



November Parent Meeting

The November IB Parents Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room. The meeting will feature **Meghan Cave** from College Invest and **Eric Hofman** and **Jay Murray** from Solutions for Tuition and a 1983 graduate of GW.

The focus of this meeting will be on financial planning and finding financial aid for our student's college education. The speakers will provide information to assist parents and students in coming to a clearer understanding of the complex and competitive world of financial aid. Specific topics will be discussed, such as which funds are best for your student and the recent changes in national trends for awarding scholarships and grants.

There will be no IBPA meeting in December!



We wish you a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

New George IB Web Site

Add your bookmark for the new George IB web site, designed and paid for by IB parent, **Kelly Morrison**. This web site is designed to provide current students, parents, teachers and prospective students with timely information about the International Baccalaureate Program at George. The new design is professional, attractive and very easy to navigate. **Thanks Kelly!!**

IB Parents Association news as well as the Broadcaster will be available online at this url. FYI --content that is too lengthy to be included in the Broadcaster will be stored on and linked to the IB web site.

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EARLY DECISION and EARLY ACTION results will begin arriving on December 15, and rolling admissions results can arrive even sooner. Please remember to share college admission outcomes with Mrs. Geimer and with teachers who provided recommendations. The whole IB community joins in sending the Seniors our very best wishes throughout the admissions process.



From the Board

Over 65 parents and students packed the Community Room for our October IB Parent Meeting featuring a panel discussion on potential pitfalls and temptations our students face. We had the honor of interacting with a lively, knowledgeable, and very experienced group

of professionals - recently retired Denver Juvenile Judge Dana Wakefield, Douglas County Juvenile Prosecutor Pam Wakefield, Psychologist Jill Miller and Attorney Ted Aragon. Our meeting could have gone on for hours, as there were so many questions and information shared! Among many things, we learned about underage drinking and its legal consequences, problems with students not being where they say they will be, some of the risks of going to a party uninvited, and dangers of getting into a car when the driver is not a familiar friend. We also acquired new information from Dr. Miller, who taught us about adolescent brain and emotional development, and how having an understanding of normal growth and development could help us to be more "tuned in" parents, thus guiding our kids in a positive manner. The Parent Board is very pleased to be able to offer these kinds of meetings to parents. Many thanks to the **Wakefields, Dr. Miller, and Ted Aragon.**

The IB faculty will be meeting with all sophomores and their parents on November 27th to review the IB curriculum and courses. This will give parents of sophomores an opportunity to learn about these issues before students choose their IB courses in January 2008 for the Junior and Senior IB years.

The Association is continuing its efforts to recruit more students to the GWIB program. Director **Suzanne Geimer** with assistance from **Terry Brandl, Andrea Shea, Deb Roads, Linda During** and **Tom Waymire**, have been meeting prospective students at High School Information meetings around the city. Suzanne's husband, Tom, accompanied her during the annual visit to Graland, initially to help with all of the equipment, but ended up spending the evening speaking with prospective students and parents. Among other

recruitment efforts, Mr. Achbach has been busy setting up shadowing visits.

Closely related to recruitment is the role of public relations. The board members of the Parent's Association and **Suzanne Geimer** are putting together a committee that will be committed to securing the future success of the IB program. If you are interested in joining the committee or have an expertise in public relations please contact **Mr. Geimer** or **Debra Roads**, ardenver@aol.com.

This year's IB Parents Association voluntary dues campaign is going well. Thanks to all the families who have contributed. Additional contributions can still be made (checks payable to IB parent group) and can be sent to **Janice Kemp Thomas**, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, Colorado 80224. We will be working on our budget plans at several of the IB Parents Association board meetings. Along with our traditional support of the IB program, once again this year, the IB parents are working with the Alumni association, on the school wide goal to improve the acoustics in the auditorium.



IBPA Meeting Oct 2007

We take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very special Thanksgiving Holiday and to thank you for your wonderful support of GW and the IB Program.

People You Should Know



Ms. **Bonnie Guggenheim**, affectionately known as **Ms. Guggy**, is well known and loved by all students with whom she comes in contact – and the number of students she has taught just keeps on growing. **Ms. Guggy** has been a teacher for thirty years

overall. She has spent her entire teaching career in DPS, first at Skinner Middle School, then at Hamilton IB, and now at George. In her eight years at GW, **Ms. Guggy** has taught Pre-IB Geography, Pre-IB History, and IB European History, as well as coordinated National History Day competition for IB students.

