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Activity Planner 2019-2020

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Dear students and parents of Eerde International Boarding School,

We are delighted to present you our activity planner for the academic year 2019 – 2020. With more than 20 nationalities amongst our students and staff, learning at Eerde will allow our students to experience a true international atmosphere where we do our best to offer the best education we can.

Learning at Eerde is fun, full and challenging. Besides the teaching hours, we try to alternate it with fun, and educational activities.

In this activity planner you will find more information about the activities we set out for next year, when it is planned, which teacher will be responsible and the estimated costs.

Note that for every paid activity, there will also be a free activity (e.g. February week without walls will also contain on campus activities).

This is a dynamic document, and only activities that are known now, are described in it. If you have questions, or remarks, please make sure that you contact the administrative office or the designated teacher about this.

Kind regards

Robert de Bruin
Principal



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Opening academic year

Starting a new school year is always rather daunting;

However, at Eerde we structure the first day in such a way that our students get all the administrative information they need as well as creating community through team building. This first day will be divided into two parts:

- Time in tutor rooms to meet and greet one another as well as gain information on timetables, how the day runs, expectations and how to start as we mean to finish.
- Time outside with the tutor where various team building activities will present problems that need solving. Here, groups will work together as teams followed by reflection and goal setting.

Through clear and concise dissemination of information, students will quickly know how the school works and can start in a positive manner.

When	August 19 – 20 2019
Who	All students
Teacher	Ms. Jeandre Henning
Where	Campus
Costs	-



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IBDP Induction weekend



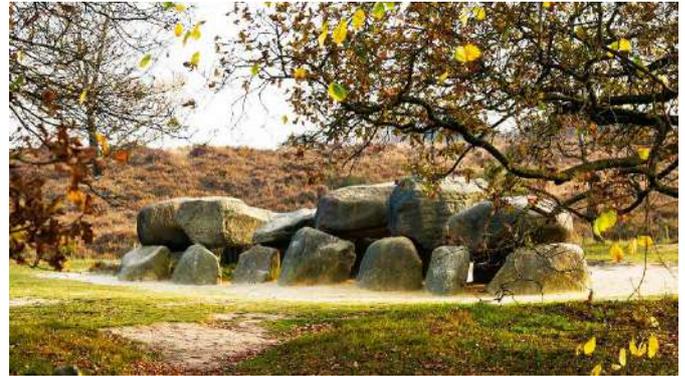
The IB Diploma Program Induction Weekend aims to encourage students to discover what makes the IBDP special.

Over the course of two and a half days, in the tranquility and serenity of the Drenthe countryside, students are introduced to the IB philosophy of inquiry based learning; the internal assessment items; Theory of Knowledge; and the CAS program. The rural setting and the absence of technology (students leave all electronic devices at home or in Boarding) provide students with the space to think, reflect, and engage in authentic face to face communication with their peers, with whom they will learn, live, and develop over the following two years.

Packing List

- Casual clothes to wear around the hostel (three days' worth)
- Comfortable pants to hike in
- Long sleeved t-shirt to hike in
- Fleece or hoodie
- Down jacket or similar for the evenings
- Rain jacket
- Outdoor shoes or boots to hike in
- Thick hiking socks
- A small daypack to take on hikes

- Drink bottle
- Beanie
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Any personal medication needed
- Swim suit
- Towel
- Flip-flops
- Slippers for the evenings
- A bit of money



What not to bring

- Large quantities of money
- Electronic devices of any kind
- Unnecessary quantities of clothing
- Excessive quantities of make-up or toiletries

When	August 30th - September 1st
Who	2019 IB1 students
Teacher	Mr. Aaron Lane
Where	Drenthe
Costs	-



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Week without Walls - September

A week of learning for our students outside the walls of our campus.

The first week without walls of the academic year, is focused on team building, getting to know each other and getting prepared for the academic year.

First trip: Ameland, where we will be staying at a hostel: Sier aan Zee, Ameland located on the very south of the island just behind the dunes close to Hollum.



We have a variety of activities planned, besides cycling as that will be our only form of transport on the Island.

There is a selection of Museums

- Natuurcentrum Ameland (at Nes) about the natural habit and the formation of the Waddeneilanden (Wad Islands).
- Museum Sorgdrager
- Maritime Museum
- The Wheat and Mustard Wind Mill
- Lighthouse of Ameland

Other activities:

- Wadlopen (Wad-walking) to explore the biodiversity and importance of the Mud flats for the marine life.
- Beach Group Building Activities
- Science and the Island: Group 4 (Science) project for all the IB Students, using the datalogger to explore different aspects of the nature. Light intensity verse depth of water, Nitrate or phosphate levels verses plant growth or the pH levels verses salinity or temperature of water etc. The IGSC and IMYC students will also be working on field work projects.

