



# International School Yangon

## Newsletter

14 May (Friday), 2010

*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,



Two weeks left of school and so much to do. I want to thank the PTA for hosting the end of the year faculty dinner last weekend. The event was well attended, the company was excellent, and the food was delicious. The PTA recognized the departing teachers and I know that gesture was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the PTA for all they have contributed to the school this year.

We had two wonderful student productions the past few weeks. Congratulations to all those involved in the play "Noises Off" and the musical "Grease" which I was able to see this past Thursday. There are two more performances of the musical this Saturday evening. I believe there may be a few tickets left so you had better hurry if you want to buy a ticket. You will be glad you did!

There are several upcoming events. The Annual General Meeting is next Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the MPR and is open to the ISY community. We have exams coming up for the secondary school. There will be a representative from Search Associates on campus next week. As you know the Board will be hiring a new Director for the 2011-2012 school year. Search Associates will help the Board with this process. Jim Ambrose from Search will be meeting with ISY parents, faculty, administration, board members and students to explain the process. We have two meetings for parents scheduled on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in the MPR at 8 a.m. and another session at 6 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend one of those sessions and hear about the process.

Our high school graduation is coming up on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sedona Hotel. We will hold an all school goodbye ceremony for our departing teachers and departing students. This event will be held in the MPR on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Thank you again for all of your support for ISY this year. We have had a wonderful year thanks to everyone working together. We are all so fortunate to have such an active, supportive and vibrant school.

Sincerely,

*Tim Travers*  
Director

### Middle School / High School

Dear Parents and community,



**Grease May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Grease Musical in BBT. The doors will close at 6:00 pm for the first show and 7:30 for the second show. Be sure you have your ticket! Please make sure your child buys a ticket if you plan on attending. It is a great show. Come support your HS and MS friends!

**Choir Showcase tonight (Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>):** In the MPR at 6:00 PM. Please come to hear some of our musicians sing and show us why it is so great for students to be involve in Music!

**Final Exam schedules:** In the HS all students have a copy of the Final Exam schedule. Exams begin on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Students do not have to come to school other than at scheduled exams times on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of May. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> school will be in session as students finish class obligations, turn in materials and help to practice for graduation, awards ceremonies and final preparations for the end of school.

**Schedules for next year:** Middle school parents are in the process of looking over student class information for next year. Be sure to discuss elective choices with your child in grades 7 & 8. For the Grade 5 students moving up to Grade 6, their will be a transition meeting, where the schedule will be discussed as one of the issues, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, at 8:00 am in the MPR on campus. High school schedules are, for the first time, being configured using our school system software. Students should be reviewing schedules with their teachers and counselor and bringing information home as early as next week.

**Last day of school:** Please remember that the last day of school this year is May 28<sup>th</sup>. School will end at 10:00 am and students will have their report cards, be all checked out and be ready to begin their summer at this time. Please prepare for them and enjoy the summer!

#### Leaving teachers

In the Upper school we are very sad to see some of our wonderful friends and colleagues move on to different places and new adventures. As we get a chance to spend the end of our year together we thank them for their years of dedication to ISY and their commitment to bettering the lives of our students. Be sure to stop in and wish some fond farewells to:

Dr. Lillian Grade 6  
Mr. Sabo HS Math  
Dr. Godfrey MS Math  
Mr. Baer HS Technology  
Ms. Puja HS Drama

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*Jim Gerhard*  
MS/HS Principal

## Meet with Mr. M&M!



Thank you, "Merci" to Mme. Natalie and the elementary French language students for the wonderful assembly Thursday. Kindergarteners thru fifth graders sang, danced and demonstrated their knowledge of French language and culture. It was also our privilege to have Philippe Vergnes, the director of the French School, and his students join us in the show. The French School has participated with us all year long in a number of events from International Day to joint activities in our French classroom. They are fine colleagues and our students appreciate the opportunity to work together with them.

