Kristinn Eiriksson  
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### Grunnstof Representatives:

Baldur Ólafsson  
Kriselle Suson Jonsdóttir

## Class Representatives

**Grades (K-2):** Jessica LoManaco  
& Krystal Pettigrew  
**Grade 3:** Dori Levitt, Ellen Gudlaugsdóttir,  
& Gigja Sprigg  
**Grades (4-5):** Zuzana Rutenberg & Kriselle  
Suson Jonsdóttir  
**Grades (6-7):** Stefania Halldorsdóttir &  
Ryan Wade  
**Grades (8-10):** Caroline Chéron &  
Kadri von Imhoff

## A message from the PTA

The ISI PTA held the annual General Meeting for parents on September 16<sup>th</sup> in line with our Articles of Association, where prior achievements, a review of the accounts and elections for the upcoming year were accomplished. We thank all the parents that came out and participated so actively.

At the meeting the Articles of Association were amended and approved. We will post the updates on the ISI website under the PTA tab shortly. The meeting notes will also be available, and are added/embedded in the power point presentation that was presented during the meeting, along with financial reports. These will be available to ISI parents through the ISI website under the Parent Teacher Association meeting minutes section.

The financial statement and membership fee were approved as part of the General Meeting. The [PTA membership fee this school year will again be 3,000 kr. per family with option to donate more. This will be sent electronically to parents bank accounts](#) later in the year to facilitate payment and the ISI PTA will work with the school to ensure the proper information on accounts for processing.

All ISI parents are automatically members of the PTA. As discussed, the PTA is provided parents e-mails from the school for communications and parents can "opt-out" of receiving emails if they choose. Also, shared at the meeting was the fact the ISI PTA events are public events, as such pictures are taken which are posted in our newsletters or on the ISI website.

We would like to thank [all those volunteers who helped us last year](#) and would like to congratulate our new Board Members, Class, Grunnstof and School Council Representatives and Auditors who are also listed in the boxes to the left and on the next page.

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.  
Your ISI PTA

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH

A special thank you to our middle school student volunteers for their babysitting help of the younger students during the PTA General Meeting. The younger students watched a

movie and enjoyed snacks. Special thanks to Marín Hergils Valdimarsdóttir for arranging the nice movie for us!

Much appreciation and Great Work to our middle school students!

### ISI School Council 2019-2020

Principal: Hanna Hilmarsdóttir  
Teachers: Kirsten Kummerfeld, Elísa Línadóttir  
Parents: Chris Eva, Gunnar Þórisson,  
Sigrun Boatwright, Chris McClure  
Two ISI students

### 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 **Baldur Ólafsson** and **Kriselle Suson Jonsdóttir**.

ISI's active participation in the association has facilitated understanding of the unique needs of an International School. In addition, the ISI PTA has learned and shared valuable insight in opportunities and activities that can be effective for PTA's.

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.

Join Us: This Friday  
October 4<sup>th</sup> World  
Teacher Appreciation  
Day will be celebrated  
by the ISI PTA!



The ISI PTA was the first school in Iceland to celebrate 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 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 are a vital part of society contributing to education and development of young minds and we are proud to recognize them on this day. **The ISI PTA will provide a mini-buffet of food at the morning break at 9:30 in both buildings and provide gifts at Þórsmörk to the ISI staff on behalf of parents in recognition of their great work.**

Join us this **Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>** to help recognize our teachers.

#### How you and your child can participate:

Thank a teacher!

Please remind your children to thank their ISI teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day – they can even give them a hand written letter or card with words of thanks, or just tell them during that day!



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

Thank you parents for volunteering for the various open positions for the PTA roles available. If you missed the chance to volunteer for a specific role and are interested in volunteering, please be advised there will be plenty of ways to volunteer at various activities. 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.