Ms. Guggenheim grew up in Pennsylvania and attended Lebanon Valley College on a music scholarship (clarinet). As a first-generation college student, **Ms. Guggy** graduated with a major in music and a minor in history. She always knew in her heart that she wanted to teach, that being a teacher was purposeful. This feeling led **Ms. Guggy** to bring her passion for history into the classroom.

In addition to becoming a teacher, **Ms. Guggenheim** joined the army. She spent eighteen years in the Army Reserve and three years on active duty. Her proudest accomplishment was becoming the first woman to command a non-medical unit while she was stationed in Germany. Today, **Ms. Guggy's** sons are proudly following in their mother's footsteps. Her twenty-four-year-old son, a graduate of West Point, is on active duty in "beautiful downtown Baghdad," and her second son is involved in Army ROTC at UNC. **Ms. Guggy's** family also includes a two-year-old dachshund, Freddy.

Ms. Guggenheim's favorite part of teaching in IB is the students and the passion they have for learning. She expects students to go "one step beyond their personal best. Not only do I hope that my students are the epitome of the IB learning profile, but I hope that they are smart, caring, ambitious people who are able to appreciate the talents and abilities of both themselves and others." **Ms. Guggy's** best memory of GW so far relates to the student body as a whole, however. She recalls the football team defeating Thomas Jefferson to win the championship in 2001. "Everybody was in green

and white! There was strong student body spirit and a great sense of community."

In her free time, **Ms. Guggenheim** is an avid golfer. She especially likes that the sport requires lots of concentration.

Ms. Guggenheim offers one piece of advice to her students. "Be true to yourself; respect your own values." Her passionate lessons on life and history inspire her students every day in the classroom. Without a doubt, **Ms. Guggy** is a member of the GW faculty everyone should know.

Caitlin Opperman
Student IB Reporter

GW: The Green Way

Did you know that DPS spends over \$100,000 on trash pickup every year? Now, George is going green with a new recycling program beginning November 15th, which is America Recycles Day. Students: you can participate by joining Earth Wake Club to help collect the recycling, telling your friends about the new recycling program, and throwing that English essay in the recycle bin – not the trash. Parents: you can support a more sustainable school at the next IB Parents Meeting, where Earth Wake will be having a bake sale to defer the cost of recycling pickup. It will cost 55 dollars a month to recycle, so your help is appreciated. For more information, contact **Jane Culkin** at janeyc@comcast.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IB WELCOME FEST

The IB Parent Board is pleased to announce the annual Welcome Fest will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at George. All prospective IB students and their parents are invited to the Welcome Fest. At that time, current IB students who are involved in extra-curricular activities share their many talents, activities, and interests with new students accepted to the IB Program. It gives prospective students a unique opportunity to wander among IB students displaying and talking about their involvement in sports, clubs, art, drama, and more.

I welcome parent volunteers to help staff the event and/or provide baked goods. We are also looking for parents who would like to co-chair the committee and take over the event in the future. Please call **Jennifer Ostrom** at 720-748-1492, or send me an e-mail at jnfrcara@earthlink.net to volunteer.

IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

College fairs, admissions rep visits, and fall college visits are largely over for this year. It's time for Phase 2!

This is crunch time for SENIORS. All regular application materials are due to Ms. Geimer by November 26. If you're still working on early applications, you may already be too late. Each Senior should turn in a manila envelope with a pink sheet attached to the outside, listing the colleges being applied to. The envelope should contain a correctly addressed envelope and a completed half-sheet checklist for every college on the list. Include the requested number of stamps, but don't attach them to envelopes; just put them in the big manila envelope. If any of the schools require supplemental school reports, please include those forms in the packet and make a note on the half sheet under "Special Instructions." If the schools require teacher recommendations, be sure to get those forms and stamped/addressed envelopes to teachers by the 26th as well. Any supporting documents from the school that are not sent out before Winter Break begins on December 21 will have to wait until after January 7, and will therefore miss early January deadlines. Reduce stress by completing applications and paperwork sooner rather than later! **PARENTS OF SENIORS** should be gearing up to prepare 2007 tax returns and the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA; www.fafsa.ed.gov) as early in the New Year as possible. Some colleges also require the CSS Profile and/or their own additional applications (some with December deadlines).

