



# PSI Weekly

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## Important Dates

**Sat, 25th Apr @ 19:30 - 24:00** - PTA Spring Fling Party (M17 Art Gallery)

**Mon, 27th April - ASA season 4 starts**

**Wed, 29th Apr @ 13:00 - 17:00** - Secondary Parent Teacher Conference (**No ASA**)

**Wed, 29 Apr @ 17:00 - 18:00** - Grade 4 event 'Living Museum' (Cafeteria)

**Thu, 30th April** - the deadline to return the Intentions Form

**Fri, 1st - 4th May - May Day (no school)**

**Tue, 5th May @ 8:30 - 9:30** - PTA Steering Committee meeting (Cafeteria)

**Wed, 6th May @ 10:00 - 11:00** - Primary Open House-Math Focus MS Boys Volleyball CEESA

**Thu, 7th May - Sun, May 10** - MS Boys Volleyball CEESA (Helsinki) and MS Girls Volleyball CEESA (Belgrade)

**Fri, 8th May @ 08:35 - 09:10** - Primary Assembly (Gr. 3-5) (Cafeteria)

## Director's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

### Tuition Fees / Bus Fees

Last week we released the PSI Tuition Fees for the 2015 / 2016 school year with the 'Intentions to Return' documentation. I am very pleased to say that our tuition fees will remain the same with no increase for the third school year. This is a commitment from the PSI Board to support PSI families in difficult times in the country.

The news also gets better with bus fees being reduced by almost 20%. We hope this might also add new students to our buses. For more information about bus prices, routes and registration please phone or email them to the registrar, Victor (tel: 377 5292 or email [registrar@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:registrar@psi.kiev.ua)).

### PTA Leaders Update

This month has seen a transition for the PTA with office positions changing. I would like to begin by recognising the following people who have worked very hard with the PTA over the past 12 months. Their time, huge efforts on projects and events and liaison work within the PSI community is all greatly appreciated.

- **Kelly Bork** - Co President
- **Sydney Shore** - Co President
- **Tamara Jaspers** - Secretary
- **Iulia Burunciuc** - Treasurer

Elections have been completed and we are very pleased to announce new (and returning) PTA leaders. We look forward to working with the new team and thank them hugely in advance for their time and involvement in PSI.

- **Brigitte Moukheiber** - President
- **Otilia Naftanaila** - Vice President
- **Maria Norberg** - Secretary
- **Iulia Burunciuc** - Treasurer
- **Sveta Ringger** - Board Member



## From the Secondary Principal



Dear Parents:

By now, you should have viewed your child's report card on Veracross. Directions and access information were sent to you in a separate email and as part of the Monday grade level newsletters. As always, please contact our IT team (it@psi.kiev.ua) if you have technical issues.

On **Wednesday, 29 April**, we will hold our **Parent Teacher Conferences** from 1 – 5 pm. Directions for sign-up have already been sent to you, but please contact the Secondary PA (lenal@psi.kiev.ua) if you have questions.

If you do not have an early appointment, **your child should go home at 12:00**. There is little or no supervision for students who stay on campus as teachers will be engaged in the conferences.

The conferences are an important part of our communication between home and school. In order to make your time as useful as possible to you, please do the following:

- Bring a translator with you if needed. Although

the school does have some Russian and Ukrainian staff members, most of them will be involved in conferences and unavailable to you.

- Bring your child with you! The best way to get a good understanding of your child's progress and to set appropriate goals is for you, your child and the teacher to all be part of the same conversation.
- Arrive on time. The individual meetings are very tightly scheduled. One late parent can throw the whole schedule off.
- Come with your questions ready. Each meeting is brief, so the better prepared you are, the more information you'll be able to get.
- Plan on follow up. Parent Conferences aren't the only time you can talk to a teacher. If you need more information, a longer discussion, or a follow up on the conversation, please contact individual teachers. We're happy to keep the conversation going!
- Remember to celebrate! Often, parents come to conferences thinking only about what they want to 'fix.' Please take time to also congratulate your child on good marks, positive teacher feedback and signs of improvement.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

## From the Primary Principal



Dear Parents:

Yesterday our fifth grade students amazed us with the presentations of their Exhibition projects. It has been a long, hard process for these students and they should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you to all the Mentors who supported the students on this journey and thank you to the teachers who created an environment where such learning could take place.

