



Dragon Chronicle

Elementary News

October 2013

Message from the Principal , Ms. Cleo



We were all overwhelmed with your kindnesses and generosity during the Thadingyut holiday. Thank you so much for showing your gently inner spirits and good will towards us.

The conferences went well. It was very nice to see you in the school and the teachers really enjoyed being able to share information with you about your child. The ISA testing is finished and I am impressed with the strong efforts that the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders put into them. The visit from WASC is completed and we received some really good ideas to further our ability to better work with your children. Our fifth grade team implemented one of the suggestions at conference time; they invited all of the students to the conferences. Of course the students practiced points to address with parents ahead of time. This style of conferencing enables children to take more ownership in the school experience. School is not happening to them THEY are happening to school!

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;

How can I help my child practice reading to build confidence?
Together: *Read together whenever you get a chance.
*Carefully read along with books and compute recordings (actually point to the words or have your child point).



*Establish a routine for reading that ensures daily practice. *Find a special place (box or shelf) to keep loved books and books that your child enjoys rereading. I must have read "Officer Buckle and Gloria" eight hundred times by the time all three of my children got old enough to move on to chapter books!

5th November 2013.

Library, 1st Floor. 8.30am

PTA

Be Involved ! Be Informed!

Dates to Remember!

5 November PTA Coffee Morning

6 November 1st After School Activity

9 November International Day

11-15 November Katheir Donation Week

15 November Dragon Spirit Day

18 November Full Moon Day Holiday

20 November After School Activity

27 November After School Activity

29 November Student of the Month Assembly

Character Trait for November :

Co-operation

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StuCo member Henry from 3A, along with his classmate Raymond interviewed our Teacher of the Month for September.

Reporters: Where have you lived before coming to Myanmar?

Ms. Anjana: *I worked in Cameroon before coming to Myanmar.*

Reporters: What were some of your hobbies when you were a student?

Ms. Anjana: I liked to collect stamps and play the recorder.

Reporters: What are your hobbies now?

Ms. Anjana: *Now, I enjoy tennis, bike riding and swimming.*

Reporters: Where did you go to elementary school?

Ms. Anjana: *I went to*

School in Pleasantville, New York in the United States.

Reporters: Who was your favorite teacher? why?

Ms. Anjana: *My favorite teacher was my fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Seigel and Sr. Jean Noonan in High School.*

They were my favorite teachers because they allowed me to learn the way I needed to learn and they cared about me.

Reporters: What was your favorite subject? Why?

Ms. Anjana: *My favorite subject was Reading because I loved adventures and the characters.*

Reporters: Could you tell us how you knew you wanted to be a teacher?

Ms. Anjana:

I knew I wanted to be a teacher since fourth grade. I like the impact teachers can have on students.

Reporters: What do you like best about Myanmar?

Ms. Anjana: I love teaching my students at ISM. I also really like the food in Myanmar!

Reporters: ***Thank you Ms. Anjana and congratulations on being nominated as the Teacher of the Month in October.***



Stu Co reporters Shwe Cin, 1C, and Chin Chin, 5M, interviewed our Teacher of the Month, Ms. Mra.

Reporters: *Where have you taught before*

coming to ISM? Ms. Mra: ISM is the only school I have taught at.

Reporters: *What were some of your hobbies when you were a student?*

Ms. Mra: *Playing with my sister and brother and riding my bicycle.* Reporters: *What are your hobbies now? Ms. Mra: Travelling to different countries that I haven't been to.*

Reporters: *Who was your favorite teacher when you were a student?*

Ms. Mra: *My fourth grade teacher, Daw Khin Khin San.* Reporters: *Why was she your favorite teacher? Ms. Mra: She was patient and kind towards her students.*

Reporters: *What was your favorite subject? Ms. Mra: My favorite subject was English.* Reporters: *Why was it your favorite when you were a student? Ms. Mra: It helped me read more English stories and write more.*

Reporters: ***Thank you Ms. Mra and congratulations for being nominated ISM's Teacher of the Month.***



FRIENDSHIP

To recognize and teach our character trait of the month(Friendship), we read books in class. I read the book 'The Rainbow Fish'. Students added words on the Rainbow Fish that defines a true friend. Students were then encouraged to write about what is a good friend and what he/



Friendship Character Trait Assembly.
Children gain a better understanding of what it means to be a friend.



Respect Teacher Day



Congratulations!

