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Upcoming

- **Sports Fest**
January 30-31, February 4-7
- **Adventurer & Pathfinder Camp**
February 19 -20

Teacher Updates

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Focus on Safety

Safety is one of our top priorities at AIMS, and we've implemented several initiatives to ensure our students' well-being: Child Safety Program: Led by Khun Weerasak and our Behavior Management Officer (BMO), we've launched a program focused on improving child safety measures within the school.

(Check the Administrator's Desk for more information, p.2)

MAP Test Result

Results from the Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) tests are in, and the results show outstanding progress.

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Patricia Foster
Administrator

Photo Credit: AIMS Media Team

NEW YEAR, NEW US!

AIMS NEWEST STEP INTO 2025



Left to Right: Loy Krathong - Sports Fest



Welcome, 2025! After a well-earned break, teachers and students are eager to start fresh this semester. Whether setting new goals, embracing challenges, or seizing opportunities, we're ready to make this year unforgettable.

The third quarter kicked off with exciting events like Friendship Friday and university visits from Mahidol, sparking student enthusiasm. And there's more to come—Sports Festival, Pathfinder, and Adventurer Camp are just around the corner!

2025 is set to be a year to remember—let's make every moment count!

Heads Up!

Grade 11 Banquet Fund Raising

Grade 11 students are selling snacks and drinks from 2:40 to 4:00. Stop by for a treat and support their end-of-year banquet!

Muse Club Fund Raising

The Muse Club is raising funds for their upcoming orphanage visit. For details, contact Teacher Palmolive Dzidzornya Dzuali.

Sports Fest is Back!

On January 30, AIMS Elementary kicks off its exciting Sports Fest, filled with fun and sportsmanship! Students proudly wear their team colors as they compete in handball, chairball, soccer, and more. Beyond winning, the event celebrates teamwork, friendship, and shared moments of joy. With cheers, high-fives, and laughter, the Sports Fest is a highlight, fostering camaraderie, skill-building, and the spirit of respect and teamwork.



From the Administrator's Desk

by Mrs. Patricia Foster

As the first semester of the school year has ended, we at AIMS have taken a moment to reflect on our progress and express thankfulness for our many blessings. We are excited to share some updates with you.

Teacher Updates

We are pleased to announce that all our new teachers have successfully met government requirements. Teacher Jayiansha, who is our new Science Department Head, is now at AIMS. Her full employment was delayed due to bureaucratic issues in Sri Lanka. She will begin teaching when she completes training for new teachers. Teacher Judith, our science teacher, is expecting her baby sometime in February. She will be on maternity leave for 45 days following the birth of her little boy.

Focus on Safety

Safety is a top priority at AIMS. We have implemented several initiatives to enhance our safety standards:

- Child Safety Program: Under the leadership of Khun Weerasak and our Behavior Management Officer (BMO), Honesto Encapas, this program strengthens child safety measures across the school.
- Training for School Safety: The School Safety Committee completed its first round of training for all AIMS employees to reinforce student care and safety protocols. We're grateful to the parents who participated in the online training—thank you for your support.
- External Workshop Participation: Members of the School Safety Committee attended a child protection and survival training workshop in Bangkok, further strengthening our safety programs.

Exciting Start to the Year

Our students have had a great start to the school year, fully embracing their studies and activities. Here are some highlights:

- Club Reorganization: We've fine-tuned our school clubs this year. High school clubs are now separate from elementary school clubs. This helps the school ensure activities will be appropriate for each group's interests.
- Special Performance: On September 30, our students (Grades 1-12) enjoyed an incredible performance by the Tai Po Sam Yuk Academy Orchestra from Hong Kong. It was an enriching cultural experience for all.

Academic Performance

We are proud of our students' academic achievements. The latest results from the Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) tests demonstrate outstanding progress:

- Science: 86%
- Language: 88%
- Reading: 84%
- Math: 85%

These scores are a testament to the hard work of both our students and teachers.

Thank You

We are grateful for the continued support of our parents and community. Together, we are making AIMS a safe, enriching, and academically successful environment for all our students. Stay tuned for more updates as we move into the second quarter of the school year.