Next week our final season of ASA begins. During this first week students go to the cafeteria to meet their instructors. ASA dismissal is at 4pm.

Kind regards, Ms Tatz

## Reminder - Annual Parent Opinion Surveys

Our annual review process is important for both school development and improvement. We urge all parents to participate. The survey period will end on **Tuesday, May 5th 2015**. Thank you for your time and help. [Parent Opinion Survey 2014/15](#)

## Summer School Enrolments Open

Registrations are now open for the PSI Summer School to the registrar [registrar@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:registrar@psi.kiev.ua)

We are offering courses for EC to Grade 10 students. Please see the [LINK](#) for all the course information, dates and registration details. Enrolments close on **Monday, 8th June**.

## Porcelain Dental Clinic - Welcomes You For a Free Check-Up by an Orthodontist at PSI

Did you know that braces can be avoided by simple guiding the jaws growth? 5 to 10 years of age is the best time for preventive course as an alternative to braces and teeth extractions. Early treatment can create enough space for teeth growing correctly in natural way. You save time and money with much less effort.

On April 30th 2015, Porcelain will provide free examinations on the way your child's face is growing.

We will answer the following key question:

- Is your child's face growing harmonically?

- Will your child have any problems with teeth and face beauty in the future?

- How can you prevent these issues if they exist?

Each check-up will take approximately 15 minutes. Please sign-up for your free appointment at the [LINK](#) provided.

Parent will need to be present for the check-up and will receive feedback immediately.

## Open Your Veracross Family Contact Directory Data

We are pleased to have just over 85% of families accessing curriculum information and classroom news on Veracross.

Family contact data (family names, phone numbers, email contacts and home address) are available to all Veracross parent users. The information is 'live' so as families join and leave PSI Veracross automatically updates all data. Currently your family data are deactivated. If you would like to 'activate' your family data, to be shared and part of the online Contact Directory, this can be activated on the 'My Family' tab in the 'Family Information' section, that was used above.

If you have any issues, questions, or comments, please

contact the PSI IT Team at: [it@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:it@psi.kiev.ua)

### Pechersk School International

#### Log In

username

password

[forgot username or password?](#)



## Intentions Forms Needed

Last week hardcopy information was sent to all PSI families as it is now time to confirm your intentions to enrol for the 2015 / 2016 Academic School Year. Families are reminded to please complete the Intentions Form and return it to School by **Thursday, April 30th 2015**. If you have any questions, please phone or email them to Victor (tel: 377 5259 or email [registrar@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:registrar@psi.kiev.ua) ).

## News and Updates

### After School Activities (ASA) Programme Dates

Dear students, parents and guardians,

We are happy to announce that PSI starts its 4th Season of ASA next **Monday, 27th April** and SSSP starts on **Saturday, 16th of May**.

The dates for Season 4 are as follows: **April 27th to - June 13th**.

Hard copy of confirmation slips will be sent home with primary students **Friday, 24th April** while secondary students will get confirmation from their homeroom teachers also on Friday.

For any other information including; activity policies, cancelled dates, ASA fees and updates to the Season 4 programme please visit our [ASA site](#).

