

Program of Learning Opportunities for Parents and Students

Please reference this document when scheduling your conference time so you can attend other learning sessions of interest to you while you are on campus for the Student-Led Conference on March 26 or 27. You should receive instructions for scheduling conferences by email.



International School of Beijing – Middle School

March 2018

Middle School United Learning Sessions for Parents/Students – Monday, March 26
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