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Welcome Note from the Administrator

On behalf of all the staff of IMC, I would like to welcome all Students and Parents to the 3rd Term of this great academic year. Even though we are close to the end of the school year, we still have a lot to learn and explore. Don't forget that we appreciate parents' help and we welcome all comments and suggestions.

New Thai Principal

The school would like to introduce parents to our new Thai Principal Ms. Trarunee Pacheun or Ajarn Waan who will be in office every Wednesday to help the school with Thai Language and Culture Affairs. A very warm welcome Ajarn Waan to IMC!



New Member to our Faculty

IMC would like to welcome Ms. Pearl who has joined us to teach the K-1A class from this term onwards. Ms. Pearl is a qualified nurse from the Philippines and also a TEFL certificate holder. She has much experience working with many unfortunate kids from Cambodia and the Philippines. She also has experience working with little children in a Montessori school in the Philippines. Welcome Ms. Pearl to IMC!

Thai Language & Culture



As Thai Language and Culture is one of the required subjects for all students in Thailand, we are trying to revise our Thai curriculum to coincide with the Ministry's requirements. Teacher Kob and the Thai Principal Aj. Waan would like to invite all parents to attend a meeting to discuss about the Thai Language & Culture curriculum which will be held on Wednesday 5th of April, 2017 at 13:00-14:00. We encourage parents, especially from K2 and K3, to join this meeting so that parents will understand our goals and curriculum

for Thai Language & Culture. Parents who wish to join must inform class teacher by line or simply sign up your name with your child's class teacher so that enough documents can be prepared for attending parents.

New Menu

The new school Menu has been posted on all class Line for parents to view. For more suggestions concerning the menu, please feel free to give your feedback. We will soon be placing a suggestion box at the sign-out table every evening for parents to give us suggestions.

3rd Term Highlights for Science & Culture Classes

To integrate more Montessori style learning we have been introducing more of the Montessori teaching styles and activities in our Culture & Science classes since the beginning of the school year.

For this particular term, the focus is on the field of **Montessori: Zoology**. We will be discussing and doing many hands on activities concerning living and nonliving things, animals of the world, classes of animals, life cycle of different animals, etc. The following is the overall general topics which each class will be doing. Keep in mind that although the topics are similar, the activities and details will be according to their level and ability.

Pre-k:

Non-living Things

Living Things: Animals

Animals of the world

Classes of animals & their parts: Fish, Birds, Mammals

K-1

Non-living Things

Living Things: Animals

Vertebrates & Invertebrates

Animals of the world

Classes of animals & their parts: Fish, Birds, Mammals, Insects

K2

Living Things: Animals

Vertebrates & Invertebrates

Animals of the world

Classes of animals & their parts: Fish, Birds, Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects

Life Cycle of Animals: Fish, Frog, Turtle, Bird, Horse

Introducing a Bird Feeder

K3

Living Things: Animals

Vertebrates & Invertebrates

Animals of the world

Classes of animals & their parts: Fish, Birds, Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects

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Extension of Facility

The school would like to inform the parents that we are building an extension to the school facilities to make a new Library, Arts & Crafts Room, Montessori and Gym to better facilitate and to promote more learning among students. The extension is scheduled to be completed for use by the next academic year (August 2017). As for the playground, we will continue to make improvements during the long Summer break, so that all the students will be able to play and explore in a safe environment.



Late Pick up

This is to inform all parents that school hours are from 9:00-15:00. We welcome students from 8:00 a.m. every morning from Monday to Friday. All assistants are present at the school grounds by 8:00 a.m. and teachers by 8:30 a.m.

School ends for all students at 3:00 pm. and due to Bangkok's unpredictable traffic situation we have extended the pick-up time to be not later than 3:30 pm. After this time, there is no supervision for students as all the assistants have to disinfect and prepare the classrooms for the next day. However, in case of an emergency or late pick-up, parents may inform the office to have an assistant accompany the child at the cost of 100/-baht per half an hour so that your child is cared for until you arrive.

