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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

We live in a society filled with wondrous diversity of cultures, religion and race. It is equally true at RIS. We have students who come from various cultural backgrounds which add to the richness of our school community. One of our pleasant tasks as educators is not only to teach students from various cultures, but to celebrate the diversity they bring and learn from them.



Speaking of diversity, earlier this week, I met with a group of Korean parents to listen to the success stories from some of the parents whose children graduated from RIS and also to discuss how the school can further help their children excel in every aspect of their life.

Every day, I, as Head of School, have the opportunity to learn from parents who come from beautiful ethnic backgrounds all over the world, a fortune of new knowledge, which may have different perspectives than my own.

This is Union of Hearts. We celebrate here at RIS with great pride. Multicultural events, such as Korean Day, Japanese Day, Indian Diwali Festival are just some of the events we embrace at RIS; which provide opportunities for our students to learn more about each other, thus fostering increased knowledge and recognition of diversity within the RIS community. The Chinese New Year event that was held recently was a great success and did just that!

Once again, our campus was full of activities during the past week including Parent/Student Town Hall academic planning meetings for High School and Middle School. For more information and to view the photo gallery, please visit our website.

Lastly, I would like to invite all parents to a charity concert, "Give Love to Get Love," featuring some of the biggest names in the Thai entertainment industry, such as Bie (The Star), Ice (Sarunyu), Rose (Sirintip), B.O.Y and Techin.

RIS and the Redemptorist Fathers of Thailand are involved in this concert and the proceeds go to many charities in Thailand including the Pattaya Vocational School for the Handicapped. Please bring your family and enjoy the show. The concert will take place on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 6PM at the Mall BangKapi.



Have a great 3-day weekend. Talk to you next week.

Peace,

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Head of School