



International School Yangon

Newsletter

30 April (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,



This year over 62,000 students from 150 international schools in 58 countries participated in the ISA (International Schools Assessment) testing. In ISY, 3rd grades through 10th graders all took the ISA. This is the first year that we have given the ISA test.

The ISA assesses students in the three learning areas; Mathematical Literacy, Reading and Writing.

All international schools have recently received their test results. Test results are reported several ways; by entire school, by grade level, and by individual students, in Math, Reading and Writing.

We have some very good news. We are very pleased to report that our ISY school average scores are above the average scores of the combined schools in all subject areas (Mathematics, Reading and Writing) and in every grade level. The test scores are measured in two ways. One comparison made is ISY test results compared to "like schools". "Like schools" are international schools, like ISY, with a high concentration of students whose first language is not English. ISY scores were well above the average scores in all subject areas tested and in all grade levels when compared with the averages of these schools. ISY test results were also compared to all schools, including those schools with all English speaking students. These statistics showed that ISY average scores again were higher in all categories at all grade levels even when compared to the average scores in all schools.

Obviously we are very pleased with the overall results from the ISA testing. Congratulations to the ISY students but also to the ISY teachers and ISY parents for their contributions to the skill development of our students. It is fantastic to know that we are scoring above the average scores of international schools around the world and in all areas and at all grade levels. This is quite an impressive accomplishment.

Individual test results will be sent home today with your son or daughter (3rd-9th grades). Please review the test results with your student. There will be an informational meeting about the ISA test on Wednesday, May 5th at 8 A.M. in the MPR and all parents are welcome to attend and learn more about the ISA and about how to interpret the results.

Thank you as always for your support.

Sincerely,

Tim Travers
Director

Middle School / High School

Dear Parents and ISY Community,



I hope you are finding plenty of ways to cool off as the hot weather moves in. Considering it might still be some days till the rain falls, please make sure you are arranging for your child to wear a hat if they are spending time outside and that they are coming to school with a water bottle each day.

International Schools Assessment (ISA) We recently received the results of our Student's ISA tests. As expected, our students fared very well against students from other international schools and all students who took the test. Today, (Friday the 30th of April) students in grade six through nine will bring home an envelope with the results of the test. Please read and review the information for an additional indicator of your child's learning and progress. The ISA is another strong indicator of a great academic program here at ISY. Parents of students in grades six through nine are invited to join me and elementary Principal Mr. Martin-Muth to review our school scores on the ISA and to answer questions you might have about your child's results.

In the **Middle School** you should soon see a 2010-2011 Electives class sign-up coming home for grades 7 & 8. There are eight classes offered in our middle school program for next year. All students will take the following: *Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Foreign Language, Physical Education, Technology, and Band or Choir*. In addition there will be one Block that is devoted to an electives class. Electives will be quarter long classes that offer some choices for students. Most students will be scheduled for Art and Drama for a quarter. As teachers schedule other electives classes, they will send a sign-up sheet home for parents to review with their child.

We are busy with many events this week. Students have been celebrating Earth Week with a variety of activities on campus all week. This Saturday night is the SEEDS Earth-themed fashion show. Last night and tonight (Friday) was the showing of the IB Drama production "Noises Off" in the Black Box Theater. Our MS Student Council were off Thursday afternoon for a community service trip to a nearby village with donations from our middle school students. Some students are taking the SAT on Saturday and of course all of our Seniors are in the planning stages of their 'Senior Appreciation Day' and the graduation and end-of-the-year activities as they prepare to move on to University.

Please continue to stop by to chat or catch up on our campus events. I have had some wonderful conversations with parents over the past three weeks as they have visited to speak with teachers, attend events or participate in our PTA. I thank you for all the great ideas you have provided and all the care you show for your school.

Band Concert DATE CHANGE : Originally scheduled for the 12th of May the Band concert has been changed to the night of May 5th. The show will still take place at the Inya Lake Hotel. Please note this change of date and show up to support your child and our band program.

Please visit us at www.internationalschoolyangon.org

Sincerely,
Jim Gerhard
MS/HS Principal

Meet with Mr. M&M!

Hello Everyone!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Earth Day assembly last Friday! In the coming weeks we have several programs coming up. Music programs for the Pre-k and Kindergarten will take place Friday May 14, the 1st and 2nd grades will perform Wednesday May 19, and the 3rd and 4th grades will perform on Friday May 21st. All of these programs will take place in the MPR at 8:30 in the morning. The 5th grade band concert is this Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Inya Lake Hotel. The band has done a great job this year and it should be fabulous!



Next week, the week of May 3, is the final week of 4th quarter activities for the elementary school. This year over 51 different activities (including 11 physical sports activities) were offered and over 75% of our students participated. Great job everyone! Today, reports on 3rd-10th graders' performance in the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) were sent home to parents. Last February these students participated in the ISA along with 22,000 students from 150 international schools in 58 countries. Your child's scores show how they performed in Math, Reading and Writing. If you have questions about the test, please feel free to call me at school anytime. I will be happy to speak with you. We will also have a meeting on Wednesday, May 5th at 8:00 AM in the MPR where parents can ask questions and get more information if they wish. Congratulations to every student who took the test and thank you for your hard work this year!

