



Our Mission

Providing a balanced and innovative international education that enables students to achieve their individual potential while preparing them to be successful citizens who make positive contributions to society and the world.



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Head of School Notes

Dear Student and Parents,

As we are completing our second week of online learning, I would like to share some of my reflections on the current situation and how ISZ students, families and staff are keeping the flame of learning alive during these challenging times. It is not easy, but as a community we are rising to the challenge.

Teaching is an *intimate* activity: Students give up a certain degree of control to the teacher and trust that person to help them master some new concept or topic. It doesn't matter how big the class, the intimacy is unchanged for the teacher and the student.

Teaching is *personal*: Yes, from the student's perspective, a one-on-one lesson is more personal than sitting through a lesson with the whole class, but ISZ teachers still see the individual and modify their approach via instantaneous feedback for each child.

Teaching is a *performance*: Anything that comes between the teacher and the student reduces the connection between the two. In that sense, all forms of technology interfere with the intimacy of teaching and consequently impair performance. The counterpoint is that technology tries to make up for the limitations of being human, and that is often a worthwhile effort.

Given the current situation where social distancing is mandated, we rely heavily on technology to keep this intimate and personal performance alive as best as we can. ISZ is very fortunate in that we have the technological wherewithal to do so, and it is a humbling thought that the vast majority of communities around the world do not enjoy this luxury.

I would like to thank every one of you for your continued support and belief that ISZ will continue to provide the best possible education for our children during these challenging times. ISZ teachers and admin have been working very hard behind the scenes, and we are committed to providing you with learning ideas and activity suggestions for the upcoming holidays. Stay tuned for more information. We will also be sending out a survey shortly where we will ask for your input and ideas how to improve our online learning experience.

I wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing holiday.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. James W. Pilton

Bookweek Activity: Books on YouTube ctd.

We continue to post books on YouTube. Here is the selection for Day 8, our final day. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBw09d1ypq4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxALTgahB9M&t=10s>

ISZ's Favorite Children's Book Author is...

Thank you for following the videos we posted on YouTube. We hope you enjoyed them. Now let's choose ISZ's favorite author or book.

Please follow the link below to the survey. You can choose your top 3 authors from the list below. You are allowed one vote per child, so if you have more than one child please fill in the form for each one.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIqfs2TJwTstAKCQC9OubLvmhSbYGOss1LX5AJfrj-WA5R9g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Did You Dress Up As Your Favorite Character

Today we have Saffron the Yellow Fairy from the Rainbow Magic series. Please continue to send your picture(s) to j.pilton@isz.co.tz



Family Feature: My Study Space

We continue to invite students and parents to share with us the study space you created. Send us a picture and a caption to info@isz.co.tz or share it with your homeroom teacher.

Thank you for sharing.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March/April - Mock exams continue
- OFFICE HOURS FROM 9AM TO 3PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- Bookweek March 25 - April 3
- Term 3 Break from April 6-13

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