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About the School

by Ezekiel Gerard

AIMS is guided by esteemed leaders, Mrs. Patricia Foster, our administrator, and Ajarn Janejira Jaroonsang, our director. Their dedication to student growth goes beyond academics—they instill values that empower students to reach their full potential. Through their leadership, students learn the importance of following school rules, fostering respect for one another, and striving toward their Expected School-Wide Learning Goals (ESLGs). These include becoming critical thinkers, effective communicators, exemplary workers, self-managers, and caring citizens, all in alignment with the school's Mission and Vision.

AIMS, as an Adventist school, upholds a Mission and Vision centered on fostering Christ-like character in every student. The ESLGs guide all students, regardless of faith, in exemplifying these values. With a diverse student body, mutual respect among students and teachers sets a strong example of how to treat one another with kindness and integrity.

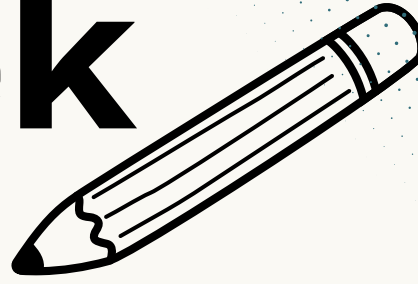
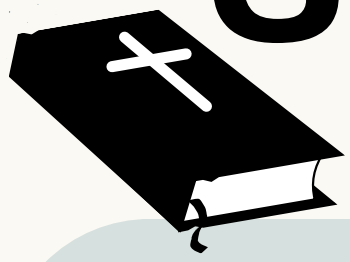
With their leadership and the support of all teachers, student voices are heard through the Student Council (SC), fostering a healthy learning environment. Dedicated janitors, technicians, and cooks ensure a clean, well-maintained campus, while teachers equip students for the future, valuing their feedback for continuous improvement.

The school maintains a healthy balance between teachers and students, fostering both professional relationships and an engaging learning environment. While each teacher has a unique style, they strive to make lessons enjoyable and interactive, ensuring that students remain engaged while gaining valuable knowledge and experiences.

Semester Highlights



Top to Bottom: Christmas Program - Journalism Team - Loy Krathong



Spiritual Emphasis Week

by Lowell Van Belnas & Wirun Tonket

An Overview

Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) at AIMS, September 23–27 – The SEW is a biannual event organized by the school's Spiritual Committee. For the first semester's SEW, the SEW organizers lead by Teacher Marvin introduced a digital interactive platform called Escape From Kelima. Middle school and high school students were divided into their respective houses, which are then broken into smaller groups. With the support of Youth Alive links, they were able to understand the concept of the day-to-day activities. The students' task was to access the link and solve the riddle, question, or game provided. After completing the short game, they needed to go to the page where common anxieties are displayed. The students then choose a situation that may resonate their experiences along with verses to help them overcome those situations. Student and teacher facilitators worked hand-in-hand in ensuring that there is enough time for discussion, reflection, and prayer.

Student Activities

The students had the opportunity to not only write down their feelings but also share their thoughts about themselves and reflect on the provided memory verses related to their challenges. At the end of the activity, they would link their "problems" together and pray for guidance and help with overcoming them. From the interactive platform, there are several issues they can choose from and write them down in a piece of paper, turning it into a chain. At the end of the event, they "break" away from their chains by tearing their work.



Students identifying their stress level on a specific situation/struggle with a mentor



Students sharing their viewpoints and discussing their insights

Topics such as miscommunication and social anxiety are well recognized issues that teenagers experience on a daily basis which leads to the lack of self-awareness and misunderstanding of oneself. Talking to someone and converse on each other's issues and mishaps could help you and the other person understand more about the situation.



