



# ***ISE**Express*



## **International School Eastern Seaboard**

**August 19, 2011**

Dear ISE Community,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. We have spent the summer renewing and cleaning the campus as well as installing new lockers for our secondary school students. Please enjoy the new colors on the walkways in the elementary school.

### **Welcome new teachers**

We would like to welcome Mr. Kenneth Flynn who will be teaching physics and math in the high school along with Ms. Anna Packham who is beginning our new learning needs program in grades 3-8. Ms. Nichola Van Gestel will be teaching Grade 1. Please welcome them to the ISE community when you have a chance to meet them.

### **Enrollment**

We have had a number of new families join ISE. The largest number of new students was in our Pre-Kindergarten program, as you can understand. But, we have had quite a few new students in our high school. The high school enrollment is the largest in the history of ISE.

### **New Lockers**

Each student in the secondary school has a new locker. These lockers are larger than the ones we had before and the students' backpacks can easily fit inside. We also have keys and locks so the students can feel comfortable leaving their belongings in their lockers. This also brings the responsibility of keeping the lockers locked and not losing the key. If a student does lose a key, he/she must buy a new one. Please pay Baht 100 to Khun Bundit in the business office and then present that receipt to the bookstore staff to receive the new key. We suggest that each student has some type of key ring on which she/he can secure her/his key.

### **New Marketing Initiative**

As part of our WASC recommendations we have initiate a marketing program including a new image for ISE. We have hired a new marketing and design firm to redesign our school logo, stationery and athletic uniforms. The new logo is on the front page of this newsletter and will be used in all ISE publications. The new logo symbolizes the shape of a heart with our school mascot, the eagle, inside. We have shown a book which symbolizes the academic side of the school.

The students will help to design the logo that will be used on the sport uniforms.

We have changed our sign at the front of the Burapha gate and will do so regularly. The ISE publications will be distributed throughout the Eastern Seaboard. Our next initiative will be a video of the school and use of the social media networks to engage our current community and attract new families to ISE.

I will keep you up to date on this project. Please check on my blog for the latest news.

### **Activities Block**

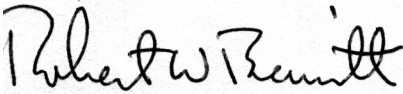
We have initiated an activities and assembly block each Wednesday. This time will be used for secondary school assemblies. The activities block will allow time for the students to attend a club meeting or activity of their choice. This block will also be used as a quiet study time for the students. Our students are very busy and as they arrive at school shortly before homeroom and leave directly after class they have a difficult time seeing teachers for extra help, visiting the library or using the computer labs. During the study time, students will be able to use these facilities and go to their teachers for extra help. It will be an excellent time for the students to get a good start on their homework. Last Wednesday, at our welcome to school assembly, the students were able to sign up for the clubs and activities that will be offered during this time. These clubs will not interfere with the after-school MRISA and ASA programs.

## Sport and Activities

We will begin our MRISA/ESAC practices next Monday and Tuesday. The sign up for the ASA program for middle school students will take place next week. Please talk with your son and/or daughter about what activities they wish to participate in. We strongly urge each student to participate in one activity each semester.

Please be sure to refer to our activities calendar so you can be aware of the many activities at the school.

Sincerely,



Robert Brewitt  
Superintendent

Dear ISE Community,

Welcome back! I trust that everyone had a restful vacation. I have enjoyed catching up with many of you over the past couple of days. I am pleased to inform you that your child(ren) 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. This year all ES students will be expected to work on Raz-kids.com for his/her homework. Each child has been set up with an account on Raz-kids and will be working on their reading at home. We will have more information at our For Love of Reading Presentation during Open House on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

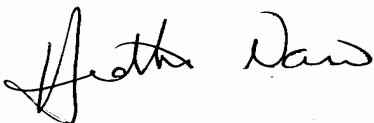
I would like to welcome our newest faculty member, Ms. Nichola Van Gestel, to the elementary school. We are happy to have Mrs. Nichola join the ISE faculty and teach our first grade children.

On Wednesday, August 24<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 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Pre-K Day
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Open House
August 23-25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in ES room 15
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wai Kruu Assembly
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dress Down Day
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA General Meeting
September 5-13 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3-9 MAP tests
September 12-16 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Week
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	No school

Yours in learning,



Heather Naro  
Elementary Principal

# Message from PTA

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday, are refreshed and now ready for the new school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome, again, to all the new families who we met at The New Family Orientation recently.

As a PTA Board member last year, it was my first opportunity to be involved with school activities this much. I've been enjoying helping school activities here and getting better acquainted with the school staff and other parents. It is very good part of this school to allow parent's involvement that creates a warm relationship in school.

This school year, it is not only **Family Fun Day** that PTA will arrange for fund - raiser. But the PTA Board Members will introduce a **Project of Activities** for parents to join and have fun. We also welcome more ideas about what you are interested in and want us to arrange. Details will be discussed at **the PTA General Meeting on September 7, together with sign up**. So mark your calendar and do not forget to attend.

On behalf of my fellow Board Members I hope that you, as PTA members, will share your ideas, comments, questions and time with us to make another successful school year.

