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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last issue of this year's LYNX Quarterly Newsletter. Our Newsletter is published at the end of each Quarter. We really hope you have found our newsletter helpful and interesting these two years of publishing. We will continue to publish the LYNX Quarterly Newsletter next year as well. If you have any suggestions how to make it more interesting for you or you have a topic you want to be included in our Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Madara at frontdesk@isl.edu.lv.

We would like to remind you, that the **New School Year will start on September 3rd**, and it will be a short day for all students, meaning that the school will end at 12:00. New School Year Calendar 2018-2019 can be found [HERE!](#)

During school Summer break offices are open Monday to Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm and on Fridays 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please feel free to contact and visit us!!!

This is a very short Newsletter, so in this issue you will read:

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We all here at the International School of Latvia wish you a wonderful summer full of joy and great emotions!!!

See you soon again!



Director's Message

By Mr. Eric Larson, ISL Director

Dear Parents,

The 2017-18 school year has come to an end! It has been a fun year of learning and friendship. **Thank you for being a part of our school!**

At this time I want you to know about some of the initiatives undertaken at our school this year. We conducted our **self-study** for the **New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Council of International Schools and the International Baccalaureate Organization in preparation for our full accreditation visit in November**. The self-study included the participation of ISL staff, Council members, and parents. It provided us an opportunity to reflect on all aspects of our school from academics to governance to facilities and the level of alignment with the accreditation standards for quality schools. The end product is recognition of what we do well and the development of an action plan to strengthen those areas that can be more closely aligned with the standards. These will be incorporated into our strategic planning process in our ongoing efforts to provide an outstanding education for our students.

We also completed a lot of work on our school's curriculum this year. Under the guidance of Elizabeth Phillips, our Curriculum Coordinator, we further refined and aligned our standards in core subject areas and reflected on how we assess and report student achievement. **Jessica Krueger will replace Ms. Phillips** in this important work next academic year during which we will develop curriculum guides for parents to provide information on all of our programs. In addition, we have developed a comprehensive curriculum review cycle to ensure our curriculum is well thought out and up to date with best practices of international schools.

Our school facility continues to grow and we look forward to an improved cafeteria for the start of the new school year on September 3. The main extension, with new science and music facilities and a theater, is slated for completion by the end of December. We are looking forward to this addition as it will greatly enhance our programs and accommodate future growth in student numbers.

You may be aware of the new **EU General Data Protection Regulations**. Over the past several months we have been putting procedures in place to comply with these regulations. Before the start of next school year we will inform you of the new procedures and ask for your permission to maintain data for your family.

Finally, I want to thank the PTO for all of your support this year - you enhance the education we provide to your children!

For those of you not returning next school year, we wish you the best in your next adventure. For those staying, **we look forward to seeing you on September 3**. Have a great summer with your children!

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Principal's Message

By Mr. David Callaway – Principal

Dear All,

I am so lucky to have the pleasure of being the Elementary School Principal and being able to be a part of your children's lives, watching as they go from grade to grade and eventually into Middle school, whether here or in another country as you continue your journeys. Every year our Elementary school grows and develops it has become better and better each year I have been here, both academically and organizationally, with more resources than ever to support your children. Next year with two sections in all the classes, the opportunities to learn and grow together increase. Please welcome our great new Elementary Principal Steve Vis who arrives in July. We have had many meetings to hand over the Elementary school and I am confident he will continue the great work we started. And remember don't forget to have your kids read this summer...it will take them places.

Secondary School Principal's Message

By Mr. Mark Robertson-Jones – Secondary School Principal

Dear ISL Community,

As we bring the 2017-2018 academic year to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to briefly reflect on what has been a fun-filled, fruitful and energizing year at ISL. Together we have enriched each other's lives with compassion and care and taken the time to get to know and support each other. I look forward very much to continuing this journey with you all into next year with high hopes, big dreams and strong relationships.

I want to wish all of our students, parents and staff a safe, relaxing and restorative summer holiday.

Warm regards!