Students who have signed up for extra classes from 3:00-4:00, **parents are requested to pick up their child on time** as the class teachers will be responsible for dismissing all the students. A Late Pick up charge will also be paid to the class teacher for staying back to care for your child.

Graduation Ceremony

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held for Kindergarten 3 students (**only**) on Friday 12th of May, 2017 from 16:00-18:00. All the Teachers and Assistants will be present to congratulate the graduating students. We would like to request all K-3 Parents to mark your calendars for this special event. We will be inviting a few alumni to school to share with the little graduates the exciting experience of joining their new school.



Summer School July 2017

Kindly be informed that IMC will start its Summer School on the 26th of June until the 21st of July, 2017. Parents who wish their child to join should **sign-up by the 2nd of June** so that classes and teachers can be arranged according to the number of students joining the program. This year, to make it more fun and exciting, the Summer students will be going on field trips every week. There will be swimming, gymnastics, arts and crafts, science experiments, and many more fun activities to make their summer break worthwhile. Come and sign-up your name for this fun-filled summer that is sure to bring with it lots of new and exciting experiences. **Monday – Friday, 9:00-15:00**

- Price/4 weeks: 18,000/- baht including snack & lunch
- Price/1 week: 5,500/- baht including snack & lunch

Thai Cultural Day: 12 April, 2017

As every year, the school celebrates its Thai Culture Day before the Songkran Festival. This year we would like to see more parents participating in this special event. Pre-K will be assigned to set-up a Thai Massage Room, K-1 will be set up as Thai Music and Dance Studio, K-2 will be transformed into a Thai Food Market (Talad Nam) and K-3 will be used for students to learn about the different Thai games and sports. Each class will need at least 2 volunteers to help introduce the Thai culture and tradition to the students and visitors. Parents/Volunteers can use the language of their preference (Thai) on this special occasion.

Speaking Thai at School

In the classroom, it is compulsory for all students to speak in English. However, to promote and encourage the students to speak English, it is everybody's duty, including parents. We have placed "NO THAI, ENGLISH ONLY" signs to remind the students to speak only in English. With the Teachers present on the school grounds during school hours, the children are constantly reminded to speak in English.



The School would like to make a kind request for parents to do the same. All parents are requested to speak more English to the children, as well as each other, while on the school grounds. We will be taking surveys to see if the English speaking skills of the children have improved at the end of this Term. Remember! We must work hand-in-hand.



School Grounds belong to Children

Play time is the most important part of the school timetable. Play does not only help students develop self-confidence, it also promotes Emotional Development and Intelligence in young children. The school would like to make a kind request that the school grounds, especially the playground area, belong to the children. After 9:00 a.m. parents are requested to leave the school grounds so that all the students feel comfortable in their own environment and be who they are. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Swimming Lessons for K-2 & K-3

There has been a few requests from K-2 and K-3 parents for IMC to provide swimming lessons for students every Monday from 9:30-10:30. Please be informed that swimming lessons stated in the school timetable is for water play only, however, if a professional instructor is requested by the majority of parents, we will include it in the school curriculum. The school will send home a survey with the K-2 and K-3 students for parents to fill out. If the majority of the parents agree on having swimming lessons for the children, the school is able to arrange for it.

School Break

This school term will end on Friday 23rd of June, 2017. It will be followed by Summer Break starting from the 24th June until the 1st of August. During the Summer break the parents can visit the office from 8:00-15:00 from Monday to Friday and 9:00-12:00 on Saturdays.

School Holiday

Chakri Day: Thursday 6, April
Songkran Festival: Thursday 13 – Monday 17, April
Coronation Day: Friday 5, May
Visakha Bucha Day: Wednesday 10, May

Mark Your Calendars!

Thai-Cultural Day: Wednesday 12, April 9:00-12:00
(half day school)

Project#4 Literature Awareness: Thursday 18, May
Literature Day/Dr. Seuss Day

Graduation Ceremony K-3 Only: Friday 12, May 16:00-18:00

Parent-Teacher-Meeting: Monday 19 – Thursday 22, June



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