



International School Yangon

Newsletter

February 5 (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,

As you know we celebrated the re-opening of the recently renovated MPR this past Monday. The ISY School Board, PTA, A-1 Construction, and our ISY maintenance crews were congratulated and thanked for their support and participation with the project. Although the construction was a bit bothersome and disruptive for a few weeks, the room will serve us well in the future for the many events that we have each week at the school. Thank you to everyone for your support and patience during the construction of this very important room.

We have an ISY School Board meeting coming up next Tuesday beginning at 5 pm in the library. As you may know, the School Board holds a meeting each month on the second Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

By the time that you read this I will be in the USA at the recruiting fairs to hire teachers for next year. Although we do not have very many openings, the fairs provide an opportunity to meet face to face with potential teaching candidates. We take this task seriously as excellent teachers are the core of excellent schools and we want to continue to find the best teachers possible for ISY.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,

Tim Travers



Middle School / High School

Dear Parents and community,

Welcome to February!

Parents of Middle School students : It has come to our attention that some middle school students are leaving school at 3:00 but informing their parents that they are staying later at school for activities or sports. Please remember that Middle School students signed up for activities on specific days and dates and those activity notices were sent home for parent signatures. Middle School students not involved in activities are not allowed to stay on campus past the 3:00 bell. Students who leave are not allowed back onto campus grounds in the afternoon.



This is a concern to us because as young adults, middle and high school students are allowed to leave school through the gate without a driver or adult guardian or parent. It seems that some students are making bad decisions about getting into taxis to frequent local cafes or Internet cafes nearby. We ask that you speak to your child about responsibilities around after school activities and that you remain very concerned and informed about where your child is in the afternoon. Please contact us for an updated list for your child's activities or for more information about campus entrance and exit policies. We will be continually addressing this issue during the remainder of the school year.

Week Without Walls:

Next week the entire HS faculty and student population will be off on experiential learning trips around Myanmar. As extensions of our classroom, these trips provide opportunities to learn more about our host culture and history, examine ecology and animal life around the country and provide time for us to appreciate learning together outside the classroom. Student groups have been working collectively and independently on projects incorporating film, environmental studies, historical narratives and many other topics that will provide suitable learning experiences in a Week Without Walls context. I will be traveling with the Juniors to Kalaw and thus will be out of school next week.

As always, you can visit us at www.internationalschoolyangon.org

Announcement

La Chandeleur!

The French celebrate Candlemas, 2 February, by making pancakes which they toss in a frying pan held in one hand whilst holding a coin in the other hand. Tradition has it that you will have good luck in the coming year if you successfully catch the pancake.

Dear Parents of students who're taking French!

I am planning to make pancakes, during February with your children. Please give him/her some milk, sugar, eggs and flour to make it!

Thank you very much and best regards.

Nathalie

Jim Gerhard

MS/HS Principal

Meet with Mr. M&M!

Hello Everyone.

Next Friday, February 12, will be our Elementary Field Day at ISY. The Field Day is a really great time when elementary students will get to play and compete outdoors in fun games and physical activities. Parents are invited to join in (and help out) with activities such as Parachute Games, the Big Feet Relay, Toe Fishing, Mission Impossible, the Water Bucket Relay, Stepping Stones and a host of others. As you can imagine, the event promises to be really enjoyable and entertaining.



Parents, we really do need your support and help. If you are interested in helping supervise games please contact our PE teacher Mr. Nguyen, or you can simply leave your name at the elementary office. It will be a fun and physical day for the children. Please make sure that they have hats and water bottles with them on Friday! Friday will also be an early release day for elementary students. Games and events will be over by about 11:00. Dismissal and pick-up will be at 11:30.

There will be no school the following Monday, February 15. February 15 is an American holiday, President's Day. Students will be back in school on Tuesday. Remember, if you would like to help out on Field Day please give us a call. It will be great fun!

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

The ISY Library presents...



Visiting Author

David Schwartz

February 22-25, 2010

Parents are welcome to come to the assemblies
and join in the fun!

