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VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome to the April addition of the Singapore International School monthly newsletter. This month has been filled with exciting events and competitions. As a learning community we encourage all of our students to do their best and reach for the stars. To help you understand the amazing things our students do I would like to provide you with information on two of our student's recent accomplishments.

Khang Duy who attends Year 4 integrated class recently won the English Championship in HCMC. The English Champion 2015 is organised by the VLEA, the EQuest Foreign Language Institute and the Viet America Teaching Centre for students from Years (4) four to Year (8) eight in primary and junior high schools in Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi and Da Nang. Over the past several months Khang Duy competed against 16,000 other students across Vietnam. On April 4, 2015 Khang Duy was one of three students across Vietnam in the final competition. As a school we wished him well and cheered him for victory. Khang Duy not only was in the final top three but he won the competition and we are very proud of him. Thank you Ms. Maia for supporting Khang Duy and helping him to prepare for this competition. You can visit this web site to read more about this amazing competition.

<http://en.nhandan.com.vn/society/education/item/3182602-english-championship-attracts-16-000-competitors.html>

Additionally, I would like to recognize Duong Khanh Linh in Year 5A integrated class. Duong Khanh Linh won first place in the English Olympics here in Tay Ho District . During this competition



Khang Duy the Year 4 winner of the Vietnamese National English Language Championship 2015

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Duong Khanh Linh won first place in the English Olympics here in Hanoi

she competed against students not only in international schools in Hanoi but also public and private schools. I am very proud of her amazing victory. It is with joy as a Principal to see our students receiving instruction on a daily basis that prepare them for these kinds of competitions. A special thank you to Mr. John Shoulder's Year 5 teacher who dedicates his lessons for all students to advance in English.

I hope you enjoy reading the April Newsletter. We still have many activities over the next couple of months. I hope we see each of you during these scheduled events. Thank you for your support that you give us in our efforts to help each child reach their full potential.

Truly,

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

From Deputy Principal

It is hard to believe that the SA exams have come and gone and we are about to start Term 4. I am very proud of how hard all of our students have been working. Through their actions they have demonstrated their dedication to their studies and improving themselves. We have been fortunate to have with us this term four new interns to our P.E Program and the children have taken them in as part of the SIS family. Together they have formed a great bond and have had lots of fun during P.E. We will soon be going on our term break and when we return we will have many new activities, celebrations and adventures. Stay tuned and as always you are welcome to join us in our fun filled academic year.

WASC

The accreditation process continues and every week we get closer to finalizing our master documentation. We are confident that we will receive our certification of accreditation in the 2015-2016 school year and will become part of the certified accredited educational institutions of the world.

Curriculum

As we have made our way through this academic year, many exciting developments have taken place within our curriculum and instruction. Our dedicated staff has been working closely with each other to raise the level of education and through some dynamic professional development opportunity and we have been able to implement new teaching strategies to our classrooms. Students have been excited about the new development and we are



Sport Carnival



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Afterschool activities

confident that as the year progresses even greater strategies will be present.

Afterschool Activities

Term 3 is coming to a close and with it the end of the Term 3 ASA's. There have been some very exciting activities this term and we will continue to offer new and alternative activities for your children to participate in. With Term 4 about to commence we are making a few changes to the program and are asking that your child only sign up for a maximum of 4 afterschool activities.

In our efforts to have proper supervision for our students during the afterschool programs, we need to limit the number of activities that each child can take. Due to the large number of students that are in the individual clubs it is necessary for us to take measures to secure their safety.

Mr. Gregory R.van Goidtsnoven



DIFFERENTIATION IN THE CLASSROOM

Recently I delivered a professional development seminar to teachers on how our students have different learning styles and abilities. This means that each one of them, has a special skill that is more developed, a *strength*. As educators, it is in our best interest and in the student's, that we create lessons and differentiate for each one of them. This way, they each can learn the most, based on their strengths. Teachers were provided with different ideas to implement in their classrooms. Activities that involve body movement, special games to target vocabulary, and the development of targeted skills that are sometimes harder for students who are learning a second language. It is important that also as parents we understand that our children have strengths and challenges, and approaching these in the best way will guide them into success. I am happy to see that the ideas that I have shared with teachers are being implemented. I can see every day as I pass through the classes, and in the bulletin boards when I observe the work students are doing. It is exciting to know that, every day, is a learning day!