Students showing their personal chains that they need to be free from

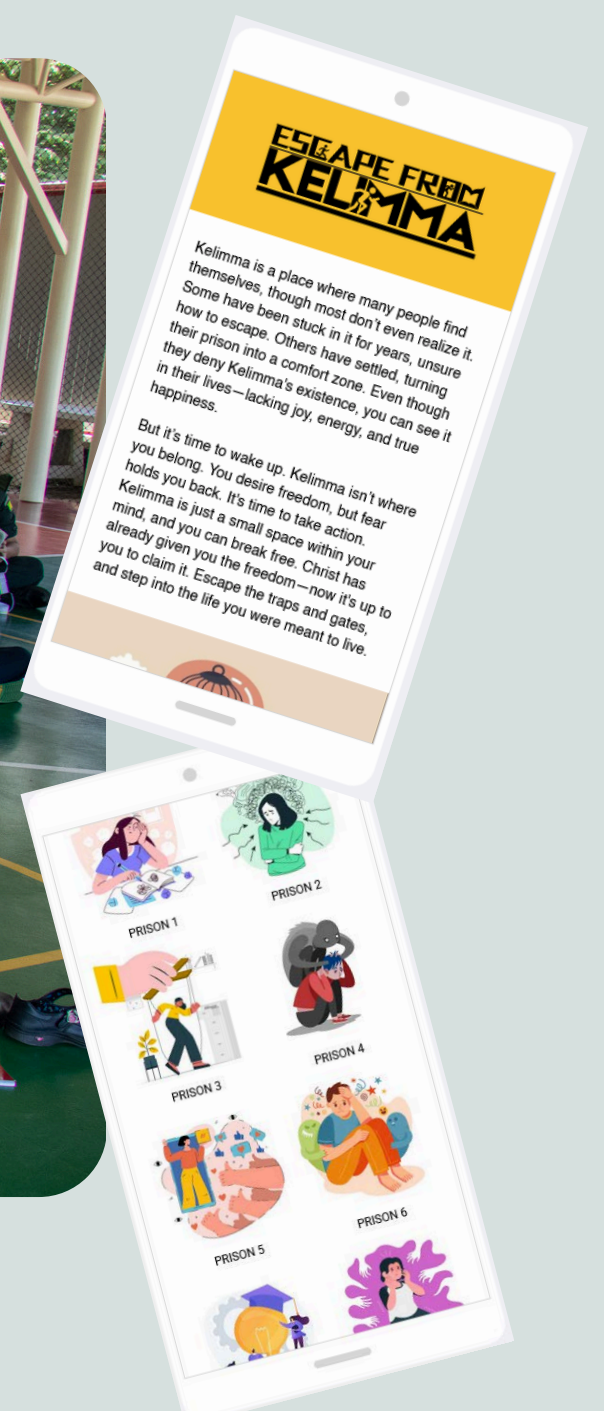


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Teacher's Day

by Anna Brielle Cortes & Precious Belle Morley

Wai Kru Day, September 12, 2024 – Teachers hold a significant role in Thai society, and this is especially highlighted on Wai Kru Day, also known as Teacher's Day. This annual event strengthens the bond between students and teachers, as students express their gratitude and respect through traditional ceremonies.

A key part of the celebration involves students pouring scented water over their teachers' hands, symbolizing blessings and good fortune. In return, teachers offer prayers for their students, wishing them guidance and success in their academic journey.

At AIMS, the main ceremony took place on the basketball court, gathering students from grades 1 to 12, while kindergarteners held their own celebration in the Kindergarten Cafeteria. The event concluded with a lively free-for-all dance, where students and teachers joined together in a joyful display of unity and appreciation.



"We don't just teach, we build character."

Photo Credit: AIMS Media Team



International Exchange

by Ezekiel Gerard

AIMS Main Cafeteria, September 30, 2024 – We're sure everyone loves music, so having an exchange program from another school to play some traditional Chinese music is absolutely welcomed! The students from Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hongkong visited AIMS last September 30, 2024 to for a musical concert. They showcased several unique instruments with their own sounds with students playing traditional Chinese pieces, individually showcasing their skills, and playing in unison as an orchestra. Not only that, the students also had a tour around the campus of AIMS, visiting classrooms and worthwhile places for their little expedition. AIMS, in return, hosted a simple, yet festive lunch with local and international dishes representing the diversified nationalities of AIMS family.



