



Little monsters trick-or-treating on Halloween – see full article inside ☺

Important dates for your diary:

4th November: ASA Season 1 ends

7th November: Apology of Socrates theatre production 6 p.m. in the Gym

8th November: PTA Meeting 8:45 a.m. in the Cafeteria

11th November: Secondary reports go home

14th November: ASA Season 2 begins

16th November: Secondary parent-teacher conferences

18th November: Music concert Grades 4-5

'a place where we belong'

From the Director

At the Board of Governors meeting in October each of the Board sub-committees submitted their annual goals for the 2011-12 school year. Goal setting is part of the school's approach towards the achievement of our strategic plan, which has been planned and currently implemented for the period 2010-13. This has been developed to coincide with the CIS accreditation visit and report in order to identify new school goals and plans beyond that date.

The immediate goals for our four committees - Finance and Legal, Building, Policy and Personnel - are set out below. During the coming months the committees, individual board members and the administration will be working hard to set out priorities and undertake the actions that will see these goals through to their completion. The continuous improvement that we see each year in the school is a direct reflection of the efforts by staff and parents throughout the school and I am delighted to share this information with the wider community.

1. Goals of the Finance and Legal Committee

- * Complete the first full financial audit by October 2011
- * Develop and implement a long-term financial plan for the school's building development goal.
- * Secure an educational license that will recognize PSI's international school status in Ukraine.

2. Goals of the Building Committee

- * Commence construction of new school buildings by April 2012 working with architects, lawyers, project manager and construction companies according to an agreed plan.
- * Collaborate with the Finance Committee on a long-term financing strategy to support new campus development.

3. Goals of the Policy Committee

- * Continue developing new policies and adapting existing policies to ensure that the PSI Board Policy Manual is aligned with the needs of the school and with CIS best practices for board policy manuals, in advance of the CIS re-accreditation process.
- * Review and propose new by laws and governance structures relating to Board composition, selection, training and performance evaluation.

4. Goals of the Personnel Committee

- * To make salary recommendations to the Finance Committee and full Board of Governors to ensure that the school can meet its goal of recruiting and retaining high-quality staff.
- * To undertake a detailed review of the current Director appraisal process and instruments in order to make recommendations to the Board which will improve the effectiveness of the evaluation system.
- * To draft and recommend Personnel policies to the Policy Committee following feedback from the Staff Association.

Have a great weekend,

Steven Calland-Scoble
Director



Farewell, Vika!

Today is the last day at PSI for Vika Martyniuk, our Cashier, who has worked with us since February 2010. Vika has made a great impact in helping to effectively manage petty cash payments, student invoices and work with tuition fee collection. We shall miss her positive attitude and willingness to get the job done well as she moves on to her next professional challenge. I'm sure we would all like to wish Vika good luck and thank her for the valuable service she has provided during her time here.

Steven Calland-Scoble
Director

Message from Natalie Jaresko, Chair of the PSI Fundraising Subcommittee

The next Meeting of the New School Campus Fundraising Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 2 p.m. in Room 108, Ground Floor, Secondary Building.



