



# ***ISE*Express**



## **International School Eastern Seaboard**

September 9, 2011

Dear ISE Community,

### **Open House**

I would like to thank all the parents who attended our Open House programs on August 24 in the Elementary School and on August 31 in the Secondary School. It was an excellent opportunity to meet your child's or children's teachers and learn more about the ISE programs. We look forward to seeing you again at the Student-Parent-Teacher conferences in the Secondary School and the Student-led conferences in the Elementary School.

### **Progress Reports**

In the Secondary School, we will issue progress reports for all students on Thursday of next week. The hard copies will be sent home with each student. It is our policy that all students will receive comments from each of their teachers mid-way through the first quarter of the school year. It is important that the school, the student and the family work together to create a successful program for each and every ISE student. Please be sure to read the comments and review them with your son or daughter. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact the school office and set up a time to come in to talk with the teachers.

### **ASA/ESAC/MRISA**

Our After School Activities programs are underway today. The ESAC and MRISA programs have begun. Mrs. Sheilah Murthy and Mr. Jeremy Lees are attending the annual MRISA planning meetings in Hanoi this weekend. They will finalize the arrangements for the MRISA events this year. These events include our athletic tournaments, cultural exchange, leadership summit and our MUN program. Please call the school if you wish to receive any further information on these fine programs. We will be hosting the middle school soccer tournament in February and will be asking you to host two students from one of the seven visiting schools.

### **Marketing**

The ISE marketing team has been busy. We have created bumper stickers for our cars and a smaller sticker to put inside your window. We would like to have you display these ISE stickers to show you are a member of the ISE family. A bumper sticker will be sent home to each family next week in the Friday Folders in the ES or with the progress reports in the Secondary School. Also, we are producing a video about the school. The video team visited the school last Monday and will finish shooting today. The video will be available to all families on disc or on our ISE website. Please be sure to take a look.

Please enjoy the ISE holiday on Friday, September 16.

Sincerely,

Robert Brewitt  
Superintendent

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have just completed four weeks of school. All of our students are immersed in learning and it is a joy watching them grow. Students are engaged in projects and have begun working collaboratively with their classmates. Please remember to ensure that your child is well rested and has a balanced breakfast before arriving at school. This is crucial for your child to be able to perform at their best. As we are off to a great start this year, feel free to drop by my office any time for a visit or a chat. I look forward to meeting everyone.

### **Open House**

Thank you to all the parents who attended this year's Open House. It was nice to speak with many of the families and I look forward to getting to know the new families better.

### **After School Activities**

Today Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is the first day for elementary ASA's. Please remind your children to bring whatever they need for their activities. If you have not already paid, please send your payment to the elementary office as soon as possible.

### **Conferences and Progress Reports**

On Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 classes will be holding their first student led conferences of the year. On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> parents will receive an invitation from their child's teacher to attend the conference. As we have made changes to the student-led conference we are asking that parents please try to attend the conference at the preselected time and date. If you cannot attend on either the Wednesday or Friday please let the ES office know.

### **MAP Result Meeting**

The Measure of Academic Progress test results for students in grades 3-9 will be distributed at a parent meeting on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the ES library. At this meeting we will discuss the results and what it means for your child. If you are unable to attend, the results will be sent home with your child Friday afternoon.

### **Class Photos**

The class photos are complete for the year and were a huge success. Shortly we will have proofs for you to make your photo selections.

### **Friendship Week**

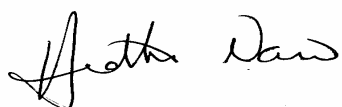
On Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we will kick off "Friendship Week" at ISE with a short assembly. This year all students in grades PreK-8 will be learning social skills through the *Stop and Think Program*. Please make sure that you ask your child to talk about the language and strategies that they are learning in the program. It is all about children making the right choices and thinking before they act.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Sept 12-15	Friendship Week
Sept 13	Last day for MAP tests
Sept 16	ISE Holiday
Sept 30	ES Birthday Table Dress Down Day

Oct 12&14 Student led conferences for PreK –Grade 5

Warm regards,



Heather Naro  
Elementary School Principal

### **Japanese and Spanish Language Field Trip**

On Monday, August 29th, our foreign language classes, grades 7 through 12, went to a Japanese restaurant or a Mexican restaurant in Pattaya to practice our language skills and enjoy ourselves. Last May we set up our classrooms as restaurants and acted out being waiters/waitresses and customers. First, we learned about the traditional foods, made our own menus, practiced taking orders as waiters/waitresses and ordering drinks and food in a formal way, and even getting the check and adding up prices, tax and tips.



Mr. Kakizaki's class went to the Japanese restaurant, Anego. While ordering food the students spoke Japanese and the IB students learning Japanese acted as waiters and waitresses. Before eating and after eating, the students followed the Japanese tradition of thanking the food. Once everyone finished their food, the students played a Japanese traditional card game called Hyakunin Isshu. The students enjoyed the food and the educational trip.

