



## International School Eastern Seaboard

August 20, 2010

Dear ISE Community,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. Welcome to all new ISE families. We got off to a terrific start this week. Many thanks to all the parents, teachers, students and staff who made it all possible.

Please be sure to check the website for the activities at school. We encourage all parents to attend whenever they can. Please be sure to call the school office for any information you may need.

In the secondary school, many of the teachers are using our computer labs for classroom instruction. As you know, we have a wireless Internet system throughout the school. Many of our students use their own laptop computers or iPads to connect during the school day. While having a laptop is not a requirement, and the school computers are available to the students, we encourage families to purchase a laptop for their sons and/or daughters. As computers are used more and more in our students' lives, it is much simpler to bring your computer to and from school all information is in one place.

If your daughter or son would like to bring her/his laptop to school, they would need to see Mr. McDermid or me to get an IT policy agreement form. This outlines the rules and regulations governing computer use at school. The students will bring this home to discuss with you. We ask that, if you agree, you sign the document and return it with your daughter/son to me. We will then register the laptop on our school router. The policy is also in our Parent/Student Handbook that was reviewed with the students and sent home to you on the first day of school. If you have not seen this Handbook, please discuss that with your daughter/son. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about this program.

Activities in the Secondary School will begin next week. We had an activities assembly on Monday where students spoke about our clubs, sports and activities. As we no longer have the "famous flex" block in our schedule, many of these activities will be held after-school in the 3:00 to 4:30 time period. Transportation will be provided on the activities busses. We encourage all secondary students to participate in at least one activity each semester. This year the ASA program will be available to middle school students. This is an extension of our Elementary School program that provides sport and other activities after school. Parents will pay for these activities if they choose to have their son or daughter participate. Information will come home from the elementary school about our ASA program.

We will again participate in the JESTERS Fair in Pattaya. This worthwhile fund-raising event supports many charities in the greater Pattaya area. ISE is involved in supporting some of these charities as well. Our students will be there with our booth to offer games to play and face painting. This event is held at the Diana Golf Driving Range.

Please be sure to attend:

- Elementary School Open House on August 25
- PTA General Meeting at 12:00 on September 1
- Secondary Open House at 1:00 PM on September 1

I look forward to seeing you all.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Brewitt

**Dear ISE Community,**

Welcome back! I trust that everyone had a restful vacation. I have enjoyed seeing many of you over the past couple of days. Your children have settled nicely into their new routines.

I am looking forward to a great year with both you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to drop by my office at any time or email me at [hnaro@ise.ac.th](mailto:hnaro@ise.ac.th).

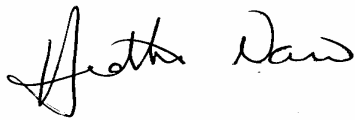
Remember to spend some time each evening reviewing your child's day and reading with him or her. I would like to welcome our newest faculty member, Mrs. Amanda Garrett, to the elementary school. We are happy to have Mrs. Garrett join the ISE faculty and are looking forward to her working with us on developing our reading program.

On Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> the elementary school will hold its annual Open House. Information was sent home on Wednesday. I hope that you can all attend; we will meet in the cafeteria at 8:15am.

**Upcoming Events**

- August 23<sup>rd</sup> First PreK Day
- August 25<sup>th</sup> Open House
- August 25-27<sup>th</sup> Book Fair in the back of the library
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Dress Down Day
- September 1<sup>st</sup> PTA General Meeting
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> Wai Kruu Assembly
- September 7-11<sup>th</sup> Grade 3-8 MAP tests
- September 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> No school

Yours in learning,



Heather Naro  
Elementary Principal

**CLOWNING AROUND IN THE KG CLASS**



This week the Kindergarten class has been learning about the letter 'c'. As a part of our learning activities we looked at many different things that begin with this letter including clowns. Miss Margaret showed us how to dress up like a clown and also how to put on make up like a clown. The children had the opportunity to have their face or hand painted with

special face paint which was very exciting. We had lots of fun and now we know the letter and sound of 'c'!!!

## Why IB?

As our students become immersed in the rigors of the IB courses, this may be a good time to remind students and parents alike of the rewards of completing the diploma program. With that in mind, I have compiled an abbreviated list of these advantages for your consideration:

- The IB diploma program educates the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth.
- The program develops inquiry and thinking skills, and the capacity to reflect upon and to evaluate the world critically.
- The program provides a well-balanced course of studies, ensuring a broad academic exposure as well as opportunities for specialization.
- The program provides a curriculum which is uniform in structure throughout IB schools worldwide.
- The program provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education around the world.
- The diploma is a mark of distinction that shows an exceptional level of academic achievement.
- The IB exam results are a credential accepted for advanced credit by most US and many worldwide universities.

To put it simply, the IB diploma is an outstanding pre-university program that will prepare students for the rigors of higher education.

Timothy Overacker  
**IB Coordinator**

## News from the Library

### Book Fair

Our first book fair of the year, sponsored by Scholastic, will take place next week behind the elementary school library on August 25, 26, & 27! Come join us during school hours and discover some great titles to read.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We have several opportunities for volunteers to assist on library projects throughout the year. If you have some time that you would like to donate, please contact John Pahls, K-12 librarian at [jpahls@ise.ac.th](mailto:jpahls@ise.ac.th) or stop by the library and speak with the staff at any time.

### Clear Out Your Old Books

If you have any old books laying around, we at the library can use them in some way. We may either donate them, or resell in our book sale this Family Fun Day. Please contact the library and we will take them off your hands.