From the Primary School

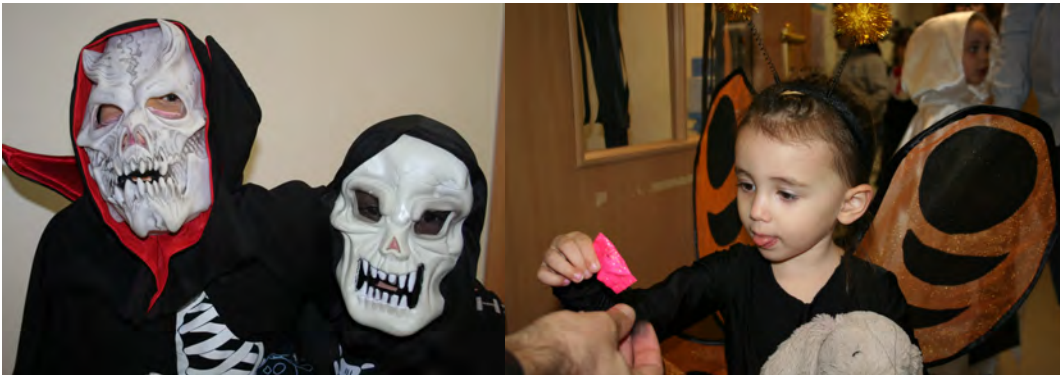
When Ms. Holly Johnson approached me early in the school year about hosting trick-or-treating at the school, I immediately said yes. I have always felt this holiday is all about children and their imagination. While adults play to escape from reality, children play to understand reality, and dressing up in various costumes allows them to explore personalities and passions they normally could not. Of course, they're not aware of that; they just love dressing up and getting candy! The energy in the building was positive, exciting and full of joy. I loved dressing up as a wizard and teaching

children how to say 'trick or treat'. We expected 125 students, but ended up with something closer to 170!



An event like this does not happen overnight or without the hard work of many people. First, of course, my thanks go to Holly for initiating the idea and organizing the teachers and rooms. Suzie Gschwenter did an AMAZING job with the room decorations, aided by Mirgul Dewulf and other PTA mums. There were CAS students decorating the entry way as well as the haunted house. Leo, Yuri and their maintenance team set up the structures for the haunted house and Larissa and her cleaning team cleaned up some big messes. Thank you also goes to Leo for running out in the middle of the event and buying more candy! The Yuschenko family donated some amazing Halloween decorations and the PE department lent us the skeleton. Lastly, I need to thank my family. My father and brother arrived for their Kiev holiday with 2 extra suitcases stuffed

with candy and decorations. My daughter Sophia and her cousin David spent a long time counting out bags of 125 candies without being allowed to eat any!



While we indulged in fun and food, we also helped some good causes. Ms. Lyla Philip reports: “The PIF Haunted House raised **3278.25 UAH (\$410)** to buy medicines for the homeless. We couldn't have done it without the help of Leo, Yuri and the PTA Mums who made all the difference. So thank you to each and everyone for their contributions. It was a fun night for all who attended”.



As with all new endeavors, hearing from everyone about what went well and what could be better is appreciated. Please email me your thoughts (TatzL@psi.kiev.ua).

Have a nice weekend,

Tatiana Lopukhin (Miss Tatz)
Primary Principal

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that the successful **After School Activities Season One** has been completed.

Next week there will be no ASAs.

The ASA team is ready for the next season.

On Monday, November 7, at 7 pm the registration for Season 2 begins. You will receive the list of activities for each day via email. If you do not receive the list of activities, please send an email to secretary@psi.kiev.ua. You will be able to sign up for you child until noon on Wednesday, November 9.

If you have any other questions or comments about primary after school activities please feel free to contact us at activitiesk5@psi.kiev.ua.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Vogel & Natasha Griboyedova
PSI Primary Activities Coordinators





A new student joined grade 2HJ this week:

First Name: Jindrich (Jindra)

Family Name: Berka

Gender: Male

Nationality: Czech

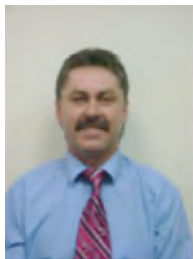
Mother: Marta Berkova - 0667487536 -

marta.berkova@seznam.cz

Father: Bohumil Berka – 0667486499

Student Photo Orders

Order forms for student photos will be going home this week. Should you wish to order any prints please fill out the order form and enclose it along with the chosen photo and payment in the envelope provided. Please give all orders to your child's homeroom teacher. All orders must be received by **Thursday, November 24th** to get the prints before the winter holiday. We cannot guarantee that the photos will be ready before the winter break if we receive the orders after November 24th. We hope you enjoy the photos!



We are sad to announce the death of a former driver, Alexander Dvoretzkyj, who died of cancer 24/10/2011. He was a part of our school community for 5 years as a driver of Bus 9. If anyone is interested in donating money to his family to help offset the funeral costs, the school will pass the money on.

HALLOWEEN AT PSI

The Pay-It-Forward Club organized a Haunted House on Halloween night, 31st of

October, which was a great success! We raised **3278** UAH to buy medicines for the Nursing House. PIF club hopes that everybody enjoyed entering our scary house and thanks everyone for being such brave risk-takers!



We thank you for bringing donations of clothes; the boxes are getting full very quickly. Please continue bringing clothes for adults. The boxes will be out until Christmas. The clothes will also be donated to the Nursing House project for the homeless.

A special round of applause for the PTA Mums for their help with decorations!

Best regards,

PIF Club

From the Secondary School

Dear Parents:

Today marks the official end of the first quarter. Report cards will go home with students next Friday (November 11), so please keep an eye out for those!

In those very fast 10 weeks, we've...

- Taken almost 200 students on Fall Trips throughout Ukraine, Eastern Europe and the UK
- Waved good-bye to dozens of students as they headed off to CEESA competitions throughout the year
- Begun preparations to host CEESA High School Girls Football here at PSI next weekend
- Offered on-line standardized tests to all Grade 6, 7 and 8 students in reading and mathematics and begun to analyze those results
- Collected almost 800 pieces of clothes for the homeless during this week alone
- Launched our community service projects throughout the city and beyond
- Sent a team of 14 teachers to build a house for Habitat for Humanity in Portugal
- Met with Grade 10 parents about the IB Diploma Programme
- Taught, coached and supported students as they solved mathematics problems, mixed chemicals and recorded the results, read and discussed world-class works of literature, argued philosophy, created works of art, played musical instruments, improvised dramatic skits, and completed works of research

In short, it's been a typical year at PSI, with more to come. In the meantime, congratulations on surviving the first 25% of the year!

Regards,
Patricia Puia
Secondary Principal

PSI is excited to welcome Dan Saracino to our campus November 14th for a half-day presentation on **admissions and financial aid to students interested in studying in America**. Dan currently works for College Board's Office of International Education through a grant from the U.S. State Department's Office of Overseas Schools. The project is designed to support and enhance college guidance for students and their parents, and to provide overseas guidance professionals with the latest U.S. college admission and financial aid information. For more information about Dan, please visit the following website: <http://www.connection-collegeboard.com/home/international/800-interview-with-dans>

Dan will be presenting to all grade 9-11 students and he's offering a parent session from 4:00-5:00 p.m. This presentation is open to all parents, both primary and secondary. Please contact Ms. Charles if you have any questions or would like to attend.

Sarah Charles
Secondary Counselor
sarahc@psi.kiev.ua

New skills, new challenge: CAS kindergarten project

When I was younger I always was wondering how it is to be a teacher. I always knew that it is not an



easy job and it requires a lot of patience and understanding. For a few weeks I have had the opportunity to try how it is to be a teacher. Every Tuesday I go with other people to the kindergarten next to our school. There are four groups and each group has two teachers (CAS students). Kids in my group are about 4-5 years old. First we started with teaching them basic and very easy things. During the first class kids learned how to say “my name is...” “what is your name?”, “how are you?” and “I am fine”. Also I showed pictures of a dog,

cat, doll, car, and a teddy bear. This material was easy for them. They memorized almost everything during the first class and got first homework – they had to ask parents what is their name. When we came next week they all remembered what we taught them. We also started to count with kids, and taught them how to say “My favorite toy is...”. Teaching kids counting was easy and now they know how to count up to twenty. However, not everything was as easy as counting and basic phrases. Lastly I started to teach kids colors. No matter what color I showed they said ‘orange’. But when I showed orange it was blue! To encourage them in the end of each lesson they got some candies, and lastly they got stickers. They don’t get grades, but their work is rewarded. As I learned I can’t show stickers to kids before they answer my questions, because stickers become more important. It was a big pleasure to hear in the end of the lesson how kids were counting their stickers and candies in English. I never thought that being a teacher can be so interesting. I hope that the kids will be still enjoying learning English, because it is certainly a pleasure for me to use my skills, to try something new and to teach younger kids something that I already know. It is also a pleasure to see how they are waiting for us and how happy they always are.