Mr. Murray's class went to a Mexican restaurant called Tequila Reef. The atmosphere within the restaurant was cozy and had a Mexican feel to it with old pictures and antiques decorating the wall and ceiling. The students occupied the whole restaurant and the IB Spanish students acted as waiters and waitresses taking orders from other students in Spanish. Once the food came, a delicious scent filled the air and everybody started eating. The students also performed the adding up of the prices in Spanish. Once everybody was ready, we left the restaurant and headed to rendezvous with the Japanese group.

## Grade Five Students Are "Connected"



An assortment of lap tops, net books, Apples, and iPads are seen in Mr. Hartz's class since 100% of the students have some kind of personal computer to bring to the classroom. A few weeks ago, the students connected to ISE's Wi-Fi which enables them to do research any time during the day. This is especially important when doing a science or social studies project when special guidance is needed and the teacher can direct the students to selected websites that are more "student friendly" and at their reading level. Mr. Hartz is delighted to have the parents supporting their child with a great 21st Century research tool.

## ISE Promotes Family Literacy



As part of an Elementary School campaign to promote Family Literacy, the students and parents were given a challenge to take a photo at home showing their family reading. The task was simple: Read with your kids!

The photo challenge has had an amazing turn out and it has been wonderful to see all the pictures coming in from the Elementary School students. A big thank you to all the families who participated in the photo challenge. Please stop by the bulletin board just outside of Mrs. Naro's office to see all the great examples of Family Literacy taking place at ISE!

And remember...**Research shows that children who are read to at home:**

- Go on to become more capable, confident readers and to enjoy reading
- Do better at school in all subjects
- Tend to enjoy school

## The Student in IB

Student-centered learning is an integral part of the IB program. Student-centered means that the teacher looks at the needs of the students and considers how to make the learning relevant and meaningful to the students. It is also about ownership of learning. Students are responsible for their own learning and are active in it. What matters is the interaction between students and teachers. The teacher discovers and engages the students' level of understanding, and engages the students in instruction and activities that challenge and develop their understanding. The IB program requires the students to show understanding in order to get good marks, not just remember the facts.

Our IB students in grade 12 are now finishing the extended essay, the theory of knowledge essay, and working on their internal assessment research projects. These types of research assignments require students to come independently to a methodology to solve a problem and demonstrate sustained, in-depth, and structured inquiry. This is an essential skill they will need as they progress into a university level education. Because of this, independent research skills are a trait valued by universities during the admissions process. In other words, the work students are doing now will be a strong asset to them in the future.

Timothy Overacker  
IB Coordinator

## ASA Reminder

The after school activities or ASAs will start today, Friday, September 9th. The other activities will all start next week. Below is a list of the activities by day. Please remind your child or help him/her be ready for the activities on the appropriate day. See you at your activity and have fun. For any questions please email or contact Ms. Kelley ([kpotisit@ise.ac.th](mailto:kpotisit@ise.ac.th)). Thank you.

Fridays: Soccer Fun and Training, Sticker Art and Arts and Crafts

Mondays (Start Sept. 12): ISE Soccer Team for Elementary, Swimming, Nail Art

Tuesdays (Start Sept. 13): Computer Club, Green Eagles (environmental club), Tennis, Fun with Flowers (Thai flower arrangement)

Thursdays (Start Sept. 15): Circus, Tennis, Hip Hop Dance, Golf

The complete dates for ASAs for this semester are:

	<b>Mondays (11)</b>	<b>Tuesdays (12)</b>	<b>Thursdays (12)</b>	<b>Fridays (11)</b>
<b>Starts</b>	<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>12, 19, 26</b>	<b>13, 20, 27</b>	<b>15, 22, 29</b>	<b>9, 23, 30</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>3, 10, 31</b>	<b>4, 11, 25</b>	<b>6, 13, 27</b>	<b>7, 28</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>7, 14, 21, 28</b>	<b>1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b>	<b>3, 10, 17, 24,</b>	<b>4, 11, 18, 25</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1, 8</b>	<b>2, 9</b>
<b>Ends</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>

## Fine Art Festival

Dear Parents,

We invite you to participate in this year's Fine Art Festival Oct 6 and 7.

The Fine Art Festival at ISE International School is a great opportunity for our entire community: Students, parents and teachers to share and celebrate our creativity together in an atmosphere of fun and friendship.

So if you have a favorite hobby, craft, or art you would like to share with our students please let us know. All talents great and small are important and welcomed.

We would LOVE to have your participation!

Below is a list of suggested workshops and requests from students. If you have something you'd like to teach that is not on the list please don't be shy to tell us.

Ceramics/Clay	Thai traditional instrument playing
Japanese Tea Ceremony	Craft Models (model airplane, train etc.)
Cooking	Chinese or Korean Calligraphy
Fruit carving	Muay Thai (Thai Kick Boxing)
Nail Art	Tai Kwon Do (Korean Martial Art)
Crochet	Karate (Japanese Martial Art)
Embroidery	Capoeira (Brazilian Martial Art)
Korean drumming	

Please contact Ms. Sheilah Murthy for more information

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