



Guntaphol Kadsanuk (Gun) Grade 3



Punyapat Chaichanasongkram (Pun) Grade 3



Worawalun Chainithikun (Earn) Grade 3

COMMENTS SECTION

"My first day of school was good. I met new friends and I've learned new subjects. My friends missed me a lot and I missed them too."

Rubporn Nunchai (Grade 9)

"My first week of school is pretty good and chill. Many precautions are being implemented due to the pandemic. My classes aren't that much, so I have a lot of free periods. I wanted to play basketball and football, but the restrictions stopped my desire to play these games, which is quite boring."

Phatsit Chanwitayaphan (Grade 12)

On the first day of school, I was happy and excited to see my students and friends/colleagues after 5 months of not seeing them (face to face). But I felt stressed also because I needed to adjust to the new normal. However I am grateful and blessed that I can go back to work again.

- Ms. Jhermyn Royce Ramos Madayag (MG K1 & 2 Teacher)

My first two weeks of school was alright, nothing much happened. It was kind of annoying because of social distancing, but overall its okay.

- Lowell Van Belnas (Grade 6)

Gratitude Filled Hearts

Mother's Day began as a way of showing appreciation for mothers around the world. It is a celebration honoring the mothers in a family. Motherhood, maternal bond, and the influence of mothers in a society is like no other. On Mothers' Day, children take their mothers out or bring them gifts to show their appreciation. From bringing them to their favorite restaurants, giving them big bouquets of flowers, and showering them with gifts; these are just some of the ways children express how much their mothers mean to them.

Each one of us have those precious, unforgettable moments with our mothers. Bad or good, those memories tie us to them. There may be times when we won't understand how much effort our mothers put into making our lives better, but they will always have our best interest at heart.

As the saying goes, "Mothers know best." Many of us will never understand what our mothers had to go through to keep us safe and make us happy. Sometimes we tend to go against the rules they set in place, but little do we realize that it is for our own safety.

Happy Mothers' Day to all AIMS moms!

- Glyzel Kate Belnas



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



Long Live Her Majesty
Queen Sirikit

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

- William Rose Wallace

"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?

- Milton Berle

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies...

¹⁵ She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,

²⁰ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of
kindness.

²⁵ She watches over the ways of her
household, And does not eat the bread
of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her
blessed;

- Proverbs 31:28-29 NKJV



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Mothers' Day Celebration in Thailand

The 12th of August is celebrated as the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen Sirikit,. It is also the Mothers' Day celebration in Thailand; as the Queen is regarded as a mother to all Thai people. People all around the country raise their blue flags which is the Queen's color. Houses are decorated with the picture of Her Majesty. This is their way of expressing their loyalty and devotion to her. Establishments are bedecked with her portraits, flowers, and colorful lights. Schools make special programs where children are taught how to show their gratitude towards their mothers.

Thai people also take this day as an opportunity to thank the mothers in their household. Following the Thai tradition, children kneel down before their mothers to show their love, respect and gratitude. They give them white jasmine flowers or garlands. In return, the mothers give their blessings to their kids. White jasmine flowers are given as they symbolize maternal love. The white color of the flower symbolizes purity of a mother's true love and of her gentleness. Charitable activities and donations are also considered as a way of expressing a child's love and gratitude towards his or her mother.

- Source: www.thailandforchildren.com

Vocabulary:

- วันแม่ (Wan Mae)
- รักแม่ (Rak Mae)
- สุขสันต์วันแม่ (Suksan Wan Mae)

AIMS vs COVID-19

By Qi Han (Stella)

What is the current situation of Covid-19 in Thailand?

The COVID-19 crisis is being taken cared of in Thailand in a remarkable way; considering that Thailand has had the first known infection outside of China as early as the second week of January. The last fatality due to the virus has been recorded almost two months ago. The government did an immediate lockdown and set the safety protocols in place. Schools were forced to do online classes, business establishments had to do their transactions online, many shops, malls, and even amusements parks had to close to ensure the safety of everyone in Thailand.

The hospital frontliners—the doctors and nurses, helped those who were infected with the virus to recover as quickly as possible. People are volunteering to help the ones who are in need of medication and care. Those who have more, helped and still continue to help those who don't have enough; especially those who lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

Thailand is winning the battle against COVID19 because they care enough to make sure that everyone is safe. Wearing a mask is considered a part of Thai people's lives. From the smallest baby to the oldest adult, they make it a point to wear their masks in public, to show their respect and regard for other's safety.



What is AIMS doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and guarantee students' safety?

