



International School Eastern Seaboard

June 10, 2011

Dear ISE Community,

I had a very pleasant note arrive two days ago. It was from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) informing us that the Commissioners had met in California. They have awarded ISE the maximum term of accreditation. We are now accredited through June 2016. This is very good news for everyone.

The visiting committee obviously agreed that ISE is offering an excellent program for the students. There are several schools in Thailand that WASC in the past two years that have received less than the full term from WASC.

This confirms everything we have been working toward since their last visit in 2006. I am very proud of everyone who has made ISE such an excellent school. I would like to particularly thank the teachers. They are the people who make a difference with our children. Their hard work, long hours and genuine interest in our students mean the students are receiving an excellent education.

This is a community effort. The parents, students and Thai staff contributed not only to the self-study report, but talked directly to the committee when they visited us in March. Thank you.

The Thai Ministry of Education (ONESQA) was a part of this visit as well. Our Thai programs were very well received. While we have not heard back, yet, from the Ministry, I am certain that our Thai government accreditation which now runs through June 2014, will be extended to match up with the WASC term of accreditation. Many thanks to the Thai teachers, Thai students, Thai parents and Thai staff who helped in this accreditation process.

As I write this we are completing the final exam period in the high school and preparing for our Honors Assembly tomorrow. Graduation will follow Thursday evening and then yearbooks will be distributed on Friday.

I wish you all a very pleasant holiday and look forward to seeing you in August for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Dear Parents,

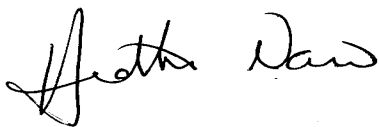
Another year has flown by. I would like to thank the ISE community for all their support and encouragement over the past year. Thank you to the ISE faculty for their dedication to education and educating your children. I would like to wish Ms. Marina, Mr. Muccino, and Mr. Larry all the best as they move on and begin a new chapter in their lives.

I would like to say goodbye to those families that will be starting a new adventure in a different country. All the best and please keep in touch.

The first student day for grades KG-5 will be Monday, August 15th. Pre-K students will begin class on Monday, August 22nd. Pre-K orientation will be the week of August 15th. Your child's teacher will contact you for an appointment.

On June 3rd I sent home a packet of ideas for you to work with your child over the summer holidays. Please try to include something educational during your break as the students do forget some of what they learned over the holidays.

I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in August,



Heather Naro
Elementary School Principal

Upcoming Events in August

School Uniform Sales

The bookstore will begin selling uniforms in August. Uniforms will go on sale beginning August 8th in the Elementary School multipurpose room from 8:00-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Please drop by to get new uniforms for your children.

Open House 2010

Please mark your calendar for the Elementary School Open House that is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, August 24, 2011. During the morning you will have the opportunity to visit with your child's teacher, hear about the curriculum, and learn about their special subjects. This year we will have a special presentation on The Love of Reading and how you can support your child at home.

Message from PTA

This is my first message as the new PTA President for 2011-2012. It is not easy for me, non-native speaker, to make this decision and finally committed to take the position. But from one year experience as a PTA Board member in Middle School Coordinator position, I've found that "LANGUAGE" was not a "BIG PROBLEM" between PTA members who were different in nationalities...WE had fun working together and became good friends!!!

This coming year will be another year for me as a PTA Board member and I'm so proud to introduce parents who joined the new PTA Board as followed :

Emma Herawati Fadhilah (Indonesian)	Vice President
Leslie May (American)	Secretary
Supaporn Itthipalkul (Thai)	Treasurer
Jeerawan Wijitsophaphan Tam (Thai-Hong Kong)	ES Coordinator
Siradon Umehara (Thai-Japanese)	ES Coordinator
Lee Foon Yong (Singaporean)	MS Coordinator
Hara Mihalea Srimuangboon (Greek-Thai)	HS Coordinator
Kayoko Maruki (Japanese)	Japanese Representative
Misayo Yoshida (Japanese)	Japanese Representative

I have to say THANK YOU to all these people who volunteer to work in the PTA. I cannot run the PTA alone without them and also welcome more parents to join our upcoming activities.

No matter what nationality you are or how good your English is, come join the PTA, we are open for you all !!!