**Best Regards, ASA Team**

### A New Video of the Head of Individuals and Societies, Wayne Mockett

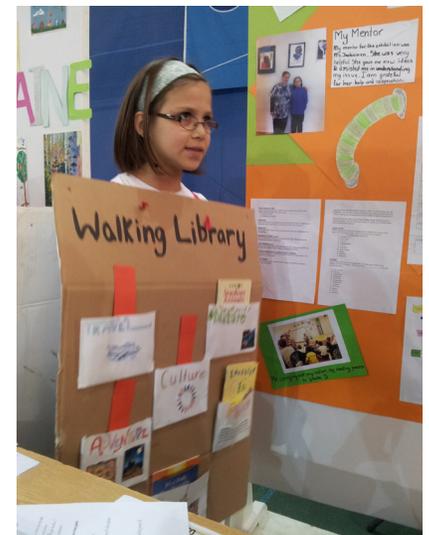
Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

We are excited to share [our latest video](#) of the Head of Humanities, Wayne Mockett. For more information about PSI news and events, please check our Upcoming Events section on the PSI website ([www.psi.kiev.ua](http://www.psi.kiev.ua)).



### Grade 5 PYP Exhibition April 23, 2015

Congratulations G5 on a overwhelmingly successful Exhibition unit.



### PSI in Brief

**Parent Russian Lessons** - We offer Russian language lessons to parents free of charge. Classes will be held **from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Please confirm your participation with our ASA Coordinator, Natasha ([natashag@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:natashag@psi.kiev.ua)).

- **Beginners** - Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.
  - **Intermediate** - Wednesday & Friday afternoon (people with some experience).
- Gate Security Cards** - To issue security cards for your family, we

kindly ask you to fill out this [Parental Security Form](#).

Please send your photographs to this email address: [securityphoto@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:securityphoto@psi.kiev.ua). For additional information please contact the PSI Security Office: [security@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:security@psi.kiev.ua).



## PTA News

One more day until the Spring Fling Party! Do you have your dancing shoes ready? The DJ will be spinning great tunes for us to dance to. Also, don't forget to bring your wallet: there are many, many great things to bid on: teacher promises, company and parent donations and the most amazing amount of country baskets. THANK YOU to all who donated. All the baskets look fantastic!

Need to remind yourself of all the great teacher promises? Have a look at the silent auction video <http://bit.ly/1J6YQrh>

Besides these promises, there is also a pizza party promise, an acoustic session with the school band and a playstation&pizza hangout. We hope to see you all on Saturday!

### New PTA Steering Committee!

**Brigitte Moukheiber** - president  
**Otilia Naftanaila** - vice president  
**Maria Norberg** - secretary  
**Iulia Burunciuc** - treasurer  
**Sveta Ringger** - welcome coordinator

### Upcoming PTA events:

- April 25:** Spring Fling party
- May 5:** PTA Steering Committee Meeting: 8.30am Cafeteria
- May 12:** PTA Meeting, followed by coffee with Ms. Tatz, primary principal
- May 31:** Summer Fair and Summer Bazaar

### House Points Totals



**Khoriv 1442**



**Kyiv -1303**



**Lybid -1153**



**Schek -1266**

### PSI Reminders

**2015 / 2016 School Calendar**  
 - We are pleased to release **the new Academic School Year Calendar 2015 / 2016**. [LINK](#)

**PSI Glossary** - A whole school glossary of educational terms used in the school and in documents. [Glossary LINK](#)

**School / Home Communication**  
 Whom to contact about your questions, feedback and issues at [PSI LINK](#)

**Community Emergency Communication Policy** - Please follow the [LINK](#) to this important information.

**PSI Facebook** - We use Facebook every day at PSI. Please visit our site to ['Like Us'](#) and join in.

**Feedback** - PSI welcomes feedback, questions and concerns. Please email [communication@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:communication@psi.kiev.ua) at any time.

### Menu for next week

Please click on the [MENU](#)  
[PSI Social Media Links](#)



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 School Buses: Lilia [lilia@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:lilia@psi.kiev.ua)  
 Security Cards: Rostislav [securityphoto@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:securityphoto@psi.kiev.ua)  
 PE Uniform Orders: Oksana [oksanam@psi.kiev.ua](mailto:oksanam@psi.kiev.ua)