



August 2013



Message from the Principal



I am very glad that I was chosen to be the Principal at your child's school. I have been working in the education field since 1979 and I can honestly tell you that this is one of the best assignments I have ever had. I am so impressed with the students' attitudes towards learning and their pure joy in the process. It is an educator's dream to work with children that are so motivated to acquire knowledge. Like me, many of our teachers are new to ISM. I visit the classrooms regularly and see great teaching strategies being used by both the new and the returning teachers. We have a wonderful support staff in the office, on the school grounds (Ko Myo is amazing), and in the building. We all work together to keep our precious students and beautiful school in tip-top shape.

The success for all students is increased when families and educators work together. Below are some suggestions for activities that you can do ANYTIME with your inquisitive child;

PS-KG How you can help you child write simple words-- Together you can label objects in your home such as door, drawer, lamp, window, etc. You can set up an area with paper, pencils, crayons, etc. for a home writing center. You can write a note telling other family members where you are going; example, Henry (child's name) went to the park to ride his bicycle. Book recommendation: **Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus. "In the early years, many children convey their meaning more easily through drawing than through print." –Lucy McCormick Caulkins. (I will give suggestion for other grade levels in future editions).



Ms. Cleo and Teresa

Students from 1B at the Library posing for a photo with Yin Yin Aye and Thin Thin Aye after reading many exciting books!



Mr. Dan and Sandy helping 1B develop their artistic skills.

Mr. Matt and 1B playing a game to help with rhythm.



Your PTA!

PTA

**Coffee
Morning**



September 3rd

8.30 am

Library, 1st floor

Invitation

A special start to the PTA year with an action packed agenda including -

- Ms. Cleo : What she thinks about education.
- Meet the new committee!
- Staff report. What's happening at ISM elementary?
- What is PTA all about?
- Get involved in 2013/2014 events and activities.
- Enjoy coffee and get to know other parents.

PTA - Be involved, be informed!

PTA Elections for 2013–2014

Thank you to all those people who put their names forward to become active members of the PTA for 2013/ 2014. Congratulations to our new PTA planning committee. They have already started work on an exciting program of support and involvement.

Chairperson :	Chandar Lama
Deputy chairperson :	Suu Suu Thet
Grade Level Reps :	PS am Daw Saw Kalayar Aye
	PS pm Daw San San Oo
	Pre K Daw Htu Bu
	KG Chandan Lama
	1 -
	2 Seol So Young
	3 Daw Suu Suu Thet
	4 U Kyaw Win
	5 Daw Ei Shwe Zin

PTA sponsored lunch for new teachers at Monsoon Resturant, July 27



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

StuCo Dragon News

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Student Council Representatives have started off with a BANG! A T-Shirt BANG, that is. We designed a Dragon Spirit shirt that teachers and students can wear to show their Dragon Pride every month on Dragon Spirit Day. If you did not get your order in this time, do not worry, we will be selling these fine shirts in September.

Dragon Spirit Day was a hit! 5M and 1C were roaring like real dragons with their Dragon Cheers. Gooooo Dragons! 4J was covered in red and black showing their Dragon Spirit like true fashion-istas! Keep that Dragon Spirit up ISM students. Next month your class could be the big spirit winners.

On another note, StuCo Reps have been researching what friendship is to their classes. If you are wondering how to be a good friend, check out the StuCo bulletin board for some pointers!

Keep your eyes and ears out for an upcoming StuCo event! We have big ideas for this school year to pump up our Dragon Spirit!



Dragon Cheers:
Gooooooooooooo Dragons!

(whisper) It's great to be an ISM Dragon.
(talk) It's great to be an ISM Dragon.
(ROAR) IT'S GREAT TO BE AN ISM DRAGON!
Gooooooooooooo Dragons!

1C giving a big
Gooooo Dragons



4J showing Dragon
Spirit with a big
Goooooo Dragons



5M showing
everyone their
Dragon Spirit

News from STUCO by Harrison (4E)

We at STUCO(Student Council) had an amazing time selling Dragon T-Shirts! We are also coming up with exclusive ideas to replace movie night. If your birthday is in September please report to your STUCO Representative immediately and we'll have a surprise for you!

Pre K P
get into
the Dragon Spirit



Math Olympiad

By Soo Yone, 5S

I joined the Singaporean ASEAN School Math Olympiad (SASMO) in Myanmar last summer. For the contest, I took the written exam at MICT Park. I had to fill out a form first. If you win gold or first place, you go to Taipei to take another exam.

The contest in Taipei was the AIMO (Asia International Mathematical Olympiad) Open Contest Final. This was a 5-day event. Aside from the contest, there were also sightseeing, expert's talk, awarding ceremony and cultural exchange dinner.

I felt nervous while taking the tests because I feared getting a lot of questions wrong. I was happy when I won in both contests. My mother said she would buy me anything she could afford. I asked for a Windows 8 laptop but she said I could have it when I get a little older.

At the awarding in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, I felt nervous when I received the silver trophy because I was scared I would break it again just like what happened when I received the gold award at the Traders Hotel Ballroom here in Myanmar.

I liked the Taipei tour best. At the Sun Moon Lake, I was thrilled to ride the boat that had wheels that backed up and speedily went in the water and then resurfaced. I had to wear a raincoat. Only the back of my head got wet. The other rides were fantastic. My mom said she'll never ride it again but I will.

The Myanmar team was composed of 4 kids and about 7 adults. I had a friend from ILBC. They said the two of us were stuck like we were glued together.

I learned two lessons from this experience. One is to make sure you fill out forms well. The other is be careful when you receive a trophy - it might fall and break!



Working together or working collaboratively in Math is a great way of learning. Peer coaching and talking through mathematical processes helps reinforce the process



Locadio celebrates his 5th birthday with KG J class. The first 5th birthday in the class this year.



A Message from the Director

Dear Parents,

A big dragon welcome to our elementary school parents. I especially want to welcome our new ISM families who have joined our community this year, I hope your time with us is richly rewarding.

ISM opened on August 5 with over 1,200 students. We have welcomed many new teachers to our staff and I have been impressed with how quickly they have all settled in. I want to welcome our new ES principal, Cleo Burgett. Ms Cleo worked in Kuwait prior to ISM and is easily recognizable with her friendly smile greeting parents every morning. I want to thank Mr. Clive, assistant to the principal, who has assisted Ms. Cleo and the new teachers in transitioning to ISM.

At the end of this month we have a WASC [Western Association of Schools and Colleges] visit to ISM. The visiting accreditation team will be here for a week looking at our curriculum, support for student services, resources and school leadership. They will write recommendations for us as to how we can improve as a school.

Wishing you the best for the school year,

Kind Regards,

Tom Egerton

ISM Director



Counselor Chat

This year, children from 15 countries have come together to study at ISM's Elementary School. Each one of our 588 students is very special, and in the counseling space we learn how to understand each other and celebrate our strengths.

We play games, draw pictures, tell stories with puppets, read books and do puzzles together as we learn how to cooperate with each other, be tolerant, and develop good listening and leadership skills.

Our good citizenship program explores the concepts of friendship, respect, sportsmanship and fair-play. This helps children remember to include everyone in activities and games, both in the classroom and the playground.

Many children are showing courage. They are honestly admitting their mistakes and learning from them. Others are bravely building their confidence and beginning to participate in class.

Your children are learning about being responsible citizens, you can be very proud of them.

Ms. Jenny Macintyre

The Character Trait for September is Friendship. Henry and Kiran are good friends. They know what it means to be a friend.