"It is better to KNOW how to learn, than to know" –Dr. Seuss.

Truly,

Maia Bassett

Year 4 Integrated Teacher.



Staff receiving Professional Development in the class room

From Mr. John Shoulder – Coach

On Saturday 14 March, students from SIS@Ciputra competed in and won the Primary School Championship at the 6th Annual All Vietnam Schools Gaelic Football Cup at Vietnam Australia School in My Dinh. This competition has been taking place for years,



SIS boys' football team

involving teams from several big schools in Hanoi as well as teams from Blue Dragon Children's Foundation. SIS@Ciputra was very proud to enter two teams into the tournament for the first time!

The two SIS@Ciputra teams in the event were SIS Red and SIS Black. They started the day with a match against each other. The game was a great display of sportsmanship and skill, as the SIS Reds, led by scorers Kim Ji Woo and Bui Thanh Tung, escaped with a narrow victory over SIS Black who were led by scoring midfielder Nguyen Cuong My and goalkeeper Le Khac Gia Quan.

Over the next two games, both the SIS Red and SIS Black teams defeated their opponent from the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation. In these games, Cuong My and Tran Cong Tien both scored great goals for SIS Black, and midfielders Ji Woo, Thanh Tung and Cody Aldous led the SIS Red Team impressively. Having beaten both the other teams in the competition, SIS Red were given the trophy and named Primary Schools Champion. Most importantly though, it was truly an event where all participants could come away with their heads held high and feeling like winners. Congratulations to all the SIS@Ciputra players involved for putting on such a great show of effort, sportsmanship and growing skill!

Please view this web site to get more details about the football event. <http://hoganstand.com/ArticleForm.aspx?ID=234833>

Mr. John Shoulder
Year 5 Integrated teacher

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council has prepared a drawing contest for the inside cover of the Year Book. We have delivered a rubric with guidelines. The student council members will collaborate in grading the drawings and voting for the best one to represent our school if there is a tie. The winner of the contest will get a prize purchased by the student council, and their name will be recognized in the Year Book as the artist who did the drawing for the inside cover.



SIS Student Council

The student council did a very successful bake sale on 27 March. Five million VND were collected to increase our funds, in an effort to do two more bake sales and collect money to support the Year 5 graduation, and if possible, another organization. There will be another bake sale on April 17 and another in May 22. We appreciate all the support the school, teachers, and parents have done for us.

Sincerely,
Maia Bassett
Student Council Liaison.

From the Vietnamese Department

Dear Parents!

Swiftly we came to the last months of the school year. Through the activities held in school, we felt like time is passing quickly.

In April, the students and teachers are working hard to complete the Vietnamese program and prepare for the end of year exam. The Year 5 students did the same tests of Mathematics and Vietnamese with the other students in Tay Ho District on 21st of April. I believe that through our effective review process, they will achieve good examination results that reflects their real learning abilities.

I am very proud of the results that students achieved, not only in daily studying but also when they represented for the students of the whole school to compete in contest of the city or of the country. Nguyen Khanh Linh in 5A, after winning the First prize in English Olympic competition at district level, joined this contest at city level on 11th April. Congratulations on her!

Dao Khang Duy in 4B joined the English Champion in 2015 and won the First Prize. We are very proud of his achievement!

April was also the month with many useful professional activities for teachers. We continued to build 2 lessons applied the social constructivist perspectives in Year 2 and Year 4. The teaching activities were plentiful rich, consistent and effective that led to the success of these lessons. I am very happy to witness the clear progress in learning of our students.

The assembly with the topic "Vietnam- the heroic country" to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the South of Vietnam and the International Labor Day was very solemn. The students watched the documentary film and listen to the touching



Students in the social constructivist perspectives

story about this historic moment of the country. The children and teachers also participated in performing under this topic.

I always appreciate the efforts of students, teachers and the valuable support of the Parents. And I really believe that, with the efforts and cooperation between family and school, we will have a successful and joyful school year.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Bich Lien
Head of Vietnamese Studies

Important dates in April:

10 April: Sport Carnival

13-17 April: Sport Inter-House

22 April: Term 3 ends

4 May: Term 4 starts