JUNIORS should schedule an individual meeting with the IB college counselor, **Dan Franklin**. Students initiate these appointments by signing themselves up for a time in the appointment binder located in the Future Center. Juniors should also be working their way through the tasks on the Junior College Checklist that they received from **Mr. Franklin** in September. Students may direct questions to Mr. Franklin at collegehelpguy@yahoo.com; put GWIB in the subject line. If your Junior wants to visit out-of-state colleges while they are in session, it's not too early to start thinking about a Spring Break trip! This is also a good time to plan for the ACT with or without the Writing Test and/or the SAT with or without Subject Tests. The ACT (without Writing) will be administered during the school day on April 23. The testing program web sites (www.act.org and www.collegeboard.com) have

more detailed information and are a good source for test preparation books, as are local book stores. There will be a Spring College Fair at DU on Sunday, April 6, 1 – 4 PM, aimed at Juniors and interested Sophomores.

SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN who think they might apply to highly selective colleges that require Subject Tests should investigate whether they should take one or more at the end of this year. This would only be indicated for students who might need a specific Subject Test (e.g., Chemistry or Biology) and who do not plan to continue with that subject after May. Sophomores who took that ACT Plan Test on October 15 will be getting feedback on their performance and on their responses to the interest portion of the test soon. **Parents--**don't miss this chance to start exploring post-high-school possibilities with your student.

<i>Test</i>	<i>2007-2008 Test Date</i>	<i>Regular Deadline</i>	<i>Late (additional fee) Registration</i>
SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 3	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 1	Oct. 30	Nov. 8
ACT	Dec. 8	Nov. 2	Nov. 15
SAT & Subject Tests	Jan. 26	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
ACT	Feb. 9	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
SAT only	Mar. 1	Jan. 29	Feb. 7
ACT	Apr. 12	Mar. 7	Mar. 21
SAT & Subject Tests	May 3	Apr. 1	Apr. 10
SAT & Subject Tests	June 7	May 6	May 15
ACT	June 14	May 9	May 23

Director's Corner



Suzanne Geimer

College Applications – Early decision applications are due in the IB office no later than November 1st.

All other college applications are due November 26, with addressed envelopes and stamps.

IB Program Director

720-423-8626, Suzanne_Geimer@dpsk12.org

Mock Trial Team

Eight IB seniors on George's Mock Trial Team will be competing in the premiere national high school mock trial scholarship tournament, The Providence Cup, where student trial teams compete for college scholarship funds and prizes, October 25-27. The Cup is sponsored by the Providence Foundation of Law and Leadership. The competing students are **Sarah Zapiler, Brenton Weyi, Zander Loudon, Alex Bates, Aala Abdelgadir, Brent Gaisford, Tory Reis, and Connor Phillips**. For further information you can visit the foundation's website, <http://theprovidencefoundation.org>.

Speech and Debate Team

Speech and debate coach and teacher Maryrose Kohan is primed for a big season for her team in 2007-08.

"We have a lot of new and exciting talent on the speech team this year, which is larger than last year. After the first novice tournament October 6th, the season appears to be off to a successful start."

On "novice night" at GW October 3rd, 24 speech students performed in drama, humor, extemporaneous speaking, public forum and cross-examination debate. They were judged by older and more experienced competitors, who offered them both technical and stylistic feedback on their performances. This event gave the new

students a taste of the competitive experience, helping them to know what to expect in an actual tournament. "It also helped to calm anxiety and nerves", said Ms. Kohan, "which are common in first time competitors." The novice teams then went on to terrific results at the Gateway novice tournament that weekend. (See below.)

Team members are honing their speaking skills, researching and preparing their cases in speech class in preparation for the varsity season which starts in November.

Eleven GW students competed in last year's state speech tournament. "We are hoping to send even more this year!" said Ms. Kohan.

This is Ms. Kohan's second year coaching at GW. "Coaching speech and debate is a very time consuming activity, but working with the wonderful GW students makes it fun for me. This team has met and exceeded my expectations".

The results from Oct. 6 novice tournament at Gateway High school were:

Public Forum Debate **Excellent Ribbons**

Adrian Johnson/Jackson Zeiller
Sean Chilelli/Cal McIntyre
Ethan Melnick/David Alpert
Xavier Brown/Dexter Kemp
Superior Ribbons
Josh Carson/Robin Zeller
Madi Pluss/Calvin Ward
Sam Hollander/Drew Sanford

Cross Examination Debate **Excellent Ribbons**

Margi Ruby/Tanner Sandoval
Superior Ribbons
Madelaine Czufin/Ben Johnson
Chase Kernan/Christina Criswell
Miles Owen/Sam Clark

Dramatic Interpretation **Excellent Ribbon**

Kara Klepinger

Humorous Interpretation **Excellent Ribbon**

Julia Sigman

Extemporaneous Speaking **Excellent Ribbon**

Hanna Amre
Superior Ribbon
Brendan Patrick



George Drama Update

Don't forget – Macbeth will be performed **November 8-10 and 16-17, 2007**. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.georgedrama.com/>.