We have some great shows coming up in the elementary school. Friday morning (today!) at 8:30 a.m., in the MPR, the pre-k will show us what a day in pre-k is "really like" and the kindergarten will be "clowning around." Now that sounds like a lot of fun! The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be performing next week (same time and place) on Wednesday, May 19 followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade on Friday, May 21.

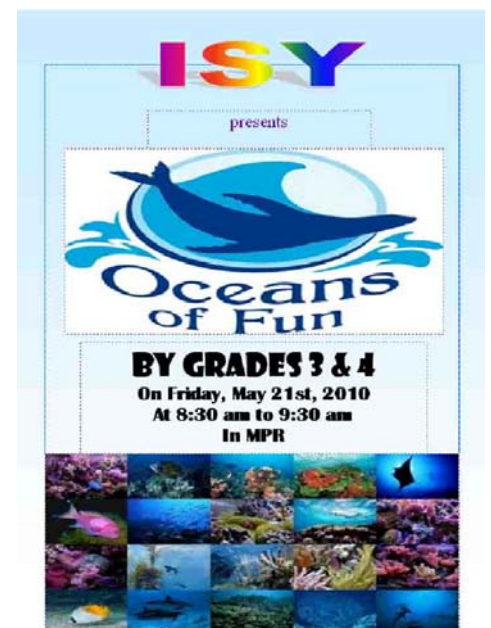
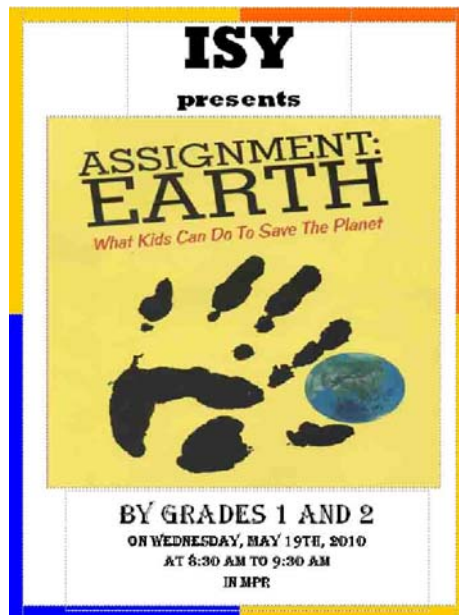
On another note, we will be sending surveys home today asking parents to comment on their child's education. The survey is not long and will not take much of your time, but it is very important that we receive it back. The information we receive from you, when compiled with the responses from the other ISY parents, will help us to know what you value most about the school. It will also let us know what concerns you would like us to focus on next year.

Please return the survey, with your student or personally, directly to the school office. This is your school and we can't plan for the future without your input.

Thank you for all of your help and support!

*Mr. Martin-Muth*, Elementary Principal

## Elementary Spring Music Program ( Pre-K to Grade 4)



"Dear Parents,

Thank you for your efforts on the kids costumes for the end of the year concerts.

The children seem excited and happy to customize their clothes or have something special made for them!

**Just a reminder of what they need to bring to music class on Monday May 17th:** (If you needed help on anything, please, feel free to come see me in the art room!)

**Grade 1:** boys and girls need to bring in a pair of **brown trousers**, or beige. Plain, with no or as little print as possible. (They will wear a green t-shirt provided by the school). The backup plan can be black or gray.

**Grade 2:** will wear **black and white**. **White pants and black top for the boys, white top and black skirts for the girls.** (But if this proved too difficult, a dress for the girls will do, of any of the two colors; and you could switch the colors of the top and the pants for the boys if you needed to)

**Grade 3:** **boys need to bring in a GRAY outfit**, any color of gray, top and bottom. **Girls** need to bring their dress or skirt and top in the "colors of the ocean".

**Grade 4:** all children need to bring in their **sea creature outfit**.

Thank you in advance.

Warm regards.

Elementary Art

## ISY Library News

Parents are asked to kindly note that ALL library books need to be returned to school the week of May 17- 21 so that we can conduct the final inventory of the 2009/10 school year. Parents are welcome to check out books for the summer vacation during the final week of school on May 26, 27 & 28. Thanks to all of the parents who have been such great patrons and strong supporters of the ISY Library!



