



## Spring has sprung!

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### *Hello students and graduates of ISSofBC!*

Before I begin the newsletter and get into this month's theme, on behalf of all of us at ISSofBC, I would like to express our sadness to all of you who may have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan on Friday March 11, 2011. You are in our thoughts.



The International Studies Bake Sale held on Thursday March 28th raised **\$855.55**. The money will be given to the Japanese Peace Boat organization to help victims of the earthquake and tsunami. Thank you to Audrey Howatson for organizing the bake sale and to everyone who contributed and participated.

I hope you enjoyed the last newsletter and don't hesitate to send me feedback at: [roxanne.heichert@issbc.org](mailto:roxanne.heichert@issbc.org)

Hopefully you visited ISSofBC Language College Group on facebook at [www.facebook.com/isslanguagecollege](http://www.facebook.com/isslanguagecollege)

If you have any specific questions about courses and fees, don't hesitate to email us at : [learnenglish@issbc.org](mailto:learnenglish@issbc.org)

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## Featured Program at ISSofBC

**Evening Courses:** If you are unable to study during the day there are many English courses offered at ISSofBC during the evening, which may fit into your busy schedule. For example, **Learn English Now**, **TOEFL** and **Business English** are all offered evenings Monday through Thursday.



**Teaching English to Children (TEC):** This four week course will introduce the skills and knowledge you need to effectively teach English to children.

Have hands on fun preparing lessons you can use in your own classroom setting. Learn how to make things that you can use, for example, a life size puppet or a cardboard car. See how to use drama and music as part of your teaching. Prepare lesson plans that are relevant to children. Hope to see you there!

## News around ISSofBC

Hey, hey, hey, free WIFI is now available to students on the 5th and 6th floors at ISSofBC. It will be available on the 2nd floor in the near future. Ask your teacher for the password and then surf away.

**Sean** is still soaking up the sunshine and hopefully sipping margaritas (love those margaritas) in beautiful Mexico. I'm not jealous, oh no I'm not. Hope he brings back lots of fabulous photos. We all miss him!

Most of ISSofBC went skating on Thursday March 17th at Trout Lake Community Center. We all took the skytrain and got there without getting lost, thanks to Sandra's wonderful directions. There were skates available for all the students and after lacing them up we all got out on the ice. We all slipped, slid and glided although sometimes not on our skates and had a good time. Some of us looked pretty good at the end, so watch out Winter Olympics 2014 here we come. However I don't think the amazing YuNa Kim needs to worry.





**Bring a Friend to Class day at ISSofBC:**

We will be having another Bring a Friend to Class Day and Open House for students who are interested in trying out one of our many classes. It will be all day Thursday April 28th and Friday April 29th. Bring a friend and come on out and try a class! We look forward to seeing lots of new faces.



## Student Activity Schedule

Please join us! The International Studies Program will have the following activities for students.

Date	Activity	Instructor	Time	Room	Comments
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Skating (Admission and skate rental cost to students)	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30	Meet in 624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Cookies	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30-4:30	624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Board Games	Roxanne/ Jennifer W.	3:30-4:30	624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Roxanne/ Sandra	TBA	Meet in 624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Chocolate fondue and conversation	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30-4:30	624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball and games at Yaletown Roundhouse	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30-5:00	Meet in 624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Beatles Sing-a-long	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30-4:30	624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Baseball or board games	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30-4:30	Meet in 624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Walk to Granville Island for ice cream	Roxanne/ Sandra	3:30-5:00	Meet in 624	<b>Maximum 24 students</b> Sign up in student lunchroom

*(Please click the image to ENLARGE the schedule)*

## ISSofBC Language College Referral Program

**Refer friends and get rewards!!** The best things in life are free. If you refer a friend to ISSofBC Language College you can earn great rewards, for example, Cineplex movie tickets, Starbucks or Tim Horton's coffee cards. (Who doesn't like coffee and doughnuts?)

If you refer a friend to study at ISSofBC, you and your friend will get a movie ticket or gift card worth \$10.00. If you refer a total of three friends the rewards are even bigger. First you get a 15% discount on your next course registration, but wait there's more. You also get a \$50 gift card for either Pacific Center or Richmond Center Shopping Mall (new shoes yeah!), Chapters or Safeway. If you refer 6 new students to us, you will get another \$50.00 gift certificate and a 25% discount on your next course registration.

Starting May 1, 2011 visit the office in room 516 to get a Referral Rewards stamp card and start getting that free stuff.

## The April Edition: Happiness



Well the Easter Bunny is visiting us this month with treats. Chocolate and happiness go hand in hand, so I hope the Easter Bunny is very good to you. Personally I prefer milk chocolate, but my husband can attest that if there is chocolate in my house it is not safe and in the case of an emergency my taste buds are not selective. My husband has to hide his own stash, but I can say am usually successful at finding it (hahahah evil laugh).

Here are this month's idioms related to happiness, discussion questions and a website that might make you laugh.

### Idioms related to Happiness:

**On cloud nine:** to be very happy because something fabulous has happened.  
*For example*, I was on cloud nine when I found out I was pregnant.



**Grin from ear to ear:** to show happiness on your face by a very big smile. You look very happy.  
*For example*, after Tom won the scholarship he was grinning from ear to ear.

**Jump for joy:** to show your happiness physically, sometimes by dancing, jumping etc and to feel great happiness. You would often use this expression after you are told some news that makes you very happy.  
*For example*, Su Jin jumped for joy after she passed the test.

**Music to your ears:** When you are told information that makes you feel very happy.  
*For example*, the announcement that school was closed because of the snow was music to my ears.

**Over the moon:** to be feeling incredibly happy.  
*For example*, I was over the moon when my boyfriend proposed to me.

**In stitches:** You use this expression when you are laughing a lot.  
*For example*, I saw the new Jim Carrey movie and I was in stitches.

**Walking on air:** When you are filled with happiness and excitement because something great has happened to you.  
*For example*, Betty has been walking on air since she got her promotion.

**To be having the time of your life:** to be enjoying yourself, having a very good time.

**Thrilled to bits:** to be very excited and pleased about something.

**Never looked back:** When your life is changed for the better because of some event and you continue on with your life and are happy.

*For example,* after I quit my job and moved I never looked back.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is the funniest movie you have seen?
2. When in your life have you been the happiest?
3. Can money bring you happiness?
4. If you are feeling sad, what things do you do to change your mood?
5. What is your happiest childhood memory?
6. What is happiness for you?
7. What colours represent happiness?
8. What music makes you feel happy?
9. What are 4 things you need to be happy?
10. Do you think your happiness will increase or decrease with age?

## Facts about April

**Diamond** is the birthstone for the month of April.  
The flowers for the month of April are the **daisy** and **sweet pea**.

### Websites:

[JibJab e-cards](#): You can use this website to create funny cards, for example birthday and anniversary cards and send them to your friends.

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