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# The Trident

The eNewsletter of  
The Sage School

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Hello Friends of The Sage School,

July disappeared in a flash, and August is following suit. A lot has happened at the school this summer, and the activity is increasing. For starters, we now have a swim team. OK, we don't, but I included this picture of my son swimming in his 1950's bathing cap and goggles because it captures something fundamental and playful about summer, and because it is just plain goofy.



As we move into 1451 Aviation Drive and begin to envision the opportunities of this new space there is a tangible sense of excitement and possibility. I hope this year will reflect the manifestation of these various possibilities and open doors to others.

I look forward to letting you know what is happening along the way.

Harry

## Thank You!

I wanted to say a specific thank you to the crew that came out on 4 August.

**Starr Weekes**  
**Barge Levy**  
**Karen Oswald**  
**Claire Casey**  
**Pat Casey**  
**Crystal Thurston**  
**The Verheijen Family**  
**Suya**  
**The Griffith Family**  
**Toby**  
**Chris McAvoy**  
**Maggie Flood**  
**Marie Gillespie**  
**Bex and Travis Wilkinson**  
**Lisa and Sydney Fisher**  
**Mary Rau**  
**Heather and Oliver Guy**  
**Karl and Kathleen**  
**Krekow**

People were working at both locations, and I may not have had a chance to see everyone. For anyone I missed, the error is mine alone, and I apologize.

## Open House

**2 September 2010**

**THURSDAY NIGHT**

This will be for prospective

## Moving Day

### Many boxes...

On Wednesday, August 4, we moved the school from its location at 12 B West Carbonate to the new building at 1451 Aviation Drive.



More than 25 people came out to help- Board Members, faculty, current and future families, Friends, and co-opted friends, and even some who were just trying to build up "their moving karma."

## Moving Day II

### ...and then some lunch

With many hands, amazing speed, and precision packing skills, we made the move in less than five hours, and with only one casualty. Apparently, a chair escaped from one of the trucks, although it was never found. There are reports of a strange upholstered piece of furniture out Lamb's Gulch, but so far we cannot confirm if this is our chair.



Moving day ended with lunch in the sun on the new deck. It is hard to say enough thanks to this crew. We really appreciated the support, as it made the day enjoyable, and the work was done quickly. One of my favorite comments, which exemplified the spirit of the event, was, "No, no, thank you for providing us with so much fun stuff to move."

## Board Retreat

### Where we are, where we are headed...

From August 13 through 14, the Sage School Board met at Pettit Lake to take a look at the last year, and plan for the years ahead. We brought in Jason Berv, Head of the Watershed School in Boulder, Colorado, to lead us through the weekend, and help us with visioning and strategic planning for the school.



students and families, as well as current students and families who want to come and check out the new building.

1451 Aviation Drive  
Hailey, Idaho 83333  
788-0120

**7:00 PM**

We had a wonderfully productive couple of days, and left the weekend appreciating our strengths and opportunities, and also our challenges. We set priorities for the year, with an eye towards continuing to develop the strongest foundation on which to build the school.

I was sorry not to get a picture that included Kirsten Ritzau, as she had to leave early, but I hope the smiles indicate the general mood of the retreat.

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## **The Fleet**

### **Two-wheeled horses**

We are up to eight bikes, and growing. Our goal is to use the bikes in several ways. For starters, we want the kids to be able to take them apart, paint them, and put them back together, in this way both personalizing them, and also learning the basic mechanics and functioning of a bike. Then, we hope to use these freshly painted and refurbished chariots to access various service, recreational, and community opportunities in and around Hailey. Finally, we are starting to look at ways we might turn this into a larger Bike Project, where we gather and restore old bikes to be given out to those members of the community in need.



We are still looking for more bikes, and appreciate the ones we already have. Please let us know if you have one you would like to get rid of, and we will gladly come and get it.

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## **Pistachios**

### **Article Subheading**

As we enter year two, and begin to inhabit our new space, our pistachios range from those obvious, to those anticipated. We are in the process of writing grants to equip our greenhouse space, we are looking for local alliances and mentors to help our service and academic programs, and we are outlining the best way to meet our operational costs as a start up business. Each provides challenges, each provides opportunities.



As the year unfolds, we will start to focus on the particularly important nuts, and those that may require some additional leverage. I will let you know when we need the extra help.

In the middle of August, I met with a woman, an expert in design, who said something about the design process that I really liked- "Appreciate the problem." Right now, we are doing our best to articulate our programs, to define the Sage School as intentionally as we can, and to appreciate those areas where we can be more clear, and where we need support. This will be an ongoing process.

What I like about appreciating the problem is that, when done well, it helps to articulate the opportunities. I am sure both problems and opportunities will arise in the coming months, and I look forward to working through these with the community we are building. As always, thank you for your kindness.

Harry

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