Twin Day

by Natthawadee Sutadwanich & Supasuda Chulariksha

Twin Day, October 2024- Twin Day is a social event organized by the Student Council. Its aim is to build camaraderie and deepen blossoming friendships among students. During the Twin Day, every student found themselves a partner or group and dressed in a common theme or the same clothes!

Students expressed their creativity and camaraderie through their clothing style, colors, themes, and so much more. Students had their fun in dressing up with their favorite colors or characters, but they also got to share it with friends! Count on AIMS students to make simple activities fun!



Oooooh~ Scary!

Photo Credit: AIMS Media Team

Christmas Program

Four Seasons, One God

by Ezekiel Gerard & Anna Brielle Cortes

November 20, 2024 | Asia-Pacific International University – The theme “Four Seasons, One God” is this year’s Christmas program theme. This theme suggests the beauty of the world made by one God. The four seasons are a part of the great creation, showcasing the beauty of each season. Like every year, each class prepared a dance to music or song to perform during the performance day. This is a time where students can get creative. The classes practiced for several weeks perfecting their performances and getting feedback from their peers, other classes, and teachers. Parents, guests, and everyone else enjoyed this night... another addition to AMSians memory repertoire!



Photo Credit: AIMS Media Team

Community Contributions

Literature from the Students

“It’s a New Year”

Ezekiel Gerard – Grade 11

It’s a new day,
Keep worries at bay.
Another day at AIMS,
I hope it doesn’t rain.

Hope for the sun’s light,
The sun shines bright.
Be sure to look out,
The school is en route.

The birds are chirping,
Listen to their whistling,
Winter is over,
Spring time is nearer.

The morning dew breaks the dawn,
The evening light brings the yawn.
Have a good day, have a good night,
Begin the year with new heights.

“Oh! The Wonder of It All”

Amanda Leela Matthew – Grade 7

I ponder upon all that I see,
And wonder how powerful my Lord can be.
He created the Heavens and the Earth,
And decided its form before its birth.

The sun, moon, and stars in the sky.
Birds that soar, and float, and fly
And trees covered in yellow, red, and purple gowns,
Certainly brings excitement to one’s soul.

The trees dressed in greenish-yellow robes,
Could surely one’s heart rob.
Then, the leaves that fall in Fall,
Glorious and breathtaking are they all.
Oh! The wonder of it all.

Oh! What a wonder!
Oh! What splendor!
Oh! What magnificence!
Oh! What a beauty!

And man- the crown of creation!
All for His glory!
All for His honor!
All praise Him, Praise Him!

Footprints, the official AIMS newsletter, invites the AIMS community to contribute write-ups, artworks, photos, and other creative pieces that inspire and uplift others.

Life Guide Quotes



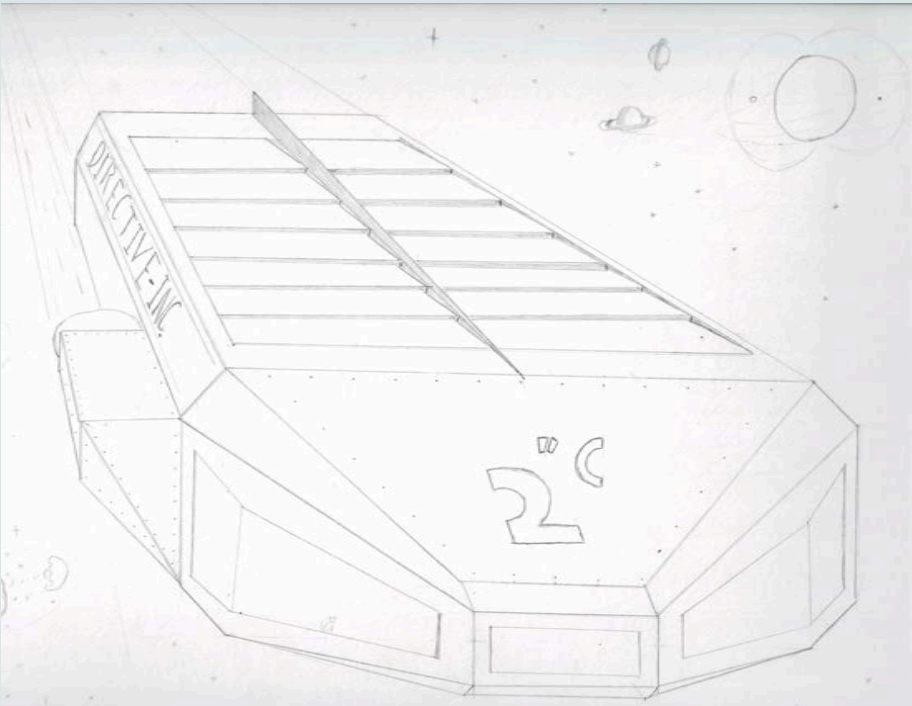
More Life's Lessons at <https://www.instagram.com/marvinamarcelino/>