JEAB – Kaewta Supatrabutra  
PTA President

## **Jester's Children's Fair**

The annual Jester's Children's Fair will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at the Diana Resort. All in the ISE community are invited to enjoy a day of entertainment, games for kids, a raffle, and food sold by area restaurants. ISE grade 11 and 12 IB CAS students will have a game and popcorn booth at the fair. The Jester's fund-raising efforts raised over 6 million Baht last year to support children's programs on the Eastern Seaboard. (ISE High School Student Council is a silver sponsor, having contributed 25,000 Baht raised from the ISE Walk-a-Thon.) These programs include the Fountain of Life Children's Center, scholarships, programs for tsunami orphans, local schools, special schools, and shelters. Visit [www.care4kids.info](http://www.care4kids.info) for more information or see Ms. Alexander or Ms. Marg at ISE.

## **Secondary School Open House August 31, 2011**

All secondary school parents are invited to attend our annual open house. The open house is intended to have all our parents meet their children's teachers and learn more about the various topics that will be taught in each class. Class requirements and the grading system will also be reviewed.

The program will begin in the cafeteria at 12:30 on Wednesday, August 31. Please come down and meet some of the other parents. You will receive your child's class schedule. There will then be a brief introduction to the program before each parent will have the opportunity to attend his/her child's classes. Due to time constraints each class will be limited, so please be on time and move along quickly to the next class. You can practice being a student for a few hours.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress in school or have questions of an individual nature, we would be happy to make an appointment with the teachers at another time.

As an added attraction, we will have a parent meeting to discuss the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test in the elementary computer lab at 11:30 a.m. the same day. Students in grades 6-9 will be taking the MAP test in early September.

Please be sure to reserve Friday October 14 to attend our parent-student-teacher conferences at the end of the first marking quarter.

## **What's New in the Library**

On behalf of K. Chok and K. Goong, I would like to welcome all members of the ISE community to our libraries! All parents of students are eligible for library privileges, so come by and visit us and check out some of our books if you wish. Reading is one of the best ways of spending time with your child.

In the library, we'll be working closely with Mrs. Garrett, our reading support specialist. Ask your child about the "5 finger test" in how to select books. 2011-12 promises to be one of our best years for reading yet!

John Pahls  
K-12 Librarian

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Do you like spending time in the library? To keep our libraries running in top form, we continually have ongoing projects that require assistance. If you have any time to spare, there are several jobs for which your help would benefit our school library greatly.

Please go to Mr. Pahls' blog----- <http://isejpahls.wordpress.com/> under "Volunteer Opportunities" to view the current list of ongoing jobs wherein your help would be valued. You may leave a reply on the blog and we will be sure to contact you, or call us at 081-157-5718. No English is required for many tasks, and you may bring a friend.

We would love to hear from you!

## **Scholastic Book Fair August 23, 24, and 25**

Our first Book Fair of the school year will be taking place the 4<sup>th</sup> week of August. If you will be attending the Elementary School Open House please stop by room #15 to see some of the many great titles available.

## **MRISA Sports News**

The ESAC / MRISA sports season is already underway at ISE as our High School volleyball players and Middle School basketball players sign up for practice which starts in the second week of school. We are sure our athletes will work hard in preparation for upcoming matches and tournaments.

### **Junior Football at ISE, February 16-19**

It may seem a long time away, but we are already planning for the Middle School Football MRISA to be held here at ISE from February 16-19. The Senior Football tournament last February was a wonderful event that truly united the ISE community, thanks in no small part to the amazing support given by our parents.

We are greatly looking forward to another fantastic festival of football and friendship as we once begin our preparations to host our MRISA guests.

We will keep you updated with our preparations and on the progress of each team as they practice and train for their MRISA tournaments. You can follow the sports news from ISE through regular features in the ISE Express and on the ISE website.

### Senior Volleyball



The High School MRISA Volleyball tournament will be taking place October 27-30 at Saigon South International School (SSIS), Vietnam. Dr. Brewitt is the boys' coach this year, while Ms Kristina continues to coach the girls' team. Practices are on Tuesdays and Fridays starting Tuesday 23 August

### Junior Basketball



The Middle School MRISA Basketball tournament will be taking place on November 3-6 Vientiane International School (VIS), Laos. Mr. Knudsen is the boys' coach and Mr. Reiber is coaching the girls' team. Practices are on Mondays and Thursdays starting Monday 22 August.

### 2011-2012 MRISA Events Calendar

MRISA Cap Meeting @ UNIS	September 9-10, 2011
Senior Volleyball @ SSIS	October 27-30, 2011
Junior Basketball @ VIS	November 3-6, 2011
Leadership Summit @ ISHCMC	November 4-6, 2011
Senior Basketball @ NISC	February 9-12, 2012

UNIS Model United Nations @ UNIS	February 15-19, 2012
Junior Football @ ISE	February 16-19, 2012
Senior Football @ ISHCMC (at SSIS)	March 15-18, 2012
Cultural Arts Festival @ UNIS	May 3-6, 2012
Junior Volleyball @ HIS (at UNIS)	May 10-13, 2012