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From the
Administrator's
Desk



The closing of school year 2013-14 is fast approaching. By the time you receive our final Newsletter for this school year we will have only a few days left. This year we will see the fruition of 15 graduating students. This is our first large class of seniors and we will miss them. Some of them have been a part of our AIMS family for at 13 years and maybe a couple of students for longer. Our students will be continuing their educational careers at the following universities: Chulalongkorn, Thammasat, Bangkok International, Rangsit, Mahidol, Asia-Pacific International, Avondale (Australia). We would like to congratulate our seniors. We will miss them and will be praying for them.

Summer school begins June 17, 2013. This summer regular high school courses will be offered. These courses will:

- assist the student who has failed a course during the school year,
- assist the student who is having difficulty with certain core subjects,
- prevent a student from the doubling up on core classes during the school year, (this would apply primarily to new students who have not met the requirements for graduation.)
- enable a student to get ahead and thereby reduce their course load during the regular semester.

Regular courses will also be offered for grades 1-8. Math, reading, grammar and composition classes will be taught to students who: 1) would like to be better prepared for the upcoming school year and, 2) still need to master some skills in the subjects listed.

We would like to express our appreciation once again for the marvelous support of our AIMS parents. We look forward to working with you next school year.

AIMS observes Spiritual Emphasis Week

Nicha Wareewarach (Nikki), G7

AIMS conducted the Spiritual Emphasis Week from February 21 to 25. The theme was Steps to Jesus. Our speaker was Mrs. Becky Rich. She explained five important steps a person must do to be able to go to Jesus and follow Him. She spoke very well and she was fun to talk with.

The speaker discussed the five steps to Jesus. The first one was to believe that God loves us. The second was to recognize that we need Christ. The third, fourth, and fifth were to confess our sins, repent our sins, and obey God's will. The students listened very carefully in every meeting. One of the most important lessons they learned was asking for forgiveness should be sincere. If someone asked for forgiveness but was not really sorry for what he has done, his being sorry was not true and useless. Another great lesson the students learned was everyone who says he loves God must obey Him and His commandments with a willing heart. And another was God loves us even though we are sinners.

The whole Spiritual Emphasis Week was very interesting and quiet.

Above all, it made the students feel stronger that God loves, understands, and forgives.



AIMS goes International Day

AIMS celebrated the International Day on the bright sunny morning of February 22, Friday, at the basketball court. A colorful one-day affair, the International Day presented cultures from different countries that were assigned to each class to represent.

Immediately after the flag raising ceremony of that day, the program started. 16 countries welcomed parents, teachers, and students. These countries were India (Pre-K), Thailand (K1), Indonesia (K2), Philippines (K3), Russia (Multigrade), Hawaii (G1), England (G2), Malaysia (G3), Australia (G4), Japan (G5), China (G6), Germany (G7), France (G8), Mexico (G9), Canada (G10), USA (G11), and Korea (G12). The countries presented their unique culture by displaying native dances, songs, costumes, and flags. Every student enjoyed the number performed by each country as shown in loud claps. Parents also appreciated all the parts of the program as shown by the smiles on their faces. Teachers were inspired to see their students doing beautiful dances and sweet songs in front of many students. Mrs. Foster, AIMS administrator, expressed her appreciation and thanks to the students, parents, and the Student Council. She also closed the program with a prayer. After the program ended, students, parents and teachers, visited all the rooms to see the decorations each country prepared. Each classroom displayed famous foods, drinks, costumes, heroes, tourist spots, and traditions of the country it represented.

AIMS International Culture Day gave so much fun to every student, teacher, and parent. It did not only provided useful information about 16 different countries but it also showed the beauty of a certain country. All students enjoyed this activity and learned from it. They surely appreciated the unity and cooperation of all students as they prepared and worked on this event together successfully. They hope to celebrate another AIMS International Culture Day again.

AIMS Student Council organized and sponsored the fun-filled event.





AIMS Sports Day beats the heat





Sports Day is an annual event at AIMS. This year, AIMS Sports Day began on February 22-28, and ended March 1, 2013. The motto for this year is "Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game." This statement comes from Michael Jordan, famous NBA basketball player. We had four teams – green, red, yellow, and pink. These teams really worked hard to play, win the prize, and beat the heat.