Picturesque Word Power



More at <https://www.pinterest.com/corkpad/picturesque-101-150/>

Artwork from the Students



I.W.C. – English Club

I.W.C. stands for “Imaginative World-Building Club” where, as the name suggests, the members of the club world-build to their hearts’ content, monitored and sponsored by Teacher Arjem and the high school English teachers. This club trains our literature, language arts, and creativity, testing the limits of our imagination.

Ezekiel Gerard – Grade 11

Photography from the Grade 9 Visual Art



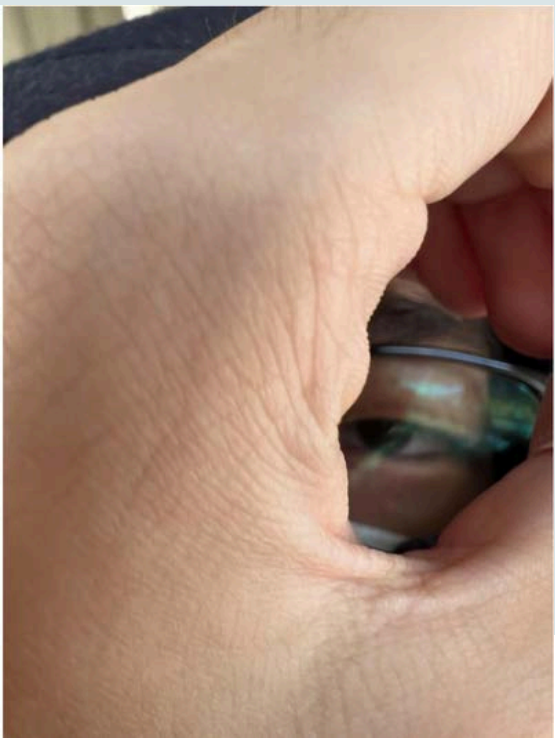
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Principle: Couple



Andrea Benjamin Kipzanang
Principle: Forced Perspective



Rapatsakun Rojanapiansatith
Principle: Reproduce famous painting



Thanabodee Worrakul
Principle: Headless

AIMS Student Council SY 2024-2025



"We share our hardships and struggles and overcame them as a group."
- Ping & Hill



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AIMS Journalists/Footprints Steering Committee of AY 24-25 visit Hope Channel SEA

Clubs at AIMS

by: Ezekiel Gerard

List of Clubs & Activities

What Are Clubs at AIMS?

Clubs at AIMS are mostly categorized by the core subjects in the school. This includes English, Math, Science and etc. Students pick their clubs based off their own interests. The clubs they choose are completely their decision. Students grow and expand their skills in the club they chose while possibly expanding their social circle too. It is a great opportunity for students to grow and for teachers to bond with their students.