There will also be time for a BBQ, Bowling, Beach walks, catching the flag and of course ball games.

When	September 16 – 20 2019
Who	Secondary students
Teacher	Mr. Robert de Bruin
Where	Ameland
Costs	-



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International Week

At Eerde International Boarding School, we pride ourselves on our sense of internationalism, our diversity and our ability to enjoy and understand these as a community.

This year, we will host an International Week where we will celebrate our respective cultures in ways such as:

- International Pot Luck shared lunch (this was very popular and a great success last year)
- Morning activities centered around diversity
- International tolerance, teacher and student celebrations
- Assemblies and lunchtime activities
- Celebrations of languages

As it is the 75th Year Celebration of the UN, we will also incorporate this into our busy week and ensure that all are aware of the role the UN play and what that means for us as individuals but also as members of a larger community. We look forward to this week and want to encourage all at Eerde to participate, to communicate, to integrate and to be a part of a wonderful week filled with events catered to our uniqueness.

When October 15 - 18 2019
Who All students
Teacher Ms. Jeandre Henning
Where Campus
Costs -



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Santa Lucia

Around Christmas time in Sweden, one of the biggest celebrations is St. Lucia's Day (or St. Lucy's Day) on December 13th.

The celebration comes from stories that were told by Monks who first brought Christianity to Sweden. December 13th was also the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. St. Lucia's day is now celebrated by a girl dressed in a white dress, with a red sash around her waist and a crown of candles on her head.

Primary students vote for their own St. Lucia and the boys become the story tellers, while the girls are the maiden.

During the morning celebration, we tell the story of St. Lucia and sing songs in Swedish. It is a solemn celebration loved and appreciated by our community, in which we have many Swedish families.

When	December 13, 2019
Who	Primary students
Teacher	Mrs. Eniko Nemeti
Where	Campus
Costs	-



Sinterklaas

One very special celebration in December that is celebrated at Eerde every year, is the Dutch traditional celebration of Sinterklaas, who visits our Primary students every December the 5th.

bringing his Piets and of course presents! Kids are waiting enthusiastically for this celebration, involving a lot of preparations from them, too – they write letters and send letters with drawings to Sinterklaas already 3 weeks before he visits us. They learn various songs which they will sing for him when he arrives, both in English and Dutch language.

When	December 5, 2019
Who	Primary students
Teacher	Mrs. Eniko Nemeti
Where	Campus
Costs	-



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Winter Market

As true to tradition, Eerde's Christmas market will take place this year as well.

Normally, a total of 20 stand holders sold their articles, from Delicious Freshly baked oliebollen, Christmas Trees, flower arrangements, hand-painted glass Christmas ornaments to beautiful wines, Christmas Candles and Wellness Gems.

The Cold weather, Feije's delicious Erwtensoep (Dutch style Pea soup) hot chocolate milk, Christmas music, and cheerful shoppers, all contribute to feel the true Christmas Spirit.



When November 28, 2019
Who All students + parents
Where Campus
Costs -

Christmas Dinner

Another true Eerde tradition, is the Christmas dinner at Thursday evening before the Christmas Break starts. All of our students wear their most beautiful suits and gowns, and dinner is served to them by teachers and administrative staff.

After everybody finishes our chef's lovely dinner, music will turn on, and there will be a small after party at the castle!



When December 19, 2019
Who Secondary students
Where Castle
Costs -



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The Battle of the Sciences

The Battle of the Sciences is about science. We do not assess English, spelling, creative writing or anything else. Just science.

Because science is our thing. The competition questions are written by science education professionals.

The questions draw on real-life examples and contemporary issues to test skills in critical thinking, problem solving and scientific literacy. Students will complete the competition online and the results will be announced immediately with prizes given to the winners.