Committee News You Can Use



IB Ambassadors

The IB Ambassadors have been busy attending several high school information evenings at various middle schools. It's always

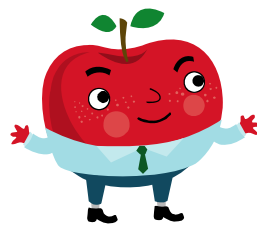
rewarding to share the background and history of our IB Program, and quite a learning experience to talk to prospective students and their parents, as we provide them with facts, statistics, and our own personal perspectives regarding our wonderful curriculum and teachers.

There are numerous programs available to high school students in the Denver area and, as you know, the IB Program at GW is an ideal place to be for many. If you have a desire to spread the word about our fantastic Program, we would love your support and participation in our recruitment efforts. Please call or email either of us. Thank you!

**IB Ambassadors Committee Co-Chairs
Terry Brandl and Andrea Shea**

Teacher Appreciation

The salad bar dinner was a huge success. We had a wonderful set up with beautiful plants for table decorations (thanks to a very savvy volunteer who secured them from a fundraiser held on the previous day), real table cloths, the salad bar table and the dessert table looked wonderful and very professional. The room was abuzz with camaraderie and animated excitement. Although some teachers had to grab and go, many of the teachers were able to take some time and relax and eat and visit with one another. It was really, really nice. That night and the day after we received so many thank you's and accolades for



our efforts.

I want you to know how much I really appreciate all of you who helped bring this together. I can't express how gratifying it is to have something so personal for the staff and teachers, and we were able to do it by teaming together and getting it done. THANKS TO YOU ALL! And a special thank you to **David** and **Sandy Marsh** of Bella Basil Catering for going above and beyond for this event.

Our next event will be a breakfast near the winter break, I am working with Assistant Principal **Courtney Black** on possible dates. Think about your best breakfast casserole, or holiday sweet breads. (I'm already planning to make homemade cinnamon rolls.)

Please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, or want a personal account of the event.

**Rita Gibson
GWHS Teacher Appreciation**



Shop 'Til You Drop for the IB Foundation

With the holiday season almost upon us, we would like to make shopping as easy as possible for our IB families with the Scrip Fundraising Program. We have offered this fundraising option to our IB families for five years. It is an easy and convenient way to purchase gift cards/certificates for family and friends this holiday season while at the same time benefiting the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation.

The Scrip Program allows IB families to purchase gift card and certificates from a variety of stores, restaurants with 3-12 percent of the amount purchased going directly to the Foundation. It's a very simple way for families to fund the IB Program without spending any extra money, because the merchants do the donating for you.

Just mail your order forms to me, drop them off at my home, or bring them to the next IB Parent Meeting. Gift cards usually are available less than a week after order forms are collected. I will be collecting order forms through this holiday season. For more information, visit the Scrip website at www.glscrip.com

**Debi Roads
IB Parent and Foundation Board
Member/Scrip Certificate Coordinator**

CAS Parent Committee Hosts 2nd Annual Creativity Fair

The gymnasium at George Washington was turned into a whirlwind of sights and sounds on October 19, 2007, when the CAS Parent Committee hosted the second annual Creativity Fair for sophomores and juniors.

The fair was designed to introduce the students to different opportunities within the "Creativity" component in one of three ways: available activities to learn a new skill, groups in which to share an already established interest, and ways to apply creative skills in the community.

There were 36 "vendors", ranging from cake decorators to playwrights, weavers to flower designers, cooking schools to dance studios, and representatives from seven George Washington clubs. **Jeannie Kaplan** from the Board of Education also attended, and the Parent Association hosted an IB Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in the gym. All in all, it was quite an event!

Students were able to collect information about where and when classes are offered, where and when clubs and associations meet, and finally, how they could use established outlets to bring the arts to others (such as the Alzheimer's Association.)

