

January 22, 2010

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

We have been extremely busy during the past few days at RIS. On Wednesday, our Middle School students and faculty began their Advisement Trip, which they have been looking forward to since last semester when it had to be postponed due to weather. The 6th graders are staying on campus and visiting sites nearby – can't wait to hear all about it when they return next week!

On the same day, our students of the Elementary Section had their Games Day. It was a fun day with lots of activities. I heard many children scream as they watched Mr. Kevin get dunked in the cold water! Father Travis and I had a wonderful time watching the games, cheering the kids and chatting with the parents. Our Athletics Department did a superb job organizing the event. Bravo! I also would like to thank the Parents Auxiliary who have been providing fruits and drinks for the children at our Games Day events for the past three years. As always, it is good to see our parents helping in such meaningful ways. Our Pre-School/Pre-K will have their Games Day on Wednesday, January 27 and the Middle School Games Day will take place Friday, January 29. Please mark your calendar to join us next week!



This morning our High School seniors and their teachers left for Kanchanaburi for the weekend. This is an exciting trip for them as they gather to spend quality time together one last time as a class before they graduate and go their separate ways in their future endeavors. We wish them lots of fun and lasting memories.

Finally, you all aware of the devastating earthquake and aftershocks in Haiti. To a land already challenged, this is a catastrophe of epic proportions. Every nation and every international aid organization in the world has mobilized for Haiti's relief. For this reason, during the meeting of the Admin Council this week, it was decided that our school answer to the call of the Haitian people. The children of Haiti need our help.

We have agreed that our school will support "HOPE FOR HAITI," a campaign initiated by one of our senior IB students, Natascha Yogachandra. She is involved in many humanitarian projects in several parts of Asia. She and her parents are planning a trip to Haiti in April to provide comfort and hope, to rebuild/repair schools and do whatever they can to get the children back in school and return some sort of normalcy to their lives. Please help us support "HOPE FOR HAITI" and send your checks addressed to *Ruamrudee International School - Hope for Haiti Fund*. Cash boxes will also be in the Section Offices, or donations can be given to homeroom teachers.

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish you a restful weekend!

Peace,

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