



International School Yangon Newsletter

December 4 (Friday), 2009.

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,

By the time you read this we will only be one day away from International Day. The theme for International Day this year is "We are the children of the world". We will have all 450 of our students present from 31 nations at this event. Thank you in advance to the PTA for all of their hard work. So many people have put in uncountable hours on this event and I know it will be a huge success. Today we practiced the opening ceremony and the enthusiasm of the students and faculty was contagious.



Just a reminder that the opening ceremony and parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Parking should be a challenge as usual so please plan on a little extra time to park and walk to the school.

Thanks again to all of the parents, students, faculty and staff for all of your hard work and I look forward to seeing everyone Saturday morning at International Day.

Sincerely,

Tim Travers
Interim Director

Middle School / High School

Dear parents and community members,

Get ready for International Day! We had a great practice this morning with the whole school and our students are ready for a great celebration of culture and nationality. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. In our middle and high school International Mindedness is not just one day a year but an ethos that permeates our programs and daily activities. Glen Odland of www.pbworks.com defines international mindedness as "A growing inclination toward:

- An understanding and celebration of the value of diversity, in all its forms
- Empathy for those who are different, while retaining pride in one's own identity
- Open-minded inquiry accompanied by critical thinking about what is discovered via that inquiry
- A belief in the value of pluralism
- Adaptability, or comfort with and the capacity to cope with rapid change
- An understanding of the need for balancing interdependence with independence
- An understanding that individuals can improve the state of the world, and an accompanying acceptance of the responsibility to take action to do so."



At ISY we are working towards valuing the theory of international mindedness by fostering this belief K-12. We do this through providing a myriad of enriching opportunities for our students to learn about the world, its cultures and world issues. We also offer a compelling variety of activities to help them learn and understand these issues and practice being responsible citizens who model appropriate behaviors. In the high school in particular these traits are espoused through our IB program,

By participating in events such as our International Day, and helping your child to understand the world around them, you can help our community as we educate our students on make good choices and operating from a conviction of international mindedness.

Other news takes us to a busy end of the semester. Please be sure your HS student is finishing all assignments and beginning to study for Semester I exams.

Upcoming important dates:

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| Dec. 09 | Winter concert at Inya Lake Hotel 6:30 pm |
| Dec. 14 | Last full day of classes in the high school |
| Dec 15-17 | HS Final Exams |
| Dec. 17 | High School Semi-Formal |
| Dec. 14-18 | Regular schedule for Middle School |
| Dec. 18 | Last day of school before holiday (Half-day) |

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



Jim Gerhard
MS/HS Principal



Meet with Mr. M&M

Hello Everyone. International Day at ISY is tomorrow, Saturday, December 5. It will be an exciting day! Once again, traffic is bound to be a bit of an issue. Please try to arrive early. The flags are ready, the ribboneers and MUN speakers have been practicing and I'm sure you will love hearing the band and choir.



Students will be lining up for the Parade of Nations at 8:30 a.m. with the parade starting at 9:00. It will be a great event with students following their national flags in their national dress. National performing groups have been practicing for the cultural shows. We are all looking forward to a fabulous time!

The next two weeks will be a busy time around ISY as we finish up the second quarter. The 5th grade band will be performing with the older music students in the Winter Concert at the Inya Lake Hotel on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30. Food will be available for purchase before and after the concert. We also invite all parents to the Elementary Holiday Concert next Friday morning Dec. 11, in the Upper Court from 8:30 to 9:30. It should be a great concert!

The following week, Dec. 18, the last day of school before the vacation will be an early release day. Students will go home at 11:40 that morning. The same morning we will enjoy an elementary school sing-along from 8:15-9:00. If you want to sing too, please feel welcome to come and join us! You'll get to see the elementary teachers perform their world famous version of "Jingle Bells Rock."

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at International Day!

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

Dear parents,

French song rehearsal on Friday, December 04, on Upper court's stage at 4:00 to 4:30 pm.

Girls should wear : White dress OR white skirt + white t-shirt.

Boys should wear : White "Marcel" (French t-shirt style !) and bermudas short (any color) + suspenders.

On Saturday the singers must be ready at 11:30 near the stage and they are singing the French song at 11:40 am.

Thank you very much and best regards.

Nathalie Peres (parents rep. for French)

FIELD TRIP IN PARIS!

Dear parents of fifth graders,

I would like to meet you in my classroom this coming Wednesday at 3:00 pm to talk about our Field trip in Paris during Water festival.... Hope to see you there....

Bon voyage !

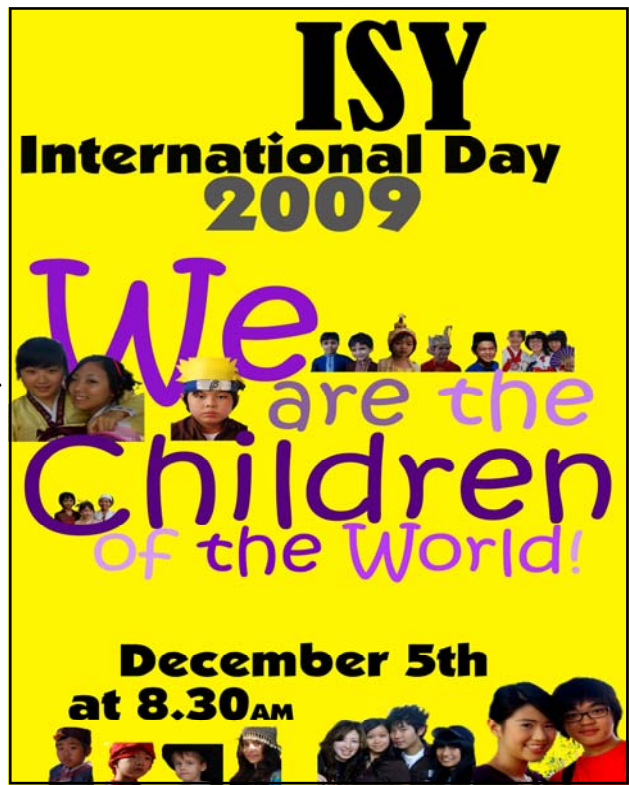
Nathalie Peres

PTA News

**PTA General Meeting,
December 10, 3:00 p.m.
in the PTA room.
Everyone welcome!!**

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December 2009 - January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 HS softball girls 10:30-boys 2:45 @ American Club	7 Day 1 ABCD	8 Day 2 EFGH	9 Day 3 ACDB Winter Concert @ Inya Lake @ 6:30pm High School - Science Fair	10 Day 4 EGHF	11 Day 5 ADBC MSSC Holiday Dance 6 - 9 pm	12 MS Volleyball @ YIS morning
13 HS softball boys 9:15-girls 1:00 @ American Club	14 Day 6 EHFG	15 Day 1 ABCD	16 Day 2 EFGH	17 Day 3 ACDB HSSC Semi Formal	18 Day 4 EGHF (Half Day) MSSC Talent show & Party	19 December Break
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