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Students of the month for October

Pre- school am- Chris, Patricia
Pre-school pm - Gar Gar, La Wun Myint Mo
Pre K J : Ariel, Vincent
Pre K D : Alizah, Justin, Shan Shan
Pre K P : Derrick, Scarlet
Pre K K : Wadi, Shu Ming, Gloria
KG N : Lizzie, Myat Phone Khant, Soniva
KG E : Virginia, Sarim, Sitt Yan Htoo Naing
KG A : Henry, Cherry
KG J : Wayne Soe, Wutt Hmone, Locadio
1C : Aaron, Jerome, Jewel
1N : Thiri Shawnn Lei, Jason, Myat Thuu Khin

2D : Francis, Vivian,
2C : Mee Mee Aung Lin, Cyrus, Angel
2K : Pao Pao, Yi Yi, Emily
3J : Stanley, Ko Hpoun, Wai Yan Moe Hein
3E : Saw yoon New, Britney Yang, Louis Ley
3A : Raymond, May Thu, Richard
3C : Sharlotte, Michael Tao, Yang Hyun Woong

4J : William, Calvin, Cherry
4N : Christina, Hilda, Haneum
4E : Tae Hyeon, Minn Khant, Hyun-Tae
4L : Ya Tha, San Thu, Richard Sein Su

5J : Aadil, Teresa, Leonard
5M : Dennis, Mary



Daw Mabel Win. One of the founders and Directors of ISM recently passed away. She was loved and respected by many.

Winter Concert

This year we are trying something new for this formal performance. Each grade level will have its own mini concert. The pre-school 3 and pre-kindergarten 4 classes will also present a formal performance.

On Tuesday, 10 December, 2013 the Kindergarteners, 2nd and 4th graders will put on their performance. Kindergarten will begin at 6:30 PM, 2nd grade will begin at 7:00 PM and 4th grade will begin at 7:30 PM.

On Thursday, 12 December, 2013 the 1st, 3rd and 5th graders will follow a similar schedule. 1st grade will perform at 6:30 PM, 3rd grade at 7:00 PM and 5th grade at 7:30 PM. All performances will be in the gym on the 5th floor of the Elementary School.

Performances will be recorded for you and a DVD of the performance will be for sale at a minimal cost. Please place an order for the DVD on the night of the performance.

Thank you very much. Your help and support will make this event a success for everyone. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Winter Concert.

This event is free to attend, everyone is welcome.

Pre-School

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October has been a very busy month for our Preschool class. As you know we celebrated Thadingyut holiday. The Pre-school students have been practicing a traditional dance in collaboration with the music assistants and the

Myanmar Studies teachers. We will be show casing this dance on Friday November 1st during the Student of the Month assembly. A very special thank you to our specialists, without their help it would not have been possible.

In other news, we have been working hard at developing our fine motor skills through physical activity based centers such as; play dough, sand table, introduction to using scissors, and block building. In Science, as it is October we are studying pumpkins and their life cycle for the use of food and decorations for the very popular U.S. holiday Halloween. We also explored apples by cutting them open and using magnifying glasses to take a closer look at the seeds. We then planted half an apple in the hope of growing ISM's first apple tree here on campus. I guess we'll have to wait and see if it will actually sprout and grow by the end of the school year. It has been a great start to the school year during this first quarter. We are looking forward to all the new learning opportunities during the remainder of the year!

Mr. Chris

Pre-school



Play dough to improve fine motor skills



Examining the apple and its seeds and then planting it.





Did you really make that out of duct tape? Wow!!!

After School Activities



Story time Club. Stretching their imaginations and writing some new best sellers.

International Day

Saturday, November 9th from 8:00 – 12:00.

This year the students will be in charge of creating and presenting the country booths. Each booth will have a team of three classes, two elementary classes and one middle school class creating the booth.

Students will receive passports which will determine what they do at each time: food sampling, presenting their country, or visiting booths.

Schedule:

- 8:00 - Passport pick up & parade line up
- 8:30 – Parade of Nations
- 9:00 – 9:45 – Traditional dances and musical performances
- 9:45 – 10:30 Orange passports eat at the cafeteria
 - Blue passports present for their country booth
 - Green passports visit the booths
- 10:30 – 11:15
 - Blue passports eat at the cafeteria
 - Green passports present for their country booth
 - Orange passports visit the booths
- 11:15 – 12:00
 - Green passports eat at the cafeteria
 - Orange passports present for their country booth
 - Blue passports visit the booths



It's a boy!!! Congratulations to Ms. Jess and Mr. Nick who had a baby boy last Monday.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN