



International School Yangon

Newsletter

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Our Mission for the school year of 2009-2010 is the International School of Yangon is a community that is committed to excellence. We inspire students with a challenging, international education, based on an American curriculum, in a nurturing learning environment that promotes responsibility and respect. We aim to develop socially engaged, self-motivated, creative, compassionate individuals who will be a force for positive change in their communities and the world.

From the Desk of the Director

Dear ISY Community,

What a tremendously busy week it has been. This past Wednesday we piled approximately 550 students, faculty and staff into the MPR and held an assembly to say farewell to the “nearly departed” faculty, staff, and students.



Ms. Vasudha from the elementary school has been working very hard the past weeks to produce a video as a sending off present to the teachers and staff leaving ISY. To start off the assembly Vasudha showed her video that was made up of interviews from faculty, students and parents thanking the departing teachers and staff for all they have done for ISY. Thank you again to Ms. Vasudha for her creativity and hard work that went in to producing this video. We also had testimonials from students who spoke on behalf of each of the departing teachers and staff. The departing faculty and staff were each given a gift of appreciation from the school. I believe it was the first time that we have had an assembly that included the entire school. There was truly a sense of community at this assembly and it was a nice way to end the year.

The Middle School held its “moving on” assembly this week directed by Mr. Embrey. Four student speeches were delivered to the audience. It was a very moving ceremony indeed.

The high school held its award ceremony to honor students for their hard work this year and Thursday was graduation where our 27 seniors received their diplomas from ISY.

Thank you again to all of the ISY faculty, staff, students and parents, for a wonderful year at ISY. Have a happy and safe summer holiday and see you in August.

Sincerely,

Tim Travers

Director

Middle School / High School

Dear ISY parents and community,

Last night was graduation night. The eventuality of our time at ISY and the fate of all our students! If you had a son or daughter graduating, Congratulations! Thank you for sharing them with us during the last few years. We are honored to have been a part of your family and we are appreciative of the contributions you have made to the ISY family.



To all our departing teachers and students: we bid you a fond farewell and may your travels and changes take you to great places. You will always be a part of the ISY legacy.

I have enjoyed my year at ISY immensely. Thank you all so much for your kind words of encouragement, your wonderful suggestions, your positive outlooks and the smiles that you bring to school whenever you visit! We have truly had a wonderful year. Our end-of-the-year ceremony to say "Goodbye" to departing teachers and students saw all 500 + of us in the MPR for a truly magnificent ceremony. The students were great and what a fantastic group we look like when we get together!

I am looking forward to a relaxing and restful summer and I wish you all the same. We will be back in School on August 12, 2010. We will greet you with a smile!

Thank you to all.

Jim Gerhard
MS/HS Principal

Meet with Mr. M&M!

Ahhh... The rains are back, the weather is cooler, and many of us will be traveling this summer to places far away. Here are a number of things you can do for your children that will help them to stay prepared for next year. School is out, but learning is still everything!



- **You've got to have "the talk."** Talk with your children and let them know that reading, learning and physical activities will be an important part of their summer.
- **Set a reading time every day.** Set aside a certain time every day where everyone turns off the computer, TV, music, and video games, and spends quality time reading. Summer is a great time to read, read, read!
- **Participate in sports/exercise.** It's very important that the kids stay physically as well as mentally active. Look for opportunities everyday to ride bikes, swim, walk, hike, and play sports.
- **Thinking travel.** Traveling is one of the best learning opportunities there is. As you travel make sure to visit museums, historic sites, and let your child experience unique opportunities to the fullest. Encourage the children to make photo albums or to write about their experiences.

Summer is a great time for families to share experiences together and to stockpile happy memories. We have had a wonderful year at ISY. I'm honored to have met so many wonderful parents and to have had the opportunity to work for you. The first day of class next year will be Thursday, August 12. Let's all enjoy the summer months and keep the kids' minds active so we can come back invigorated and ready for another exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

Announcement for Families leaving ISY

All leaving students can collect their school documents (Report cards & transcripts) **on or after June 1st, 2010.**

All leaving student must complete the *School Withdrawal Form* and return it to the registrar before obtaining the documents. The form is available at the Guidance Office (B-Bldg. upstairs).

Leaving students will get a maximum three (3) copies free of charge for standard documents (School leaving certificate, and report cards/ transcripts, school profiles). Special documents or extra copies at the cost of \$5 per sheet can be requested a week in advance. No exception will be made.

Thank you and please contact the MS/HS office for all requests and special arrangements at 512793.

Dear Parents & ISY community,

First, I would like to thank you, Parents, very much for your efforts on the costumes for the End of the Year Concerts. The beauty of the concert was largely due to your creative and efficient participation!

The Art work presented in the All Elementary Art Shows is now visible on line, on our ISY web site, under my page, Karine Hetherington or directly at: <http://isyelart.wikispaces.com/>

Have a lovely Summer holiday!

Warm regards.

Karine Hetherington.

