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From the Administrator's Desk



The 2013-14 school year is fast coming to an end. These were some of the latest happenings at AIMS this school year:

- The kindergarten level has fully implemented the Creative Curriculum which is a theme-based curriculum developed by D. Dodge, L. Colker and C. Heroman.
- A full time business teacher was employed.
- There has been a substantial increase in the science laboratory equipment for advanced science courses.
- Teachers are able to better integrate IT with student learning with the use of tablets and E-books.
- English Speaking and Anti-bullying policies were developed by committees, which included parents, students, teachers and administrators.
- The Thai safety handbook has been translated from Thai into English and adopted for AIMS
- All outdated computers have been replaced in the computer lab and the library resources for the high school have increased by 60%.

Summer school for 2014 continues to evolve to meet the changes occurring because of the development of the learning needs of a high school program.

Please note that the summer school program this year for elementary and middle school (grades 1 - 8) is more intentional. While we have tried in the past to concentrate on core subjects, the program was geared for a kindergarten and elementary school program. This year emphasis will be placed on three major subjects, math, language arts and Thai, from grades 1 – 8. The kindergarten will also emphasize core subjects with emphasis placed on language arts. Assessments will be done regularly and progress reports given to parents. A summer school report card will be given students after the summer school program.

The high school summer school program as set up in 2013 will continue. The summer school courses are intensive. Each course is 125 hours for five weeks and students may only take one course. Students who desire to take a high school course

Meet the new SC officers

AIMS happily announces and welcomes the new Student Council (SC) officers for School Year 2014-2015. Headed by Woo Rim Ji, Grade 10, newly elected president, the officers are set to continue serving the school to realize its vision, mission, and objectives, help implement its rules, voice out its concerns to the right authorities, and lead out in doing activities and pro-

jects that will fulfill the school's ESLGs (Expected School-wide Learning Goals) – critical thinkers, effective communicators, exemplary workers, self-managers, and caring citizens. In addition, Woo Rim says, "SC needs to have its own MVP – mission, vision, and passion – in doing its job. The whole AIMS student body hopes for the best for the SC this year. ♥



that is offered during the summer instead of the school year may do so. Those who have failed a course that is offered during the school year are required to repeat the course for a passing grade during summer school. Please check your child's grade record if you have a question. You may also talk to the school counselor. Assessments will

be done regularly and recorded on SIS. A grade for the course will be recorded on the student's transcript. Please ask the School Counselor or the Registrar for details regarding the grading. The following courses will be offered for this summer 2014: Biology I & II – T. Hiro; English, T. Mari-mai; General Chemistry, T. Ida, Algebra II, T. Noel; Pre-calculus – T. Heidi ♥

AIMS celebrates English Week

Siwarit Jarernvanich (MK), Grade 7

AIMS celebrated English Week for the first time after several years. The event was held from March 21 to March 28. The theme was Speak English Only. The aim of the celebration was to emphasize that English is important in communicating with people around the world and to encourage speaking English only at AIMS English classes and subjects where English is used, in hallways, Kindergarten building, and library.

The celebration included contests in impromptu speech, poster making, word factory, spelling, quiz, and speech. During the impromptu speech contest, critical thinking questions about the school and student life were drawn at random by contestants from grades 7 through 12. Each contestant was given one minute to prepare for his speech and another two minutes for the speech. In the Junior Level or Grades 6 to 8, Nuttida Sirimongkhanurak or Jan from Grade 7 was the first prize winner, Ha Rim Ji from Grade 8 was second, and Ellie Taylor from Grade 8 was third. In the Senior Level or Grades 9 to 12, Shea

Sundaresan from Grade 10 was first, Anavin Palsingh from Grade 12 was second, and Woo Rim Ji from Grade 10 was third.

The poster making contest had the theme Speak English Only and was divided into three levels: Level 1 (Grades 1-3), Level 2 (Grades 4-6), and Level 3 (Grades 7-9). Grade 1 won the first prize in Level 1, Grade 6 in Level 2, and Grade 7 in Level 3.

The word factory involved Grades 1-3. Students formed words from the group of letters given them. Jam won in Grade 1, Focus in Grade 2, and James in Grade 3.

The spelling contest was divided into four levels: Level 1 (Grades 1-3), Level 2 (Grades 4-6), Level 3 (Grades 7-8), and Level 4 (Grades 9-12). Every contestant spelled well but only four came out as winners. They were Simone Tan Zehui (Level 1), Nawaporn Itsarasenaruk (Level 2), Nicha Wareewarach (Level 3), and Eldrian Golden (Level 4).