- ◆ Keeping social distancing.
- ◆ Following the government's rules.
- ◆ Installed new sinks outside of the cafeterias to encourage handwashing.
- ◆ Alcohol/hand sanitizers placed around the campus for students and teachers to use.
- ◆ Table shields were installed to separate the students from each other in the classroom.
- ◆ Masks are worn at all times to prevent the spread of the virus or other types of diseases.
- ◆ New monitors at the school entrances to check and monitor the temperature of the students, teachers, staff and parents, including visitors.

Government's Comment about AIMS' preventive measures?

The Ministry of Health and Education is satisfied with the school's safety measures. The presence of a certified nurse boost their confidence of the school's preparedness.

What actions will be taken in case a student gets infected?

The school will be closed and the students who are suspected to be infected with the virus will be isolated. They will be sent to a government quarantine facility where they will be tested. If they will come out negative, the school will resume normally after the quarantine period is over. If ever any of the students will come out positive, the school will have to close indefinitely and resume classes online.



New Technology for a New School Year

By: Gevanya Franklene Mantiri

One of the primary concerns of schools all over the world is how to protect the students against COVID-19 when they are at school. While symptoms shown in young children tend to be less severe than those of adults—researchers found out that COVID19-infected children are potential carriers of the virus.

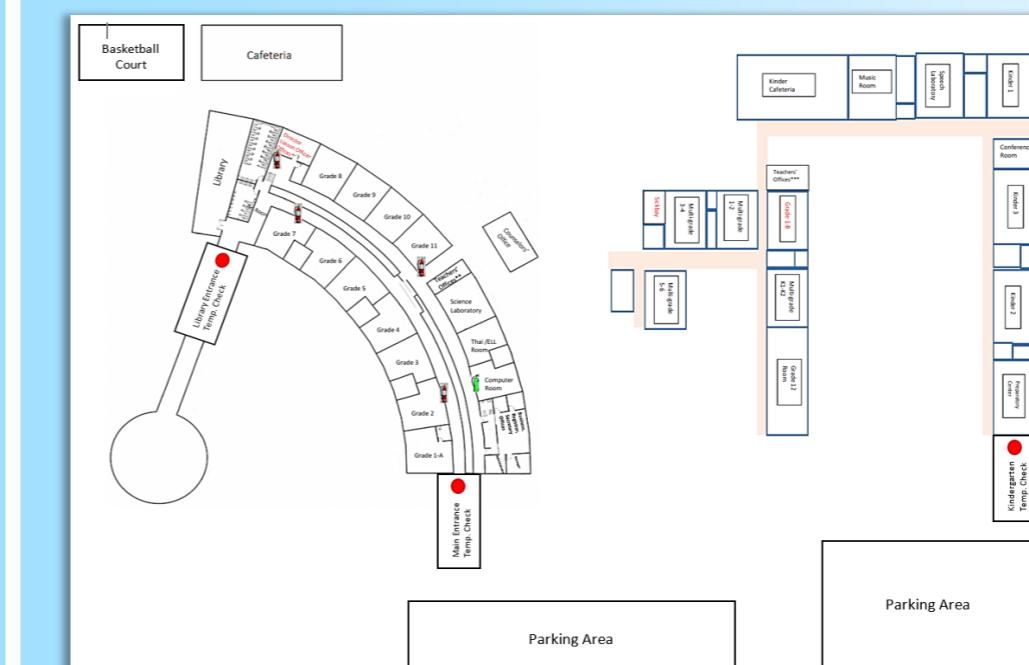
Child psychologists and pediatricians have warned that the impacts on children's mental health, education, and development could be damaged far more by long breaks from school and time spent in lockdown than by the virus itself. So to allay the parents' concerns, the school improved its COVID-19 safety measures through technology.

The new ID card is an RFID card which can be used by students or teachers to open the school doors. It has the barcode and the QR code, both of which are embedded into the school's system. This can also be used to access information which would be helpful for contact tracing.

The thermal camera works by using heat sensors to monitor an incoming person's temperature from a distance of approximately 2 - 3 meters. It is smart enough to detect at least 20 faces at a time and can provide an accurate thermal scan.

It is important to monitor the body temperature as a first line of defense to restrict entry to individuals with temperatures above normal. Fever is a red flag for possible COVID-19 cases. This does not work on an asymptomatic person though but it is better to have it in place than nothing.

There are three main entrances to the school: The main entrance, in front of the library and the gate to the Kindergarten building. Please refer to the picture of the school's floor plan below.



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