## Announcement for Families leaving ISY

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

## Art Café

The high school art, drama, film, and music departments are proud to present an evening of entertainment of both the performing and visual arts. Artwork and films created in the second semester will be on display and presented in the MPR. The drama will be performed in the Black Box Theater.

Music students will be performing at various times throughout the evening. Starting at 6:00pm while we gather for the evening in the MPR Hane Roh will perform a flute solo followed by PPA and La'Rainne Passion- vocal duet. Before the drama presentation in the Black Box In-Jae Chung, Grace Choi, and Hane Roh will present a flute trio. Back in the MPR before the presentations of the films Janice Pyae Phyo Khin will play a snare drum solo. During the viewing of the visual arts there will be a vocal set by Mya Thet and Theresa Lim followed with a piano set by Grace Choi.

The visual art will consist of variety of media and themes from Studio Art, grades nine and ten, and IB Visual Arts class, grade eleven. The students have worked hard all year and have grown in skills, techniques, and creativity to produce art work that is conceptual and challenging.

Question the ephemeral as well as permanent qualities of love IB Theater students present Sam Shepard's *Savage Love*. ISY Film students are proud to present five films selected from this year's body of work.

### **Shattered** (IB film)

'I'm watching!' by Siwakorn Yoksirimane, U Seok Kim, Dong Cheol Shin

### **Shattered 2** (IB film)

'It's a question of justice', by Sung Yeob Lim, Jennifer Cho, U Seok Kim, Harry Thant

### **The Fail Room** (IB film)

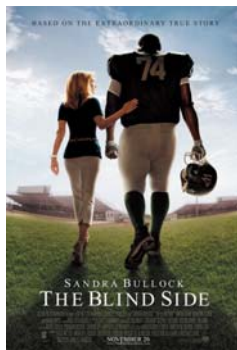
'Everyone is expendable' by Vivek Dinodiya, Dong Cheol Shin, Minn Htet Khine

HS Film Introduction presents a surprise secret comedy! Name concealed for an unknown reason.

**Where My Story Begins** (HS Film Intro)'One project, two perspectives, by Bernard Minn, Jae Kang Ha, Rosa Stanley, Affan Wan Muhammad, and Hillary Yup

## Middle School Movie Afternoon

Student Council will be having a movie afternoon on Friday May 21 from 3:00 to 5:30. We will be showing The Blind Side and tickets cost \$2000 kyat beforehand and \$3000 kyat at the door. Drinks and food will be provided. Hope to see you there!



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Moving - On" Ceremony

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Moving - On" ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in the MPR of ISY. The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30. This annual event is open to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their immediate families only. With the conclusion of the ceremony, a potluck dinner will be enjoyed by all. Please remember to bring your cameras to this very special event.

Price: \$30

**2009-10 ISY YEARBOOK**

POP ART  
MEMORIES

**PRE SALE**

**BUY IT BEFORE MAY 21**



**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL YANGON**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday May 18, 2010**

**in Multi-purpose Room 6.00 pm**

**Student Receipt:**

Student's name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Teacher/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Receipt:**

Student's name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Teacher/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**May 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 Day 2 EFGH Art café MPR 6pm	18 Day 3 ACDB Annual General Meeting	19 Day 4 EGHF 8:30-9:30 am End of year concert Gr 1-2 in MPR	20 Day 5 ADBC	21 Day 6 EHFG 8:30-9:30am End of year concert Gr 3-4 in MPR	22
23	24 Day 1 ABCD	25 Day 2 EFGH HS Prom	26 Day 3 ACDB Grade 8: Moving On Ceremony MPR 6.30	27 Day 4 EGHF MSSC Talent Show HS Graduation Sedona @ 5pm	28 Day 5 ADBC Last day of school	29
30	31 Summer school Begins 8 -11:45am	1 Summer school 8 -11:45am	2 Summer school 8 -11:45am	3 Summer school 8 -11:45am	4 Summer school 8 -11:45am	5