John Pahls, K-12 Librarian

## After School Activities

After School Activities (ASA) are scheduled to start on Friday, September 10, 2010. In addition to some previously offered activities, there will be some new offerings. Activities will be open to students from grades one to eight this term. We will notify you when the ASA booklet is available and sign ups can begin.

### MRISA / ESAC Sports News

#### Another Season is about to begin

Well, the summer seems to have flown by and here we are about to embark on another year of fabulous sporting opportunities at ISE. Many of our athletes have returned as improved athletes after joining various academies during the summer break. Alec Crossen (Basketball in the USA), and Marcello Assis (football in Brazil) to name but two. There are many sports available this year. For those serious about team sports, there is the usual team sports program where a ten week ESAC season prepares our athletes for the MRISA tournament that rounds off the season in a tremendous finale of sporting endeavor and friendship. Our first MRISA /ESAC seasons are Middle School Basketball and High School Volleyball and we have already had a large response from students wishing to play on these teams. Soon after that we'll kick off our ESAC/ MSRISA High School Football campaign. Please consider the MRISA calendar below and encourage your son or daughter to try out for these teams. As each season progresses, the team coach will select the final 10 players for the MRISA team. The coach will consider factors such as attitude, participation, behavior, teamwork and ability.

Other sporting opportunities include the newly formed 'Screaming Eagles' Running Club and of course, the swim team amongst many other sporting activities that will be offered through the ASA program.

#### THE MRISA CALENDAR

<b>Sport</b>	<b>MRISA Date</b>	<b>Host School</b>
Senior Volleyball	Nov 11 – 14, 2010	ISHCMC, Saigon, Vietnam
Junior Basketball	Nov 25 - 28, 2010	UNIS, Hanoi, Vietnam
<b>Senior Soccer</b>	<b>Feb 10 – 13, 2011</b>	<b>ISE, Thailand</b>
Junior Volleyball	Feb 17 – 20, 2011	SSIS, Saigon, Vietnam
Senior Basketball	April 21 - 24, 2011	VIS, Vientienne, Laos
Junior Soccer	May 5 – 8, 2011	ISPP, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Swimming	May 19-22, 2011	UNIS, Hanoi, Vietnam

## The Screaming Eagles Running Club is about to take flight!!

Starting September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the Screaming Eagles Running Club will begin their inaugural year at ISE. The club will meet every Monday and Tuesday. The activities will focus on building up endurance, giving tips for efficient running, developing healthy habits for a lifetime of fitness, and making everybody super-duper fast! So we need every student at ISE to consider joining this fun, challenging and beneficial activity. Training days were selected so they would not conflict with team sports. Coming one or two days a week is up to you!

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Screaming Eagles will participate in the regional Cross Country meet, and we hope to have a lot of ISE participants!

Reasons for you to join the Screaming Eagles:

- Because running is fun
- As an alternative (or supplement) to team sports
- Get in shape!!
- To participate in the regional cross country meet on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Hang out and train with your friends
- To work on your endurance so you'll be that much better in sports or PE
- Develop a life-long habit of taking care of your body
- To be able to run away really fast from Mr. McDermid if needed!

Talk to Mr. Garrett or Mr. Lees with any questions.



*We're not just on the road to greatness, we're running it!*

## High School Student Council Elections

**HS Student Council:** Do you want to **make a difference** to your school community? Do you want to be in a **leadership role** within your school? Do you want to learn about **event planning and management**? Would you like to experience **new challenges** and make **your opinion** count? Well you have the opportunity to be part of a **worldwide organization** called the **Student Council** where you can address all of these areas and more. **Student Elections will be held Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August** – here's what you have to do to be a part of this amazing organization.

1. Sign up on the level 2 SC board for a role within the student council that you are interested in. Sign-ups close Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

***President (Grade 11 or 12)***

***Vice President (Grade 10, 11 or 12)***

***Communications Officer (Grade 9-12)***

***Secretary (Grade 9-12)***

***Treasurer (Grade 9-12)***

2. Prepare a speech to be given in the cafeteria at lunch time on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August as to why you should be elected to the applied position and what you will bring to the position if you are elected.
3. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> in Homeroom HS will vote for the candidates
4. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Dr. Brewitt will announce the new Student Council Members.

### **What Are The Student Council Officer Duties?**

#### **President**

- Leads Student Council meetings as a non-voting member
- Breaks all voting ties
- Acts as the student body representative to the public/community
- Works closely with Student Council advisor (Ms.Eastlake), Dr. Brewitt and Mr. McDermid.

#### **Vice-President**

- Assists the President
- Leads Student Council Meetings when the President is absent
- Serves as chairperson of the committee that organizes the annual Walk-a-Thon

#### **Secretary**

- Takes notes in Student Council meetings; types a summary of the minutes before the next weekly meeting to post on S.C. bulletin board and for members' reference during meetings

#### **Treasurer**

- Works with the Business Office to manage the Student Council budget: collects and pays money for all S.C. sponsored activities (Walk-a-Thon, Talent Show), keeps receipts, presents statements of the accounts to the S.C.

#### **Communications Officer**

- Helps class representatives communicate with students by putting notices in the daily bulletin and keeping the bulletin board up-to-date
- Reports Student Council news to families in the ISExpress and at PTA meetings
- Helps ISE report High School happenings to the community through local newspapers (e.g. Pattaya Mail)

#### **Date Summary:**

18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August - Final Sign-ups for SC positions

26<sup>th</sup> August – Speeches in the cafeteria

27<sup>th</sup> August – HS Votes

30<sup>th</sup> August – New members announced

31<sup>st</sup> August – HS Student Reps selected in homeroom and information passed onto Megan Eastlake / HS Student Council Coordinator.