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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

I had a wonderful opportunity on Wednesday to meet a large number of parents during the Parents Auxiliary general meeting. It was a very productive meeting with a lot of new ideas and suggestions presented to enhance several programs that are currently in place. Thank you to all the parents for your continuous support.

Next week, a group of 34 11- and 12-grade students are leaving for Korat to spend four days building two houses for the needy as part of the Habitat for Humanity program coordinated by the Interact Rotary Club. This is an act of compassion by our students, helping to make another human being feel valued. We want to congratulate the group for raising 240,000 baht to build these homes and thank all those who supported this fundraising activity.

Teaching compassion at school or at home can make our children a better leader and they become aware of the community needs around them. In this day and age where our culture encourages competitiveness and selfishness, it becomes a struggle for parents to nurture this most important trait. But at RIS, we strive to teach the powerful act of compassion to your children by providing opportunities to serve.

Virtue training begins from an early age. All forms of character building education begin in the home, and this is true with teaching the virtue of compassion. Let all of us be a role model for our students - parents, faculty and staff. We need to collectively exhibit compassion all the time. If we snub the old man who drives slowly in front of our car or ignore the blind man trying to cross the street, chances are that our children are going to see this act as the norm and practice it themselves.

Next week, will be a short week for our students. Several programs are planned before they go home for the weekend. Do not miss the talent show by the High School students on Tuesday afternoon. Again, please check our website for more details. Have a great weekend.



Peace,

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Head of School