The English quiz categories were authors and books, words denoting sounds, offspring of animals, homes of animals, group terms, specific words for places, one-word substitution, analogies, idioms, antonyms and synonyms, figures of speech, and spotting the error. Plant, Angelish, and Kate won the first prize in Junior Level 1 (Grades 4-6); Chrystal, Eay, and Jas, second, Junior Level 2 (Grades 7-9); and Max, Peace, and Woo Rim, first, Senior Level (Grades 10-12).

The most exciting contest was the speech contest. Two contestants were chosen from Grades 6 through 10. The 10 contestants memorized and rehearsed speeches from famous speakers around the world. Junior Level (Grades 6-7) winners were Phataraporn Suaseenual, first, Jiratchaya Charoenkul, second, Sureeporn Putsom, third, and Mai Sayumpoorujinant, fourth. Senior Level (Grades 8-10) winners were Zyra Lubay, first, Natchaya Intachai, second, and Dave Joshua Mitra, third. The contest was held in the amphitheater of Asia-Pacific International University. Mrs. Ritha Lampadan, Mr. Daron Loo, and Mrs. Shelley Agrey, from Asia-Pacific International University, served as the board of judges.

AIMS students enjoyed watching all the contests in the English Week and supported and cheered for the contestants. Most importantly, they were helped by the English Week to improve their language skills. ♥



AIMS goes Science Fair again

Chonlasit Thangkasemsan (Jay 1) and Pawat Kanchanadusadee (Tiny), Grade 7

Science Fair is one of AIMS activities that students wait for with excitement. On this day, every student presents his or her project and explains something about it to students, parents, teachers, administrators, and visitors. But even before the Science Fair day, all students have been preparing very well for their experiments or projects. The goal is to find one experiment or project for each group or pair, perform it, and explain it. Students must also be able to tell the benefit of the science project in real life.

It was April 24 when the Kindergarteners and Grades 7 through 12 had their Science Fair. Grades 1 through 6 had theirs on April 3. On the morning of April 24, right after the flag line-up, Grade 12 showed how Pythagorean Switch could run. It was amazing! The project consisted of much stuff like books, marbles, strings, hoses, and many more. One marble began to move until it caused every object to move until it rolled down the tarpaulin that said Science Fair. Students clapped for the project.

The Science Fair began at ten in the morning. Grades 7 through 12 classrooms were opened and students, parents, teachers, and visitors went to every room to see all the projects and experiments. There were lots to see that day especially endothermic and exothermic reactions, using fire to cut glass, apple oxidation, inflating a balloon inside a bottle, proving if chewing gum makes one memorize faster, condensation, anti-gravity water, salt water electricity, making an object look bigger, and how smoking affects the lungs. All groups or pairs prepared their display boards very well that they were able to explain the hypotheses, procedures, and conclusions of their projects and experiments. Every classroom was also decorated beautifully.

At the end of the day, every group or pair got their points for their projects. Everyone was happy and looking forward to the next Science Fair where they do not only learn many important things but have fun, too. ♥



It's exciting Sports Day at AIMS

Saowapak Hanpadungkit (Im), Grade 7

AIMS held its much awaited Sports Day on January 30. But before January 30, different games were played after school for eliminations. There were four colors or teams that participated. They were green, yellow, maroon, and orange. The games included basketball, volleyball, chairball, baseball, kickball, and hockey for both boys and girls; table tennis for boys; running, and fun run. And there was also the most exciting event of all – cheering.

Early in the morning of January 30, right after the flag ceremony, all students in their uniforms excitedly lined up and prepared for the opening ceremony. Mrs. Foster, AIMS administrator, led the opening ceremony. Cheering competition immediately fol-



lowed. The Green team won the contest.

Then all the games began. Basketball, volleyball, softball, kickball, running, and fun run were done at the same time. Chairball, hockey, and table tennis followed. Every student had his or her game to participate in and enjoy. It was not the spirit of competition that filled the air but it was fun and fellowship that everyone felt. All said that they enjoyed the Sports Day.

This year's winners were Orange, champion; Maroon, first runner up; Green, second runner up; and Yellow, third runner up. Every student enjoyed the Sports Day but cheerleading was the most enjoyable for the girls. It is hoped that next year's Sports Day is another best. ♥

