



International School Yangon

Newsletter

October 23 (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 Parents and Students,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the end of the 1st quarter parent teacher conferences. We had an amazing turn out with 95% of all of our parents in attendance. This is the highest percentage of parent attendance I have ever seen in my 30 years of education. Thank you to the teachers and to the parents for your participation. We tried a different conferencing style for the middle and high school this year. This style has the teachers in just two different locations for the convenience of the parents rather than having parents try to arrange separate appointments with each teacher in the classrooms. We hope you found this style of holding parent teacher meetings more efficient and comfortable for you. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the parent teacher conferences please let us know.



Last night we had our second annual "Candlelight Read Aloud" event sponsored by our library faculty and staff. This event was also well attended by our teachers and parent community. Thank you to our library faculty and staff and for the parents continued involvement.

We have numerous events coming up in the next few days and weeks. This coming Saturday evening please join us for the upcoming International School of Yangon, An Evening of Lights, which is organized by the ISY Myanmar community. The event is from 6:00 until 8:30 and we hope to see you there rain or shine.

Next week our 8th grade will be leaving for the Week Without Walls trip to Bagan. Historically our entire middle school participates in the WWW events at various times of the year. This year we are expanding the WWW to the high school as well.

Our International Day committee has been meeting on a regular basis to plan for our yearly International Day event scheduled for December 5th. We have a large turn out of energized and motivated parents and teachers who want to make this event a huge success as usual. This is an important event for our school because it is a great learning opportunity for your children. Providing learning opportunities for our kids is why this group of parents and teachers are working so hard to make this event a success. Thank you for your efforts to make ISY the best it can be for our kids.

Each week that goes by the momentum is building and the energy is rising in our school. As I walk around the campus I see that very day there are learning activities and learning opportunities organized and facilitated by our dedicated faculty both in and out of the classroom. Parents and students are truly fortunate to have such a talented and committed group of faculty and staff. Thank you to the parents for supporting our efforts to help ISY reach it's potential.

Sincerely,

Tim Travers
Interim Director

Middle School / High School

A great big thank you to all of the parents that came to parent teacher conferences last week. We had over ninety –five percent of report cards picked up. On Friday evening there were only 11 report cards left in the MS/HS office out of 256 that were printed. This is an amazing testament to the positive and constructive parent involvement at ISY.



On Tuesday and Wednesday your child may have been talking about an inspirational visitor to our campus. Natascha Yogachandra, a sixteen year old high school senior from Bangkok, gave separate presentations to the middle school, high school and groups of IB students. She discussed how our students can become more involved in community service and used her own experiences as a guide. She also led a workshop with our Grade 11 IB cohort entitled, "Initiate, Implement and Sustain a community services project." Her message was inspirational and I was impressed with the questions our students asked and the follow up discussions I heard after the presentation and in classes. We now have a copy of Natascha's book *Spirit of Service* in our library for the community to read. We thank her for sharing at ISY.

On Tuesday we saw off the High School Model United Nations students who are now in Cairo, Egypt participating in activities at the Cairo American College. The students were excited to go and have put in many long hours preparing and practicing for the conferences. We thank HS Counselor Ms. Hallwood and teacher Mr. Sturmey for working to get the students ready and accompanying them on the trip. Good luck MUN!

There is a Middle School dance tonight (Friday) from 6:00 till 9:00 pm at ISY. ISY students only will be involved. Thanks to the MS student council for the arrangements. The following day (this Saturday) we have a spectacular event to look forward to: *An Evening of Lights*, Myanmar Night at ISY. Please come see us and enjoy some great cultural activities. I am looking forward to seeing many of our parents there.

Next week I am off to Bagan for the Grade 8 extended field trip. Thirty-six students and five chaperones will spend Monday to Friday experiencing, exploring and learning among the treasures of Bagan. Thanks to our Grade eight parents for supporting our trip.

I will see you at Myanmar night!

Jim Gerhard, MS/HS Principal

Meet with Mr. M&M

Hello Elementary Parents. Thank you all very much for showing up and making parent-teacher conferences such a huge success! There is nothing more important to your child's academic growth than a strong partnership between their parents and teachers. I appreciated seeing you and talking with many of you on those days.



Second quarter is already very busy. I would like to thank all of the parents, students and teachers who participated in our second annual Candlelight Read-Aloud in the library last Thursday. Michelle Rinker is a wonderful organizer and a great librarian. It was spooky, a little bit scary and loads of fun for everyone. I can't wait for next year!

Next Friday we will have our annual elementary Halloween parade around the field beginning at 2:00 p.m. I'm sure there will be spooks, goblins, costumes and plenty of photo opportunities. Thanks in advance to those parents who are helping organize costumes and classroom parties.

The ISY community is invited to school tomorrow, Saturday October 24, at 6:00 p.m. for "An Evening of Lights". It will be a fantastic celebration of Burmese culture, music, dance, crafts and food. This evening is a special gift to the whole ISY family, organized and presented to us by our Myanmar parent community. There will be craft booths, dances and cultural presentations put on by performing groups from all over Myanmar. This is an extraordinary event you will not want to miss!

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr. Martin-Muth, Elementary Principal

You are invited to the first annual

Elementary Art Show!

An Art work from every child in the elementary is on display.

Opening night: Saturday, October 24th, during Myanmar night, at 6:00 P.M.

The Art show will be open all day, every school day, until November 20th.

Mrs. Karine & Ma Khine

The
Elementary
Art

show

October 24th
to
November 20th

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Cairo MUN	26 Cairo MUN Gr-8 Field Trip to Bagan	27 Cairo MUN Gr-8 Field Trip to Bagan	28 Cairo MUN Gr-8 Field Trip to Bagan	29 Gr-8 Field Trip to Bagan	30 Gr-8 Field Trip to Bagan	31
1	2	3	4	5 SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball Early Dismissal	6 SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball NO SCHOOL	7 SEASAC Soccer / Volley Ball 7:30 - 1:30 pm SAT

Japanese Parents Association

International Day
Organizational Meeting

16th November 2009
(Monday)

1:30pm ~ 3:00 pm,
PTA room

For Enquiry:
Ms. Kiyomi Takehara
Ph. 09 5034903

Korean Parents

International Day
Organizational Meeting

27 October 2009
(Tuesday)

2:00 pm, PTA room

For Enquiry:
Park Min Jeong
Ph. No. 558556 (Ext: 0312)



!!!!!! Don't miss this family event!!!!!!

***Join us for a
festive evening!!***

**Saturday, October 24
6:00 to 8:30 pm**

***An Evening of Lights,
a cultural event organized and
sponsored the ISY
Myanmar community.***

Candlelight Read Aloud

Last night, the 2nd Annual Candlelight Read Aloud was held in the ISY Library, providing an evening of spooky storytelling for kids of all ages.

The event was a huge success and the children are looking forward to next year already!

Thanks goes to all of the teacher and Grade 11 student volunteers (Kimiko, Eint, Ye Won, Phyu Phyu and May Thi) as well as the Library Parent volunteers who assisted with the reading, refreshments and decorating.

A special thanks to Naoko Kunií, Yuko Yasuda, Joyti Rawal, Ritu Wadalia, Amy Sebes, Tamar Weisert, John Hetherington and Karine Hetherington for their help and sharing their time with the children.

