

# D. D. NEWS

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## 2017/18 year in review

It is surprising to realize that we have arrived at the end of the third year since the beginning of BSCIS. It is impressive to see how far the students have progressed in their creative thinking and in their English skills. We are very proud of our first BSCIS graduating class and we wish them all of the best as they head off to universities spread all around the world!

## Plans for next year

We are in the final stages of working through the next year schedule for the DD program for both Gr. 12, Gr. 11 and Gr. 10 students. We are pleased to welcome 45 new BSCIS students in Gr. 10 next year, making up two homerooms. We are also pleased to welcome our first boys to BSCIS.

The actual schedule details are still being worked out as we integrate our program with the Japanese classes of the program here at BSCIS to ensure a balance of classes every day.



## Congratulations Gr. 12 Grads, Class of 2018!

(The first graduates of BSCIS)

These are the brave pioneers of the class of 2018. Three years ago there were 15 students in the DD grade 10. Thanks to their blazing the way and setting an excellent example, we have all

learned together to create the best school possible. Thank you class of 2018 and may you pursue your dreams wherever in the world you end up. Keep in touch!



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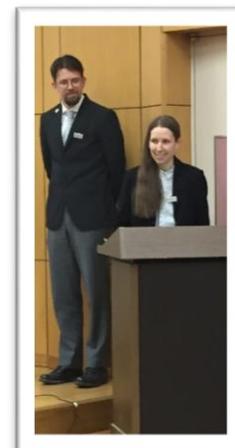
### Staffing:

Here at Bunka Suginami School there is a long tradition that staffing changes are introduced only on March 24 at the Closing Ceremony. In BSCIS for this year we are now in a position to announce the following:

1. We are pleased that Mr. Watson and Ms. Krochentski will be staying at BSCIS for next year.
2. We are sad to announce that Mr. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Pakulak-Monroe will all be leaving Japan and BSCIS this March. We wish them all of the best in their new adventures back in BC.
3. We have hired 3 new BC teachers for next year to help us with the extra DD classes. We will welcome Nicholas Szajnowski and Andrew McIlvaney who will both be teaching English and Social Studies. Delee Cowan will be teaching the math program here at the school. They all come to us with experience in teaching both in BC and overseas.
4. We have hired Ms. Whitney as the new principal for BSCIS. She will take over from Mr. Miles on March 27. Ms. Whitney has experience in administration in BC and she has also worked as the international coordinator for a district. She looks forward to coming to Tokyo where she has been many times.

### Thank you note from Drew and Jill Pakulak-Monroe:

*We can hardly believe that we have now completed our two year contract with BSCIS. While we are looking forward to seeing our families back in BC, we will deeply miss Japan and the connections that we have made here. We are grateful to all of our students, their caregivers and families, and the staff here at Bunsugi. We hope that we can come back to Japan for a visit sometime soon. Thank you and take care!*



### Thank you note from Dan Miles, principal:



*My wife Shelley and I have had a wonderful time during these three years we have spent with you here in Tokyo. We came to a new country we knew very little about. We have been welcomed by so many kind people, we have learned so much and we have explored so much over these last years that we will miss many things about*

*Japan and our friends and colleagues here.*

*Thank you to the students, the parents and the Bun Sugi staff for welcoming us so kindly. We started this new adventure called BSCIS and it is thanks to the teamwork between our BC staff and our Japanese staff that this venture has become such a success!*

*We will miss our time here but we know that BSCIS will continue to thrive with caring staff, creative students and supportive staff!*