IT Club:

3D modeling
Creating Roblox
Map
Programming

Muse Club:

Community
Service
Fundraising

Thai Club:

Cooking
Crafting
Dancing

English Club:

Story-Writing
World-Building
Writing

Science:

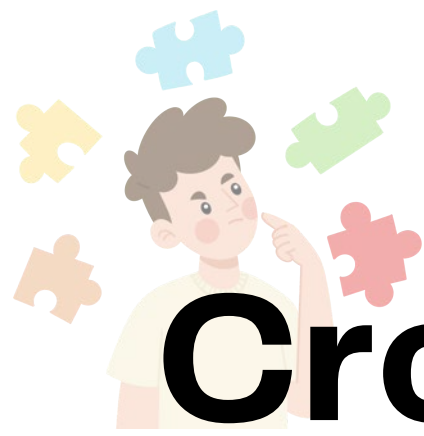
Experiments
(Biology &
Chemistry)

Singing:

Singing

Ping-Pong:

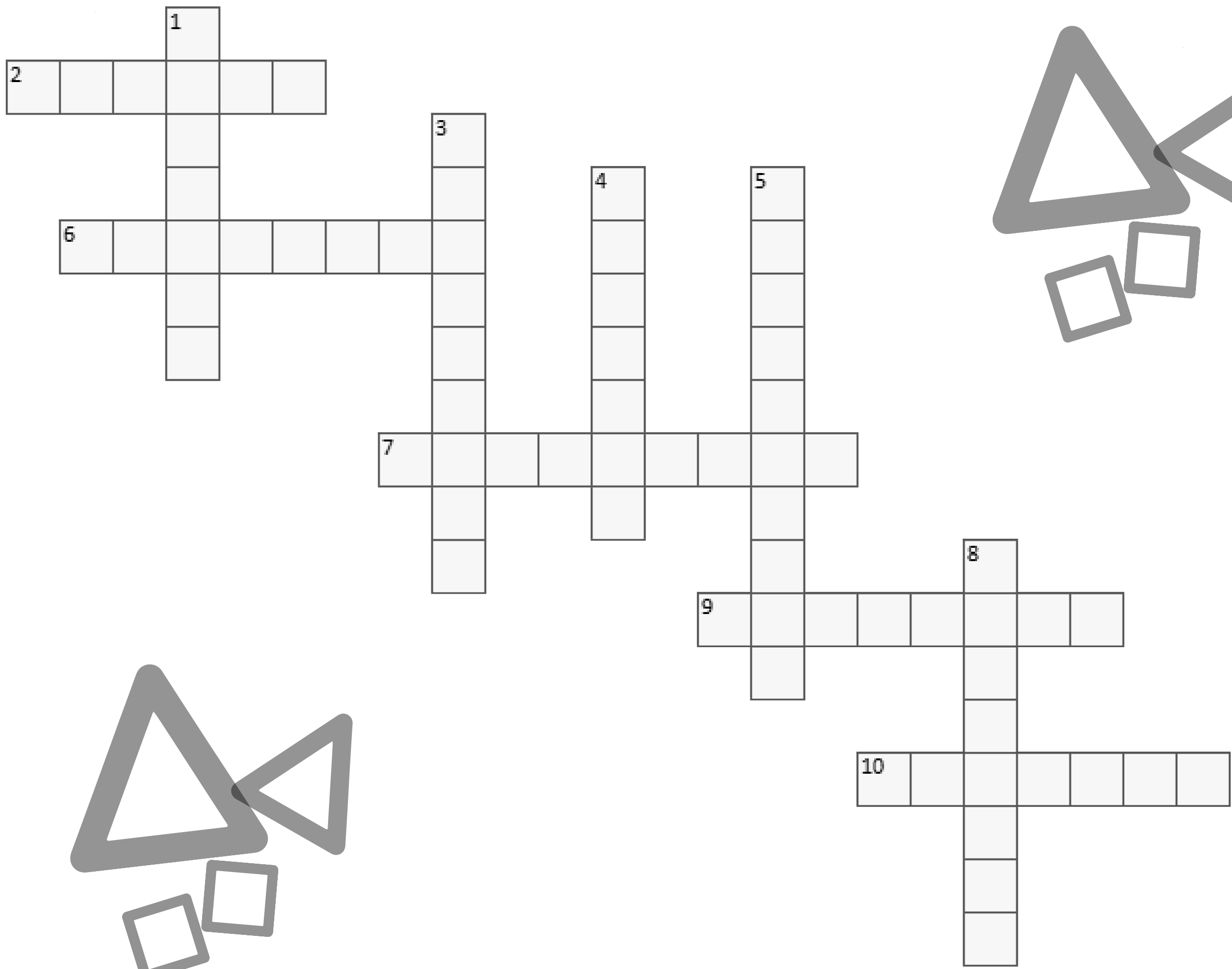
Ping-Pong Sport



Fun Page

Crossword Puzzle

by Natthawadee Sutadwanich

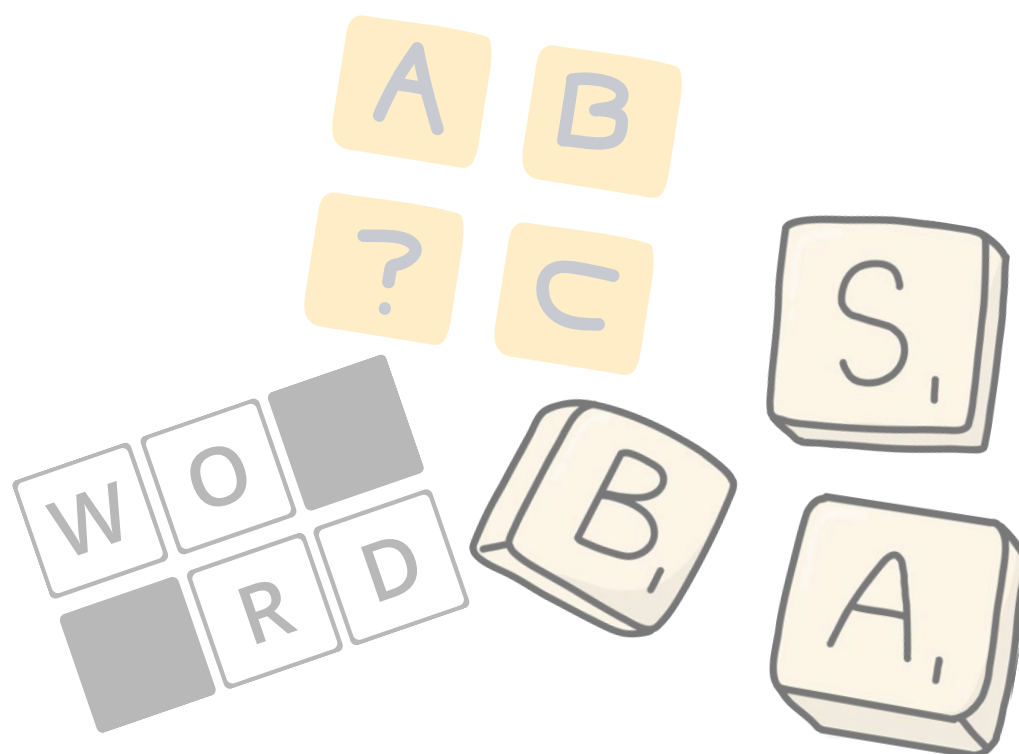


Across

- 2.** A break period for students to relax and play.
- 6.** A plan that outlines when classes occur.
- 7.** The head administrator of a school.
- 9.** Assignments given to students to complete outside of class.
- 10.** A place where books and resources are available for study.

Down

- 1.** An individual who educates students.
- 3.** An outing organized by the school for educational purposes.
- 4.** A specific area of study, like Math or Science.
- 5.** The ceremony marking the completion of a course of study.
- 8.** A book used for writing notes during lessons.





by Ezekiel Gerard

Theme: AIMS & Journalism

Answers:

A quiet place

An illustration of several 3D letter blocks. In the bottom left, four white blocks spell out 'WORD', with two grey blocks filling the gaps. Above them are four yellow blocks with letters 'A', 'B', '?', and 'C'. To the right are three more yellow blocks with letters 'S', 'A', and 'B'.