

# Student Support Newsletter

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## Meet the Student Support Team!

**Kate Meengs (Social Worker):** This year is my fourth year at iCademy and I'm so happy to be back! I love my job and all the students and families I am able to support. My favorite part of my job is seeing students who thrive in iCademy's flexible environment. I have a four year old daughter and am looking forward to taking my job at iCademy on the road this year while I travel with my family out west! We will be spending time in Idaho, Utah, and New Mexico. It's going to be a great school year!

**Jody Voss (Community Passport Coordinator):** This is my 2nd year at iCademy. I love that I can combine my passions for learning, exploring and traveling in my daily job! I enjoy creating partnerships with business so our students can do amazing things from horseback riding and rock climbing to music lessons and art classes AND all for school credit.

**Haley Prins (K-8 School Counselor):** This is my second year as the K-8 School Counselor at iCademy! I love so many things about my job: from helping students plan for their future by picking elective courses, to teaching Homeroom lessons weekly, to meeting with students one-on-one. I love meeting new people and building relationships, so please say "hi!" :)

**Rebecca Laarman (HS School Counselor):** I am entering my second month as School Counselor at iCademy! I am loving working with this supportive team who genuinely care for their students! I appreciate the patience and grace the iCademy community has extended to me as I learn the ways of iCademy and school counseling in the US. I was an Academic counselor in Tanzania and Thailand for 9 years. This experience has given me a huge heart for cultural diversity and understanding. I am excited to see, learn, and impact the global aspect of iCademy Global!

## **BASE:**

We will be utilizing the program BASE again this year. BASE recognizes the importance of addressing the whole child, which includes not only academics, but your ability to grow as a responsible and confident person. We know we only have a small portion of time with you, and we take our responsibility very seriously.

Last year we used the BASELine assessment to identify a need of social connectivity in our students. We plan to use this same assessment again to identify an area of need and focus for our students this year. This assessment will be taking place in MS Homerooms and HS Seminars after break week. Stay tuned for more details after we are able to complete the assessment and analyze the data! We are looking forward to another great year with you and your families!

### **It's time to think about clubs!**

We want to know what clubs you would be interested in participating in or even leading! Why participate? Clubs are great activities to meet like minded people in a safe virtual space. And if you are thinking about college, School involvement is helpful on your application! Please fill out the survey about what clubs you might be interested in this year! Click [here](#) to fill out the club survey.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Break week: September 4-8
- 2nd-8th Grade MAPS Testing: week of September 11th
- Conferences: Sept. 20-21
- Middle School Movie Night: Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 pm!
- High school ArtPrize Field Trip Sept 29