During the Sports Day, students played lots of sports like basketball, softball, volleyball, table tennis, and track and field. The new games added were chairball and hockey. Chairball is like basketball except that the ball must be caught by a player with a basket standing on a chair instead of shooting it in the ring. Both chairball and hockey offered fun to players. The 2-kilometer Fun Run also gave students a new experience. But the most awaited part of the Sports Day was the Cheering competition. Green, red, yellow, and pink teams showed different, creative cheering styles that delighted the judges, students, parents, and teachers.

When awarding time came, everyone was excited. Red was announced the champion while green got the first runner up. Yellow and pink got the second and third places.

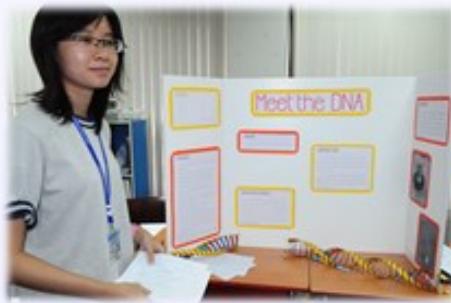
As a whole, this year's Sports Day gave so much fun to students and teachers. The Sports Committee headed by Teacher Tranqui always leads the Sports Day at AIMS.

Science Fair brings more knowledge and fun

Every year, there is Science Fair at AIMS. This year, AIMS held its Science Fair on April 4 for Kindergarten and Grades 1 through 6, and on April 19 for Grades 7 through 11. All students in each grade grouped themselves into twos or threes and prepared their own science projects.

Every grade level had its own interesting projects for the Science Fair.

Projects displayed were of five types: investigation type based on scientific method like experiments, research, demonstration of a known science law or principle, model construction, and collection. All projects were interesting and creative. But Teacher Ida, the chair of the Science Committee, noticed one project called Jansen's Linkage. Jansen's Linkage is a mechanism that makes ob-



jects walk or move through connecting or linking planes or tubes. It was invented by Theo Jansen, a Dutch sculptor. Jansen's Linkage model was made by Kevin and Max, Grade 9 students.

Students took turns visiting each classroom to see the projects. They observed, listened, and even tried the experiment themselves to prove if the conclusions were correct. Some pro-

jects received yellow ribbons with "excellent" and "awesome" marks on them. Teachers, Grade 12 students, parents, and visitors served as judges for the science fair projects.

This year's Science Fair brought more knowledge and fun to students, teachers, and parents. The Science Committee headed by Teacher Ida always leads the Science Fair at AIMS.



It's a different AIMS Pathfinder Camporee

Natthacha Chaichana (June), G7

It's a new and different experience for AIMS Pathfinders when they went to Assault Amphibious Vehicle Battalion Training Camp and did their camping there from March 25 to 27. The camp is located at 2077 Chonburi, Sattahip, Chonburi, four hours away from AIMS. Six marine officers served as the campers' leaders, guides and trainers for three days.

Pathfinders conducted the opening ceremony on the morning of the first day. In the afternoon, they did drilling, obstacle course, and played games. On the second day, they went to a big mangrove swamp, dipped in the mud, and planted mangrove seedlings. In the afternoon, they went to a marine museum where they saw various sea animals and plants. Then they boarded a boat and went to an island where they did coral snorkeling. It was a really new and unique experience for all of the campers! The second day was a very busy day but the campers still had a social night full of fun.

On the third day, campers were privileged to go to another camp and board a battle ship. It was called AAV or Amphibia Assault Vehicle tank. It was huge and powerful. It was another unique experience for the Pathfinders!

The camping really gave the Pathfinders a new experience and fun. But what they would not forget was the kindness and friendliness of the marine officers who served as their guides, trainers, and friends.



It's time for an exciting Adventurer Campout

Darrien Gadoh (Dede), G4

On February 13-15, 2013, the AIMS Adventurers had a campout in Klong Sai Resort, Khao Yai, Pakchong. Adventurers are students from Grades 1 to 4. The theme of the campout was "Be a Friend." It was organized by the Adventurer counselors T. Mallen, T. Naomi, T. Nelita, T. Nelson, T. Arlyn, T. Janejira, T. Kathleen, T. Honest, and T. Gilbert.

In the campout, we had different activities. We had play for fun, spelling bee, swimming, track and trail, camp bread, egg frying, obstacle race, jockey, hulla-hoop, and treasure hunting. On the first night of the camping, we had a social night around a bonfire and the second night was the talent show. Every Adventurer enjoyed the activities and had fun. But the best part of the camping was the food because it was amazingly delicious!

The adventurer campout ended with a closing ceremony. All went home happily.

