



February 12, 2010



Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

What a morning it was at RIS. Our students joined the faculty, staff and parents in our assembly on the sports field in celebration of the Chinese New Year. The performances by our students gave us a flavor of the Chinese culture and were lively and entertaining. The Chinese New Year is one of the most awaited and celebrated festivities on our campus. "Kung Hei Fat Choy" to all our students, parents, faculty and staff! A special thank you to our Parents Auxiliary Chinese Reps for arranging all of today's special treats!

Tomorrow our campus will host the TEDxBKK Conference in Bangkok in the PAC. The event will feature a lineup of top international and local speakers in a full day's program of 18-minute talks. The speakers include two-time Bangkok governor and leading business thinker, Apirak Kosayodhin, and many other leading personalities from around the world. RIS is delighted and proud to be the host for this conference.

Well, February Fun-a-Thon final plans are now complete. Each section of our school will be conducting fundraising activities on campus throughout the month that are specific to their sections. The Elementary Section will be having a Walk-a-Thon on Thursday, February 25, Middle School will have a Read-a-Thon the last week of February culminating with the traditional MS Follies, and RIST is having a Word-a-Thon. We're really excited about these activities this year, as they will involve the participation of all the students.

The High School is planning and participating in the all-school RIS Perfect Fun Run & Walk Rally on Saturday, February 27, at the Lakeside at Perfect Place. We encourage everyone to come out and take part in the activities planned on this day and join us in raising funds for Fr. Ray Children's Village, such a worthy cause! There will be several events including the 10 km Run, a Stroller Derby and Fun on Wheels. You can register during the next two weeks on campus in the HS breezeway or call Ms. Shirley at 081-611-7820. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Our heartfelt prayers go out to two members of our RIS community. Our sincere condolences go out to the family of our former RIS student, Gunn (Back) Suranaowarat, who passed away this week in a car accident. Also, please keep Mr. Komson Penpoo, our Middle School physical education teacher, in your thoughts and prayers as he copes with the passing of his beloved father yesterday.

Foregoing the pleasures and comforts of the earthly, these two souls now partake of a joy and happiness far more abiding and real, for they have hastened to the Kingdom of God. The mercy of God is infinite, and it is our duty to remember these departed souls in our prayers and supplications that they may draw nearer and nearer to the Source itself.

Peace,

Fr. Pattarpong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.
Head of School