JEAB – Kaewta Supatrabutra (Thai)

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PTA President 2011-2012

Next Year PTA Activities Plan :

We plan to introduce as our "1st project" International Food – COOKING CLASS among parents. We welcome ideas what you want us to add in our activities, so we can arrange as you need. Sign-up sheet will be available in the General Meeting on September 7, please come early for booking!!!

We look forward to seeing you there...

IB is Still Rolling

After two years of hard work and perseverance, the ISE graduates of 2011 completed their IB courses and exams and are now preparing to explore the next stage of their lives. We wish them the best on this journey and hope to hear of their successes in the future.

Our 11th grade students are now preparing for their senior year and have plenty to do over the summer. They all should have calendars with projects, research, and reading planned for the summer. Our university preparation program for grades 11 and 12 is a two-year program and necessitates a serious commitment of time and energy from our students. This includes independent research and study elements that need to be completed prior to their return as seniors in August. Parents can support their child's effort by looking at the summer schedule and encouraging the completion of the work in a timely manner

Even grade 10 will have some summer work in order to prepare for their junior year. An important component of this will be engaging in CAS activities. The students have been introduced to CAS by Ms. Alexander and have plans of participating in a variety of worthy activities during summer.

I hope all our students well this summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Timothy Overacker

IB Coordinator

Jester's Care for Kids



I.S.E. (International School Eastern Seaboard) students have donated 25,000 THB to the Jester's Care For Kids. The money was raised through the school's annual charity Walk-A-Thon where students found sponsors and donated to foundations for the children in need on the Eastern Seaboard. The donation was also supported by the school's Talent Show held on April 1st, 2011.

The Fine Arts Festival

This year's Fine Arts Festival, on May 26 and May 27, proved to be a great success. Our theme was ISE: a Creative Cosmos. This was about celebrating the creativity that happens in every classroom not just in our Fine and Performing Arts classes. As we all know, being creative problem solvers is imperative to success in the 21st century. The Fine Art Festival workshops this year not only gave ISE teachers and students an opportunity to exchange creative activities with each other, but also with teachers and students from Regents Pattaya and Bangkok Christian International Schools.

Similar to our past Fine Arts Festivals, students once again tried various forms of art in workshops settings. Participation on many levels gave us a chance to experience art disciplines which supported growth as creative thinkers and doers of the 21st century.

The added twist this year was that many students chose to design and lead their own workshops. Students from Regents Pattaya taught us some physical theater techniques and students from Bangkok Christian International School taught photography techniques. In return, we had several of our own students from Middle School and High School share their favorite creative pursuits with their fellow and younger students. Even teachers occasionally joined in the fun!

Workshops with professional artists gave students insight into how their own creativity is an asset to the greater cultural productivity of the world today. Many students talked about how much they appreciated realizing their visions alongside professionals thus validating their voices, ideas, instincts for design and knowledge across subjects.

This year we invited six guest artists and two guest teaching artists to our Fine Arts Festival for a total of eight guest artists!

1. Bangkok Christian School:

Martin Lungley and 6 students taught the Black and White Studio Photography workshop

2. Regents Pattaya:

Michael Thomas and Simon Miller and 9 students taught the physical theater workshop

3. Professional community based art group from Bangkok:

Dignity Returns taught the T-shirt design workshop

4. Local artist and graduated past student (alum):

Mr. Mohawk taught the Hip Hop workshop

5. Professional studio artist from Bangkok:

Toni Pahr taught the jewelry and small metals workshop

6. Professional studio artist from Bangkok:

Elsie Evans from Attic Studios taught the landscape painting workshop

7. Professional studio artist from Bangkok:

Jeff Gompertz taught the digital art using social media workshop

8. Professional studio artist from Bangkok:

Norrasak Ramasute taught the graphic and sound design workshop

The next day, Friday, May 27, we celebrated school-wide creativity with our end of the year music concert and exhibition sharing learning from the day before as well as our favorite creative projects from this past school year from all our classrooms with parents and visitors.

Students shared their creativity with parents in an exhibition and concert at our ISE campus. Highlights of the day were the *Let's Move* dance group, *acapella Pop Choir*, *tae kwon do* demonstration, *K-pop* performance and, of course, our amazing *concert bands*. This being the last concert of the year, our music students did a fantastic job impressing us all with their hard efforts and solid performance. Congratulations 6th grade band, the mighty 7th and 8th grade band and the amazing high school band. We are all very proud of you and loved hearing you play! Keep up the good work!