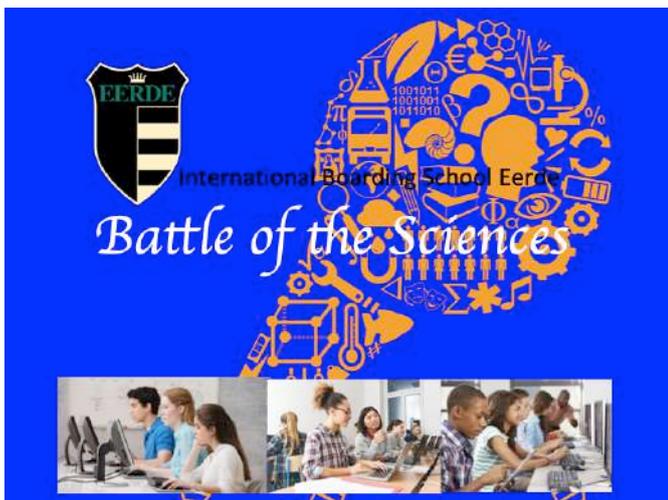
When	December 20, 2019
Who	Secondary
Teacher	Mr. Chee Wong
Where	Campus
Costs	-

Lunar New Year Celebration

We celebrate Lunar New Year, also called Chinese Chunjie, Vietnamese Tet, Korean Solnal, Tibetan Losar, also called Spring Festival.

This festival is typically celebrated in China and other Asian countries that begins with the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar, 15 days later. Sumptuous and abundant, the family reunion dinner served on Lunar New Year's Eve is undeniably a highlight of the entire event together with some live performances from students and teachers.

When	January 24, 2020
Who	Secondary
Teacher	Mr. Chee Wong
Where	Campus
Costs	-



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Week without walls – February

Option 1 → Skitrip

We will be travelling with Huski reisen to Austria: Ski area, Ski Amsdé and staying at the Hotel Post Schwarzach in Alpendorf.



We will travel via a luxury touring bus, Saturday during the day so to have an excellent night sleep before going skiing on Sunday. All ski gear will be ready for the students on Sunday.

After skiing on Thursday and a refreshing shower we will travel overnight to arrive Friday morning, allowing for a relaxing weekend. 3 ski instructors from Huski will travel with us and help the students the entire day on the ski-pistes. We will organize extra activities after skiing and instructions on mountain safety.

There will be a lot of team building, endurance and skills learned during the trip.

When	February 15 – 21 2020
Who	Secondary students
Teacher	Mr. Robert de Bruin
Where	Austria
Costs	€ 1.000,- (estimate)



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Week without walls – February

Option 2 → Tanzania

Same as last year, we will also organize a community service trip to Africa, and this year we chose Tanzania. This trip will be organised by Me to We Trip, same as last year.

A Me to We trip, is the start of a lifelong journey, and is unlike any other volunteer travel program.



Trip participants will travel together to Kilimanjaro airport on group flight. Groups will start their trip in Arusha at accommodations the organiser trusts and stays in regularly before heading to a fully secure mobile tent camp nearby. All

accommodations have shower and washroom facilities.



Some trip highlights

Experience the beginning stages of sustainable development: build connections with families and lay the foundation for groups to come as you work on one of the first WE villages projects in Tanzania

Train with Maasai warriors: immerse yourself in Maasai culture as you follow in the footsteps of a Maasai warrior.

Go on safari: spend the day driving through the Savannah, with a local guide to look for the Big Five: lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos and buffalos.

When	February 15 – 22 2020
Who	Secondary students
Teacher	Ms. Jeandre Henning
Where	Tanzania
Costs	€ 2.000 (estimate, based on groupsize and availability)



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Week without walls – February

Option 3 → On campus

Students will enjoy the WWW on campus or in the near environment. Students might be focusing on enhancing their craft skills, intensify their sculpture and painting competences or take a lead in life-saving skills.



The days at Eerde will have the same rhythm as a normal school day, however all the students (including day students) are encouraged to stay in boarding.



Last year, we offered a variety of hand crafts, sculpture and first aid training throughout the day, and it was combined with fun outdoor activities, like indoor climbing, hiking, horseback riding, outdoor exploration, etc.



When	February 16 – 21 2020
Who	Secondary students
Teacher	
Where	Campus
Costs	-



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Wellness Week

These weeks will provide students with tips and activities to help students to carry out and practice self-care.

This week will focus on the three key ways to wellbeing: Volunteer, Connect, and Be Mindful. The activities will be suitable for students who want to improve their overall wellbeing and students who may be starting to experience difficulties. The aim is to foster the self-awareness through kindness and inner peace.

When	March 30 2020 – April 2 2020
Who	Secondary students
Teacher	Mr. Chee Wong
Where	Campus
Costs	-



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