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## ***From the Principal***

Dear Parents,

First off, I would say thank you to all the parents that are getting involved in making our International day a successful one. It is a very meaningful day for all of us because as much as we are an international school we are an international community. We are what it means to be a global citizen. We are kind, caring and respectful of one another and I see this on a daily basis, especially with our students. Our students reflect the work you do as parents, the values of our school and the pride of our community. I look forward to seeing all of you on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to celebrate our International School and Community.

Secondly, I have been preparing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation report for our visit in May. The WASC report, as it is commonly referred to, is an overview of the school and how it functions and

has been functioning over the past few years both operationally and academically. As I was doing my academic research over the last few years I came across some

interesting facts about our schools performance. First, in Math we have an 89.9 average across the grade levels for the past 8 years. In Science our results have been a 94.0 over the last eight years and English we have 96.0 average for the last eight years. I would like to congratulate all the students for working so hard and say thank you to all the parents and teachers whose dedication to their student's success is unrelenting.

Lastly, I would like to say congratulations to all the students of the month. Your effort is a reflection of your dedication to the school wide learning goals. It is because of your work in all grade levels that these SWLG's are not just words, but are a reality of what it



**TIMOTHY BRYAN BIKOWSKI  
PRINCIPAL**



*Nguyen Bao Thu (2 Integrated) receives her Student of the Month award from our Principal, Mr. Tim*



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means to be a SIS student. It is not an easy thing to do. To commit oneself to effort in achieving excellence takes discipline and dedication. To do so at such a young age is an amazing thing to witness and an awesome thing to be part of as an educator. I am so impressed with all the work, not just our students of the month, but all of you. You are all fantastic. Once again, congratulations

and keep up the great work.

#### Student of the Month awardees for February 2018

- Pham Nguyen Thai Thanh
- Pham Phuc An
- Kim Min Seo
- Nguyen Phuc Lam
- Bosco Vu
- Don Nguyen
- Nguyen Anh Vi
- Gabriel Minh McGrath
- Siah Shi Lin
  
- Nguyen Anh
- Nguyen Duy Minh
- Lee Sung Hyun
- Seo Jang Won

#### Student of the Month awardees for January 2018

- Phuong Manh Kien-
- Nguyen Phuong Anh-
- Cheon Ye Seul
- Kim Sun Hyo
- Nguyen Ngoc Bao Thu
- Alisya Nur Munirah Binti Ahmad Syaaza
- Nguyen Nam Hoang
- Anya Le Francis
- Thomas Thai Nguyen
- Cung Xuan Khanh
- Kim Kang Min
- Nguyen Ngoc Bao
- Se Young



*Grade 4 and 5 Students receiving their Student of the Month Awards for January and February*



*Mr. Tim Giving a presentation on our School Wide Learner Goals to students and parents of Thang Long Kindergarten during our Open Day*

Sincerely,  
Timothy Bryan Bikowski  
Principal



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## ***From the Deputy Principal***



***Mr. Mustafa Fazal  
Deputy Principal***

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the February-March edition of our newsletter

The past two months have been very fast-paced and exciting indeed as we celebrated TET and the beginning of Term 3.

We celebrated TET here in school with an information session in school, with performances by students to bring in the festive mood. This year, the Vietnamese Department outdid themselves with a selection of traditional TET games, which all students had the opportunity to participate in for about 1 hour as part of the celebrations. The students came in their traditional clothes and it was a great sight to see the whole school welcoming in the year of the Monkey with such enthusiasm, passion and fun.



*At the Open House Thang Long Kindergarten students got a chance to experience some PE activities led by Mr. John and Mr. Modi*

Our school also played host to Thang Long Kindergarten, welcoming some 60 student's parents, and teachers to a mini Open House. The visitors got a chance to experience sitting in the Year 1 International and Integrated classrooms as well as to participate in story reading, Music and PE activities before making their way home.

Our school will be sending 3 of our Grade 6 students for the APMOPS (Asia-Pacific Mathematics Olympiad for Primary Schools) qualifying round for Vietnam in a

few weeks' time. We would like to wish them the best for this qualifying round and we hope that they will succeed to qualify for the finals which will be held in Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore the following month.



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This term, in our After School Activities, we have introduced Gymnastics. This programme is facilitated by Gymkraft Singapore, an established organization from Singapore which conducts their lessons for many Singaporean students in Primary schools in Singapore. At our premises Gymkraft has equipped the school with gymnastics equipment such as parallel bars, tumbling mats and other Gymnastics equipment to provide our students with a good variety of introductory gymnastics activities. The lessons have been very well received by students and parents.



*At the Open House Thang Long Kindergarten students got a chance to experience some aerobics activities led by Mr. John and Mr. Modi*

Soon we will be celebrating International Day, one of the main celebrations of the school, and we hope to provide parents, students and teachers with a colourful and meaningful celebration of cultural understanding, as part of being responsible Global Citizens.