Included in the newsletter is a list of names and contact information for all the community organizations that were represented. Please take time to read who gave of their time to attend, and if you are interested in any of their services, please let them know you appreciated the time they gave to the GWHS IBC Creativity Fair!

Lee Ann Huntington chaired the fair, recruiting and organizing an amazing group of parent volunteers. Out wholehearted thanks go to **Lee Ann**, as well as **Jennifer Hulac, Mary Kohn, Carolyn Faselt, Debbie Skeen, Joni Darr, Roxana Whitter** and **Helen Fulton**. These volunteers helped secure participants, answer questions, direct the students, set up, take down, provide snacks and goodie bags, and ensure a successful event all around.

Additional thanks to **Maxine Tobler** and her parent volunteers for supplying breakfast and snack bags for all the vendors and volunteers, and to Col. Nielson the GWHS ROTC students for their assistance setting up and taking down tables

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and chairs and carrying in materials brought by the exhibitors. Special thanks to the GWHS administrative and custodial staff in allowing us to use the space and clearing administrative hurdles.

Please contact either **Gail Sigman** (gsigman@ltgc.com) or **Toni Latcham** (ahlatch@msn.com) with questions about the committee, or to offer your help with other projects.



Skyler Gallun nearing the finish line at the DPL Cross-Country Meet on October 10, 2007. Go G-Dub!

Future IBPA Board Positions

A number of our current board members are parents of seniors so positions will be opening up, and parents of freshmen and sophomores are especially needed for the years ahead to enhance continuity. It's a very rewarding way to participate in your student's education while responding to student, staff and parental needs of this great program within DPS.

List of CAS Vendors – 2nd Annual Creativity Fair Held on October 19, 2007

Participant	Brief Description	Contact Name	Phone/Email
Acoustic Music Revival	Guitar, mandolin, banjo and ukulele lessons	Bob Laughlin	303 744-1737 amrguitar@earthlink.net
Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter	Art program for early stage Alzheimer's patients	Rob Allen	303-813-1669x241 www.alzco.org, Rob.Allen@alz.org
Art Students League of Denver	Painting, ceramics, printmaking and more	Cindy Sewell	www.ASLD.org 303 778-6990 marketing@asld.org
The Bridge Club	Principles of bridge	Marvel J. Heinsohn	303 300-4850 sheins1912@aol.com
Common Ground International, LLC	Costa Rica Spanish immersion/adventure travel trip for high school students	Rory Foster	303 684-5557 rfoster@commongroundinternational.com
Curious Theatre Company	Playwriting workshops	Dee Covington	dee@curioustheatre.org
Denver Botanic Gardens	Garden/landscape design	Josie Hart Genter, Maria Bumgarner	720 865-3614 hartj@botanicgardens.org
Emily Griffith Opportunity School	Culinary arts, fashion design	Marla Rodriquez	720 423-4755 marla_rodriquez@dpsk12.org
Epicurean Catering	High end catering	Colleen	720 488-2147 http://www.epicureancatering.com/ colleen@epic-catering.com
Thomas Guiton	Visual artist	Thomas Guiton	303 847-0323 tguiton@speakeasy.net
Ikebana International	Art of Japanese flower arranging	Denise Pimple	303 778-7457 denisepimple@mac.com
Johnson & Wales University	Culinary arts, hospitality, business and technology	Ellen Senesac	303 256-9527 esenesac@jwu.edu
LambShoppe	Knitting, crocheting, yarn, coffee and classes	Mary Carol Jehn	303 322-2223 info@thelambshoppe.com
Lighthouse Writers Workshop	Youth writing workshops (fiction, nonfiction)	Jennie Dorris	http://www.lighthousewriters.org/ jennie@lighthousewriters.org
Nzingha Capoeira N'gola School and Association	Traditional Brazilian martial arts and dance	"Baba" Usamah Zaid	303 331-2414 nzingacapoeira@yahoo.com
Jane Pace, MSW	Creative writing, journaling, poetry groups	Jane Pace	303 322-4439 janeopace@hotmail.com
PDAC/Arts For All	Dance classes of all kinds, and more	Miss Bowen	303 722-2624
Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design	Art and design classes for high schoolers	Kimberly Putnam	303 225-8570 acarlson@rmcad.edu, www.rmcad.edu
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum	History of American quilts	Lorie Stubbs	303 277-0377 lorie.stubbs@rmqm.org
Rose Weaving Gallery and Studio	Fiber arts classes, products, shows	Gage Evans	303 456-5624 billbailey@idcomm.com
Swallowhill Music Association	Folk music arts and voice lessons	Christy Wessler, Rodolfo Betancourt	303 777-1003
3 Story Stage	Mime, story, conflict and collaboration	Daniel Horsey	303 503-1645 dhorsey@3storystage.com
TACTile Textile Arts Center	Fiber and fashion arts	Dianne Denholm & Paulette Bell	720 320-4116 www.tactilearts.org, dianne@dleas.com
Voyager	Cultural trips for students to France and Spain	Catherine Bayne	720 423-6694 Catherine_Bedard@dpsk12.org
Working With Artists	Photography classes for kids (and adults!)	Valerie Photogoddess	303 837-1341 valerie@workingwithartists.org