By Karolina Stykowska 11C

From the CAS Coordinator: Parents and children from the local kindergarten are grateful to PSI Grade 11 and 12 students for regular English classes. While girls are learning how to become good teachers, boys are working on improving the playground.

Never doubt that a small group of motivated people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.-Margaret Mead

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PSI's First Ever Habitat for Humanity Team



CONGRATS!

WHAT WILL YOU BUILD?

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in making PSI's FIRST EVER Habitat for Humanity build in Portugal possible. Watch out for photos of the finished project later on this month! Great work PSI!



Pechersk School International
ToK, Drama and English Departments collaborate to bring
Emmy Award winner Yannis Simonides in

The Apology of Socrates

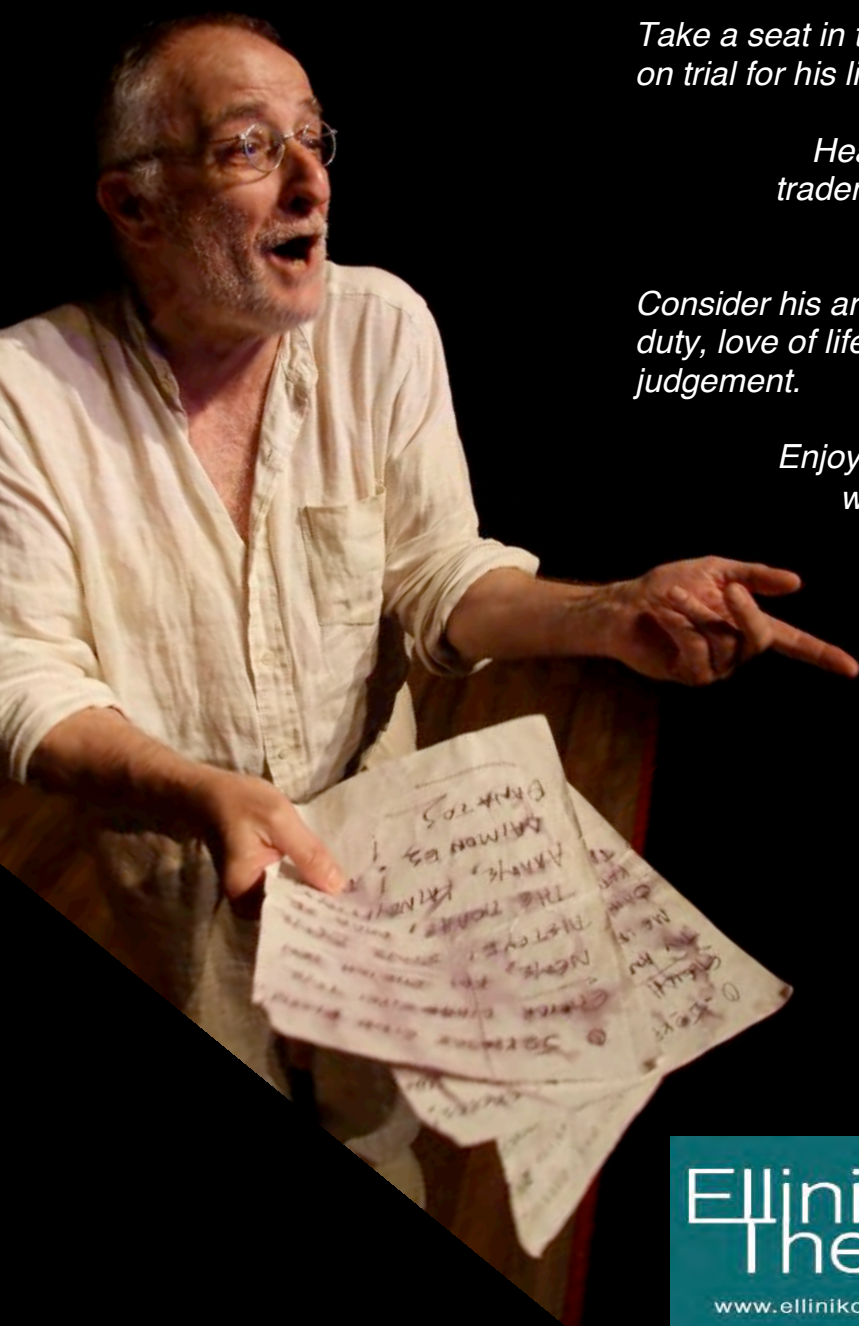
This international tour de force of Plato's timeless classic premiered in New York in 2004 and has since been performed to great acclaim at the United Nations, the Athens Ancient Agora, the NBC Today Show, and in over 200 theatres, festivals, schools, libraries and universities across the world including Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Michigan, Cambridge.

Take a seat in the court of ancient Athens as Socrates goes on trial for his life.

Hear the philosopher face his accusers with his trademark wit, cutting logic, and the courage of his ideals.

Consider his arguments on virtue, justice, politics, civic duty, love of life and hope in death, and draw your own judgement.

Enjoy the post-performance opportunity to discuss with the actor the ramifications of your verdict.



Monday
November 7th
6:00pm
admission free

RSVP to
secretary@psi.kiev.ua
By Nov. 6th

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Weather: Temp: 6°C; Wind: NE, 3 mps; Pressure: 767 mmHg; Humidity: 57%

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Broncos defeated the Bengals
in an action packed game



Weather: Cloudy; 8⁰c

Wind: SW, 2 mps

Pressure: 768 mmHg

Humidity: 66%



PTA News

Week Ending 4 November

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break and are back in Kyiv ready for another fun filled half term leading us up to the end of 2011.

A huge PTA thank you to Suzy G and her magic helpers for making the spooky decorations for the fantastically scary Halloween event on Monday evening....what a great welcome back!

CEESA BASKETBALL – HELP NEEDED!

If your daughter is in the CEESA Basketball team we need your help from 9-13 November to provide drinks and snacks for all the players and coaches. Without your help we will not be able to support this event, so please contact Amal on the email below if you can assist, for as little or as much time as you can manage!

NEXT PTA MEETING

Tuesday, 8 November at 0845 hours in Cafeteria – we will be providing feedback about Halloween, discussing the possibility of a small Winter Bazaar and finding out how our teachers enjoyed their Habitat for Humanity project work in Portugal.

We will also be discussing our big fundraiser night – The James Bond Night and hearing from Natalie Jaresko about a new fundraising committee being set up for the school extension.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Please remember to check the PTA website each week:

www.psi.kiev.ua/community/pta/

Contact our PTA President, Amal Barmoro at:

ptapresident@psi.kiev.ua

Kiev Neighbours is a useful website for information about Kyiv. Used by local and expatriate families - <http://groups.google.com/group/kyivneighbours>

MENU



Week 11



	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11	11/11
Starter Option 1	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)	Fresh Vegetables (Sticks)
Starter Option 2	Borsch	Russian Cucumber Soup	Vegetable Soup	Pea Soup	Cauliflower Soup
MAIN COURSE Meat dish & garnish Option 1	Macaroni-Cheese Bake with Ham	Danish Meatballs with Rice	Chicken Cakes & Pasta	Frankfurters & Potato Mash	Choice of Pizza with Chips
MAIN COURSE Vegetarian Option 2	Potato-Leeks Bake	Zucchini and Tomatoes Gratin	Steamed Vegetables	Polenta with Pepperonata	Vegetarian Pizza with Chips
Dessert	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake	Yoghurt or Fresh fruits or Cake
	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice



Bread and drink water will be available daily
* Portions depend on the age group