Sincerely,

Mustafa Fazal

Deputy Principal

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Dear Parents,

February and March were the months that we put into motion a lot of useful and interesting teaching techniques and learning activities for teachers and students in the Integrated Program. Teachers put lots of effort in teaching to build quality lessons and innovative teaching methods to provide better learning outcomes for students. I was very impressed to see good progress in Year 1 and Year 2 students in learning and practicing what they have learnt. It is the result of the teachers and students' combined effort and the strong support from parents.

Year 1 has made great progress in handwriting and they can read quite proficiently, with some students having already read expressive texts. Year 2 and 3 students can now learn off by heart their multiplication tables and division tables proficiently, also they can solve some related mathematics exercises. In other subjects, our students can understand and do exercises accurately and quickly, while following their teacher's instructions. They can finish their homework in time, and participate in class activities like role plays, education games and group discussions and so on.

This month, Year 4 and 5 has taken mid SA2 in Math and Vietnamese seriously and the results have been impressive.

This month, our students also had the opportunity to express their affection and gratitude for the beloved women in their lives through many activities to celebrate "International Women's Day". In the Vietnamese assembly, students watched a short film about motherhood, performed songs, read poems that expressed their feelings for the teachers who love and care for them every day. They also made paper flowers, postcards as gifts to the female teachers as well as for the schools' female staff. Small and meaningful gifts like that actually touched the soul of the staff at school.



**VU THI BICH LIEN**  
**HEAD OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES**



*Students in 3 Integrated gather at the 87<sup>th</sup> Communist Youth Foundation Ceremony to receive their red scarves at the Ho Chi Minh Museum*



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To celebrate the 87th anniversary of Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union Foundation, the Vietnam Singapore International School organized the ceremony to admit members to the Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneer Organization for the Year 3 students. This was an opportunity for our students to be proud of carrying on their shoulders the red scarves as a part of the national flag and also helps them become more mature and responsible for their learning and practicing.

Thanks to the efforts of the teachers and students as well as the support from parents this has helped us achieve a successful and joyful month.

Regards,

Vu Thi Bich Lien  
Principal of Vietnamese Program



*Our 3 Integrated students with their red scarves pose for a photograph as new members of the Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneers organization.*



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**From Mr. Peter Kevin Baker – Education Director**

Dear Parents and Students

## **STUDY TOUR TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE 2018 FOR YEAR 4, YEAR 5 STUDENTS**

1. We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organizing a Study Tour Programme for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to Malaysia and Singapore in July 2018.
2. Details of the Study Tour programme are as follows:
  - 2.1. Date: **08 - 14 July 2018**
  - 2.2. Itinerary: 7 days / 6 nights (3 nights in Malaysia, 3 nights in Singapore)
    - Day 1:
      - Depart from Vietnam to Changi Airport, Singapore
      - Depart from Changi Airport, Singapore to Johor Bahru, Malaysia
      - Arrive in Malaysia; Hotel Check-in & Dinner
    - Day 2:
      - Malaysia Kampung cultural village
      - Lego Land Malaysia
    - Day 3:
      - Immersion lesson at UniWorld International School @ Seri Alam
    - Day 4:
      - Depart from Johor Bahru, Malaysia to Singapore
      - Singapore Botanic Gardens; National Museum of Singapore
    - Day 5:
      - City tour at China Town
      - Buddha Tooth relic temple
      - Singapore Science Centre; Night Safari
    - Day 6:
      - Universal Studios Singapore
    - Day 7:
      - Depart from Changi Airport, Singapore to Vietnam o Arrive in Vietnam
  - 2.3. Tour fare per student: **VND 39,500,000** inclusive of airfare and airport tax, travel insurance, accommodation, transportation fee, 3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner), entrance fees to places of interest, 1 set of



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summer uniform, 1 set of PE uniform, 1 hat and exclusive of visa fee and other personal expenses.

3. For registration, please complete the Registration form which is available at the School Administrative Office and pay a deposit of **VND 12,000,000** by **23 April 2018**. Please note that confirmation is based on first come first served basis due to limited number of vacancies.
4. We would like to invite you and students to a Briefing Day about “Study Tour 2018” with details as follows:  
  
**Time:** 6.00 – 7.00pm, Thursday 12 April 2018  
**Venue:** Singapore International School @ Van Phuc
5. Should you require further information, please contact the School Office Administrators or Ms. Nguyen Hong Nhung, Programme Coordinator, at: (84-4) 6661 7722 or Email: [nhung.nguyenhong@kinderworldgroup.com](mailto:nhung.nguyenhong@kinderworldgroup.com).





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## STUDY TOUR TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE 2018 FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

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- Day 5:
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  - Buddha Tooth relic temple
  - Singapore Science Centre; Night Safari
- Day 6:
  - Universal Studios Singapore
- Day 7:
  - Depart from Changi Airport, Singapore to Vietnam o Arrive in Vietnam

2.3. Tour fare per student: **VND 40,500,000** inclusive of airfare and airport tax, travel insurance, accommodation, transportation fee, 3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner), entrance fees to places of interest, 1 set of summer uniform, 1 set of PE uniform, 1 hat and exclusive of visa fee and other personal expenses.



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Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Kevin Baker  
Education Director