6TH GRADE BAND

Asian Folk Rhapsody

Andante Con Moto

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

National Emblem

Japanese Festival

Quintology

HS BAND

English Folk Song Suite (3 movements) RV Williams

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel

Excerpt from "The Hounds of spring" Alfred Reed

Carmen Suite (Mvt 1 & 2)

Radetsky March - J. Strauss

Parents and students: just a little FYI Students enrolled in fine arts courses tend to score higher on the SAT than those with no *fineArts* coursework.

(Source:[www.tmea.org/.../National SAT Comparison High Level 2006-2009.pdf](http://www.tmea.org/.../National_SAT_Comparison_High_Level_2006-2009.pdf))

Thank you teachers, student organizers, student workshop instructors and parents for making this another wonderful Fine Arts Festival!

Have a great summer!

--Joseph Marchione and Sheilah Murthy

5th Grade Students Go to Ancient Siam



On May 31 and June 1st, the 5th graders of Mr. Hartz's class went on their first overnight trip to Ancient Siam (Muag Boran), a 350 acre outdoor museum. The students viewed the historical temples, traditional villages, and replicas of palaces while riding on rented bicycles. The first day also included participation at the Kai Rim Kob Fa camp's adventure stations and in the evening the roasting of S'mores over a fire. Despite the steamy hot temperatures, the students were able to enjoy themselves and definitely appreciated the air conditioned dorms and cold showers. Special thanks go to Khun Waew, Khun Gade, Khun Jo and Khun Phai who were brave chaperones

for the two day adventure.



The Pharaohs Came to ISE

Wednesday, June 1st, was an exciting day for second grade. It was the culmination of their knowledge on ancient Egypt and a day to share their learning with their parents.

Second graders had started learning about ancient Egypt some weeks earlier, after collaboration with the sixth graders, who showed them how to make a clay pot and wall paintings, and how to prepare 'tiger sweets'.





The event started with a short play that took the audience through ancient Egyptian culture as it discussed farming, mummification, religion and legends. The Walk of the Pharaohs was next, with students wearing pharaoh headdresses and collars. Students then returned to their classroom where they prepared for the next item in the program: the exploration of the pyramids. For this, the students had chosen four topics of interest to do research on. They were given internet links and books to find relevant information, as well as pictures, which they then pasted onto a pyramid-shaped piece of paper. But the parents were not mere observers to this event. They had a task to complete, namely a questionnaire, which made them go around and listen to all presentations in order to fill it out. And I must say, they did as much an excellent job as students did in presenting what they had learned.



The day ended with a sampling of Egyptian food. Students were given several dishes to taste, including the traditional pitta bread. They were also asked to make tiger sweets for their parents, which ended the day on a sweet note. It was a great day for sharing and I will let the pictures speak for the satisfaction of everyone

involved.

Duathlon

For the final sport outing of the year, six brave ISE athletes dared to test their limits in the first ESAC duathlon. Three girls and three boys participated. Athene, Tim and Roberto represented sixth grade in the U 13 group, while Eng, Karen and Justin competed in the elementary race. We don't want to forget Mr. Garrett who was the first one in the pool and around the running course. All the participants challenged themselves in both the swimming and running parts of the race. Although tired, I think that everyone felt good about what they had accomplished. Looking forward to this and more ESAC events next year.



8TH GRADE YOGA CLASS

As the year is winding down, students in 8th grade PE decided they needed to learn about yoga so they could finish the year in a distressed mode. So for one block, Khun Am joined our 8th grade PE class and gave an introduction to yoga. The students enjoyed it and learned how much more flexible they could



become.

ISE Athletes close out the year

Another fine sporting year at ISE has come to an end. The final few weeks of the season gave our athletes the chance to compete in some alternative sports that are not on the MRISA Calendar. Both Smyth and Alex reached the ESAC tennis finals in the Open and Under 16 events, whilst Cherry won the ESAC Junior badminton event. We also enjoyed hosting another ESAC softball tournament, despite the surprise loss to GIS in the final. And finally, a group of elementary and grade 6 runners and swimmers took part in the 1st ever ESAC biathlon at Regents. The Secondary Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday, June 9th. This looked back at the highlights and achievements over the year as the award winners in each sport were acknowledged by their coaches and peers.