2008 Travel Opportunities for IB Students



The IB program is offering three trips for all IB students next summer. Ms. Ward and Catherine Bedard will be leading a two week trip to France and the Basque area of Spain. This trip is a

mixture of travel and language immersion.

Mr. Bancroft will be leading a travel trip to Vienna, Prague, and Frankfurt, and Rory from Common Ground International, will take students for two weeks to Costa Rica. This trip will be a total Spanish immersion trip including a home stay, class time and recreational travel.

Please come to the Community Room on November 2 at 6 pm for more information. **Pizza and drinks will be available.**

For more information, contact Debra Roads at dardener@aol.com.

So, if you're really wondering what these trips are like, read on....

George Washington's Young Ambassadors to France

**"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that's the stuff life is made of."
Ben Franklin, United States Ambassador to France, 1776**

Last June a very special group of 13 of our IB students left for France on a unique tour called Young Ambassadors to France. Accompanying them were some students from Colorado Academy, Thomas Jefferson, Chaparral High and GW's fearless French teacher **Liz Ward**. Tour organizers Catherine and Robert Bayne were waiting for them in France. The group started their trip in the city of Pau, the capital of the Bearn region in the majestic Pyrenees mountains between France and Spain. In Pau we had our own private residence at the Chateau d'Itron where we had some very fun home cooked dinners with the owner. From there we began our local excursions each morning in a private bus.

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Pau is the birthplace of King Henry IV, and a private guided tour was given inside his castle. We were impressed by the lavish furnishings and then were told that during the French Revolution the mobs broke in and everything except one fork was stolen and had to be replaced later. Other excursions included a visit to the beautiful botanical gardens of Tarbes and a trip to a purebred stallion farm, National Haras de Gelos, founded by Napoleon for his cavalry. We went to the Wright Brother's museum – did you know that the Wright Brothers went to live in France soon after their first flight because the French government was more interested in aviation than the American Government? So the brothers ended up in Pau because of the climate and started the world's first airport and pilot training school there! We went to the Museum of Berets and had fascinating time learning about the different types, how they are made and taking photos of each other wearing berets. Later we had refreshments in a trendy café with a mountain view on the Boulevard des Pyrenees.

We visited a French high school in Pau and were treated to lunch there. Our arrival had been communicated to the city Mayor's office and they gave us a welcome reception for our young ambassadors. This was the first large group of American students to come visit them in such a manor. One evening we went to a big outdoor music festival where the performers had been preparing for months. **Disaster struck!**

Now what? To read what happens next, go to <http://www.georgeib.com> and click on the GW's Young Ambassadors to France link under News and Announcements on the front page. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we could not publish the article here in its entirety.



George IB students and teacher who participated in this fabulous adventure were: **Allyssa Routzahn, Amaya Baynem, Anders Jeffrey, Brian Sulley, Cam Nguyen, Grace**

McLaughlin, Lucas Raschbacher, Mary Monks, Paige Dahlman, Roman Savostin, Schuyler Gibson, Sean Carlson and French teacher Elizabeth Ward

**Article submitted by
Catherine and Robert Bayne, tour organizers**

DUES CAMPAIGN STILL ROLLING ALONG!