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

Counselor's Corner

Parents/Guardians of 8th grade students: Starting high school is a major rite of passage for your child. While it is an exciting time it can also be a daunting experience for some. In order to make that experience as smooth as possible I would like to invite you to join Mr. Gerhard, myself and your 8th grader in a transition information session that will occur in the MPR Friday on May 7th at 2pm. I hope to see you there.

Janet Hallwood, Secondary Counselor

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.

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On April 28th the PTA held its annual AGM and a new team were elected. We would like to congratulate them and simultaneously thank the outgoing committee of 2009 – 2010 for a successful year and a job well done!

2010 – 2011 PTA Committee Members:

President: Wendy Douglas-Khin (Malaysia)

Vice President: Ayesha Karim (Bangladesh)

Treasurer: Fatima Noor (Myanmar)

Secretary: Mandeep Wadalia (India)

Cultural Liaisons: Thynn Tinn Tinn (Myanmar), & Lwin Hnin Hnin (Myanmar)

Event Coordinators: Jyoti Rawal (India)

Executive Members: Kiyomi Takehara (Japan)

Wai Wai Yin (Myanmar)

Tin Ma Ma (Myanmar)

Khin Myat Swe (Myanmar)

Myint Myint Win (Myanmar)

Vandana Mathur (India)

Sangeeta Dinodiya (India)

Teacher Representative: Deana Martin-Muth (American)

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Saturday May 8th, 2010, PTA will have its Annual Dinner & Dance at Park Royal Hotel and tickets are on sale at the Elementary office. Its only US\$25 per person and includes an amazing menu with an international cuisine ...all you can eat plus free flow of soft drinks & beer! We look forward to everyone's participation as the night promises to be filled with some great entertainment like a star appearance of "Michael Jackson" of Myanmar, fantastic prizes to be won and great dancing! So what are you waiting for.....buy a ticket and lets boogie the night away together!!!

Dear Parents!

Thank you for your help and support in preparing your children for the End of the Year Concerts!

“Assignment earth!”

Grade 2: Please wear black and white, black skirts and white shirts for girls, white pants and black shirts for boys

“Ocean’s of Fun!”

Grade 3 boys: Please wear gray pants and shirts (it can be different grays, dark, light, bluish... and pants and shirt can match or not)

Grade 3 girls: Please wear the colors of the oceans: blue dresses in all shades, textures and shapes of blues

Grade 4: Please create and wear sea creatures costumes

If you need advice or ideas please contact Mrs. Karine Hetherington, the Elementary Art teacher at: khetherington@isy.net.mm

Warm regards.

Mrs. Carr & Mrs. Karine

Elementary Spring Music Program

Pre-K and KG Spring Concert

The Year in Review

Pre-K
“Circle time in our Classroom”

Kindergarten
“Just Clowning Around”

Date: Friday, May 14th
Time: 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Place: MPR

ISY
presents


ASSIGNMENT: EARTH
What Kids Can Do To Save The Planet

BY GRADES 1 AND 2
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2010
AT 6:30 AM TO 9:30 AM
IN MPR

ISY
presents

Oceans of Fun

BY GRADES 3 & 4
On Friday, May 21st, 2010
At 8:30 am to 9:30 am
In MPR



Dear Parents and friends of ISY,

ISY is proud to present its Bands in concert on May 5, at the Inya Lake Hotel Ballroom, starting at 6:30 P.M. Come to the concert hour and hear the progress that your students are making. This concert will be about one hour in length and will feature three bands: The Fifth Grade Band, the mighty Middle School Band and the amazing High School Band. Come and join us!

International School Yangon
presents

Band Concert



Date: May, 5th
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Inya Lake Hotel
Starring Band Members
Grade 5 through Grade 12

8th Grade "Moving - On" Ceremony

The 8th Grade "Moving - On" ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 26th in the MPR of ISY. The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30. This annual event is open to all 8th 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.

Yearbook Pre-sale
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Student Receipt
Receipts will be distributed on May 21st

Student's Name: _____
Grade/Teacher/Address: _____
Student's Signature: _____
Office Signature: _____

Business Office Receipt
Receipts will be distributed on May 21st

Student's Name: _____
Grade/Teacher/Address: _____
Student's Signature: _____
Office Signature: _____

May 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Day4 EGHF	4 Day5 ADBC	5 Day6 EHFG ISA parents meeting MPR Band Concert 6pm Inya lake	6 Day1 ABCD	7 Day2 EFGH 6:00-9:00 pm MSSC End of Year Dance in MPR	8 TOEFL PTA Fund Raising Dinner
	AP Exam					
9	10 Day 3 ACDB	11 Day 4 EGHF	12 Day 5 ADBC	13 Day 6 EHFG Spring Concert @ Inya Lake 6pm	14 Day 1 ABCD Choir Showcase in MPR 6pm	15
	AP Exam					
16	17 Day 2 EFGH	18 Day 3 ACDB	19 Day 4 EGHF	20 Day 5 ADBC	21 Day 6 EHFG	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