Monday February 22

12:30- PK/KG Assembly
1:10- Gr. 1 & 2 Assembly
1:50- Gr. 3-5 Assembly

Tuesday February 23

8:15- MS Assembly
9:40- HS Assembly

Thursday February 25

8:30-11:00am

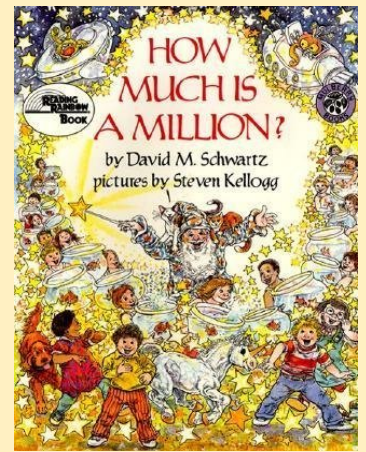
Book Sale sponsored by the
Myanmar Book Centre with book signing by the author

**information on ES class visits to follow soon!*



For more information please contact Michelle Rinker mrinker@isy.net.mm

ISY welcomes Visiting Author
David Schwartz
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Q: What do 100 million grains of rice look like?

A: Let's find out!

Inspired by visiting author David Schwartz, a "big number aficionado", ISY is embarking upon a charitable mathematical quest to collect 100 million grains of rice!



ISY students are currently doing the math to figure out how to make this happen.

More info to follow soon!



Grade 10 Families---

IB Intro Meeting
17 February 6-7 pm,
Black Box Theatre

Friday 12th Feb 2010 will be ISY Elementary School field day. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could volunteer to supervise the games and support your children on the day. Parents interested, please contact Mr. Tom Nguyen or just simply leave your details at elementary office with Delphine. Many thanks. Mr. Nguyen

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To the Parents of ISY:

The International School of Yangon is holding its annual Fun Fair on the **13th of March 2010 from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.** Proceeds from the Fun Fair benefit local charities and Student Council sponsored High School Events (Dance party, sports night, movie night, Semi formal, Prom, etc...). The Fun Fair's events include our popular raffle. The High School Student Council, which is in charge of this event, cordially invites your personal and business contributions to our raffle program by donating gift vouchers, clothing, electronics, food and other miscellaneous items.

To ensure that the Fun Fair is a successful event, we strongly encourage families of ISY students to participate on this day of fun.

Businesses are also welcomed to set up booths at the Fun Fair. Please feel free to contact Okkar Kyaw (President) or Dr. Winsome Saldanha, Mr. Cameron Sabo, Mr. Travers advisors (01-512-793) for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Student Council is also collecting items for the Second Hand Sale: old tennis racquets, shoes, clothing, books, and even toasters, etc which is no longer useful to you may be donated for a good cause. Please bring all the donations to Dr. Winsome Saldanha in the High School building E 201.

Please help us make the ISY Family Fun Fair a success.

Sincerely,



Okkar Kyaw
 President
 HSSC

Sincerely,



Dr. Winsome Saldanha, Mr. Cameron Sabo, Mr. Travers
 Advisors

Thank You

The PTA would like to thank everyone who attended the "Kick-off / Cookout". We would also like to thank you for your food donations. It was a huge success with lots of delicious food, games, activities, music and fun! We would like to especially thank Moon Bakery for their donation of hamburger and hotdog buns, Ayesha Karim, Jenny Win Oo, Shin Eun Joo, Bill Martin-Muth, Jim Gerhard, Tim Travers, U Aye Lwin, Leslie and the Korean Community for their effort at the BBQ. Also a big thanks to the others who joined in to make it a big success.

February-March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 Day 6 EHFG	9 Day 1 ABCD	10 Day 2 EFGH	11 Day 3 ACDB	12 Day 4 EGHF Elem. Field day	13
HS WWW (Gr 9 MDY, Gr 10 Inlay, Gr 11 Kalaw, Gr 12 Sittwe)						
14	15 NO SCHOOL	16 Day 5 ADBC	17 Day 6 EHFG	18 Day 1 ABCD	19 Day 2 EFGH	20
21	22 Day 3 ACDB	23 Day 4 EGHF	24 Day 5 ADBC	25 Day 6 EHFG MSSC Science Fair Yangon Music Festival @ ISM	26 Day 1 ABCD Yangon Music Festival @ Inya Lake	27 PTA Annual Fundraising
28	1 Day 2 EFGH	2 Day 3 ACDB	3 Day 4 EGHF	4 Day 5 ADBC	5 Day 6 EHFG	6