The response of GW's IB families to our recent request for voluntary dues has been strong. By now, everyone knows that the Parents

Association Board decided to continue the extremely successful voluntary dues fundraising program that was established in 2002. As of October 15, 2007, the IB Parents Association Treasurer **Janice Kemp Thomas** reported that this campaign raised \$4,950. All contributors should take pride in knowing that **your dues help make a difference in the quality of the IB Program at George Washington High School**. Your financial commitment ensures that the Parents Association will remain a strong and active group. And, because of this successful fundraising effort, IB students, faculty, staff, and families will continue to receive support and benefits in a number of ways, including:

- The annual publication of the IB Student Directory (free to IB students);
- The IB newsletter, the Broadcaster (published eight times a school year and mailed to every IB family)
- Teacher Appreciation activities (held monthly throughout the school year, plus the holiday brunch and teacher gifts, remembrances for retiring teachers, dinner for the entire GW faculty and staff on Report Card Pickup Night, etc.)
- Donations to organizations and endeavors at GW in which IB students are heavily involved (Model UN, National History Day, Mock Trial, Speech and Debate, etc.)

- The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation (established to aid in funding of IB classroom equipment and materials, student exam fees and books, etc.)

With their permission, we are listing below the names of those parents who contributed, as of October 15, at the three highest levels in our voluntary dues campaign. We deeply appreciate every IB family's support and generosity. You are all a very important part of the IB Program and the IB Parent Group at George Washington High School, and we thank you!

Champion: Jane, Val Webster; Lee Clark, Cindy Clover; Rocio, Tom Zeiler

Philanthropist: Carolyn Tank; Chetter, Toni Latcham; Kim Jacques, Dan Gross; Laurie, Marty Zeller

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\$15,000 Challenge Grant for Friends of IB Scholars Foundation November 2007

By now, IB families should have received this year's fall fundraising campaign letter from the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation. We are pleased to confirm that the **Ebrahimi Family Foundation has again pledged a \$15,000 Challenge Grant for this year's IB Foundation fundraising campaign**. The Ebrahimi Foundation has pledged to match \$10,000 of contributions from IB families, alumni and friends, and \$5,000 of contributions from other foundations who are new donors to the IB Foundation this year. This means that the first \$10,000 of contributions from IB families, alumni and friends will be doubled to \$20,000, and the first \$5,000 of contributions from new foundation donors will be doubled to \$10,000. That is a total of \$30,000 to continue funding programs like our part-time IB college counselor, IB faculty training, IB books and classroom supplies, science laboratory equipment, Model UN and National History Day support, and many other items that help to maintain the excellence of the IB program at GW.

Last year, the IB Foundation was able to fund almost \$40,000 of grants, and we were still not able to meet all of the faculty requests. With student enrollment in the GW IB program at an all-time high, your donations to the IB Foundation are more important than ever. So, please do not delay in sending in your contributions, whether \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more. Remember, your gift can be doubled by the Ebrahimi Challenge Grant! The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your gift can be tax-deductible. **Please send your contributions to Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, Colorado 80224.**

Please contact me at home, 303-759-1176, at my office, 303-539-3159, or by email at James.Kaplan@publicans.com, if you have any questions about the IB Foundation, or if you know of any charitable foundations that might help us to meet the \$5,000 foundation portion of the Challenge Grant. Thank you for your support of the GW IB program.

**Jamie Kaplan, President
Friends of IB Scholars Foundation**



Mark Your Calendar for these Important Dates

IB Broadcaster editors receive and report Calendar information from GWHS administration (for school-wide events) and the IB Office/IB Board of Directors Committee Chairs (for IB-specific events). The editors are unable to answer Calendar inquiries. For questions about specific events, please contact the appropriate party directly (GWHS, IB Office, or IB Committee Chair). Contact information is located on the last page. Thank you!

Date	Event	Time	Location
November 1	Early Decision College Applications due		IB Office
November 1	Junior Writing Workshop (CAS)		
November 2	2nd Grading Period Ends		
November 2	2008 Travel Information Session	6pm	Community Room
November 3	SAT Test	7am-1pm	2nd Floor, E Wing
November 12	Veteran's Day (observed) – No School		
November 13	IB Parents Association Meeting	7pm	TBD
November 26	All Other College Applications due		
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break – No School		
November 26	All Other College Applications due to Mrs. Geimer		
February 26 2008	Welcome Fest	6:30 pm-8 pm	
May 25 2008	Graduation Day (Plan ahead!)		
November 27	Sophomore student meetings regarding choices for IB diploma years	During school	TBD
December 7	Sophomore parent presentations/teacher breakout meetings	During school	TBD
December 10	Sophomore choice of study forms distributed to students		
December 11	students collect controlled enrollment forms		
December 12	Sophomore lottery results posted		
December 14	All IB junior Choice Forms Due		
January 8 2008	IB Parents Association Meeting	7pm	TBD

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