So now it's time to rest over the summer and re-charge the batteries for the 2001-11 seasons.

MRISA 2011-2012 Sports Calendar

<u>MRISA Event</u>	<u>Host / Venue</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Sr. Volleyball	Saigon South International School (SSIS)	October 27-30, 2011
Jr. Basketball	Vientiane International School (VIS)	November 3-6, 2011
Sr. Basketball	Northbridge International School Cambodia (NISC)	February 9-12, 2012
Jr. Football	International School Eastern Seaboard	February 16-19, 2012
Sr. Football	Host: International School of Ho Chi Minh City (ISHCMC) – plays at Saigon South International School	March 15-18, 2012
Jr. Volleyball	Host: Hanoi International School (HIS) – plays at United Nations International School of Hanoi (UNIS)	May 10-13, 2012

MRISA Awards and Honors 2010-2011

Sport / Coach	MRISA Host School	Captains	MRISA All - Tournament Team Stars	ESAC/MRISA Player of the Year	ESAC/MRISA Most Improved Player
Senior Girls Volleyball Ms. Kristina	ISHCMC Nov 2010	Nachawan (Mook) Wongdeethai	Hiromi Kobayashi	Nachawan (Mook) Wongdeethai	Woo Gyeong Jung
Senior Boys Volleyball Mr. Constable	ISHCMC Nov 2010	Alec Crosson	Alec Crosson	Alec Crosson	Pratapong (Phu) Chancieovichai
Junior Girls Basketball Ms. Knutsen	UNIS Nov 2010	Kanari Furuta Cherry Wongsaravit	Kanari Furuta	Kanari Furuta	Arb Kasemsantuthum
Junior Boys Basketball Mr. Knutsen	UNIS Nov 2010	Benjamin Tambyah	Kasidaj (Bas) Chaumpong	Kasidaj (Bas) Chaumpong	Timothy Calalang
Senior Girls Football Mr. Jones	ISE Feb 2011	Andreia Kristensen	Andreia Kristensen	Andreia Kristensen	Callie Meath
Senior Boys Football Mr. Lees	ISE Feb 2011	Tilman Kaiser	Tilman Kaiser Alec Crosson	Soravich (Ta) Singkaravanich	Zach Kafer
Junior Girls Volleyball Dr. Brewitt	ISHCMC Feb 2011	Korapatch (Minnie) Dhanaraks	Emilia Kniola Kanari Furuta	Emilia Kniola	Bunraksa (Bouquet) Suksrikarn
Junior Boys Volleyball Ms. Kristina	ISHCMC Feb 2011	Yeon Woo Cheong (Rich)	Timothy Calalang	Roberto Cardano	Sevi (Mit) Senavinin
Senior Girls Basketball Mr. Reiber	VIS Apr 2011	Jenny Kazusa Arie	Hiromi Kobayashi	Nachawan (Mook) Wongdeethai	Aki Ichikawa
Senior Boys Basketball Mr. Dillon	VIS Apr 2011	Tilman Kaiser Alec Crosson	Alec Crosson	Alec Crosson	Alex Lenk
Junior Girls Football Mr. Lees	ISPP May 2011	Callie Meath Kanari Furuta	Emilia Kniola	Kanari Furuta Callie Meath	Benyapa (Cherry) Wongsaravit
Junior Boys Football Mr. Jones	ISPP May 2011	Guntapop (Mike) Wongdeethai	Yong Kyu Shin	Guntapop (Mike) Wongdeethai	Yong Kyu Shin

Mr. Lees turns back time at Bangkok Masters Football Tournament

Perhaps inspired by the fine performances of the ISE MRISA teams, coach Lees came out of retirement to join some legends of English football at the 2011 Tesco Lotus Bangkok Masters Football Tournament. Mr. Lees joined a group of football friends from Planet Football, who were to test their fading skills (and fitness) against such ex professional greats as John Barnes (Liverpool & England), Ian Rush (Liverpool &

Wales), Lee Sharpe (Man U & England) and Paul Parker (Man U & England). Forty teams from all over the world took part.

The format was much like MRISA: 7-a-side, with 3 games played on each day. It was also much like MRISA in terms of results as Mr. Lees's team made it all the way to the final of the Super Masters age group before losing to a very fit and fast Brunei team. Perhaps of more significance and greater surprise was that he made it through the event without either a red card or serious injury!

