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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

Do you know which Michael Jackson music video showcases Thai classical dancers? This was just one of the questions asked at the High School Knowledge Bowl on Thursday afternoon. Both the high school and middle school sections hosted their annual Knowledge Bowls this week in Godbout Hall. Students showed off their knowledge ranging from astronomy to politics impressing the audience of fellow students, teachers, staff and parents. It is just another creative way our Ruamrudee students team up with their classmates to learn and share in an entertaining way! Congratulations to all!



As you know, our staff, parents and students are always on the frontline to help victims affected by natural disasters. This year is no exception. When the cyclone hit the Philippines, we immediately made an appeal to collect food, clothes, medicine and financial assistance for the people in the Philippines. We just received a note from the Philippines Ambassador to Thailand, Mr. Antonio Rodríguez, thanking us for our humanitarian effort. He states, "Like the proverbial silver lining, your generosity gives our fellow Filipinos reason not to relent in the face of difficulty and, instead, to forge ahead until they shall have fully recovered from the tragedy." Thank you everyone for your kind support.

Plans were revealed at the Parent Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday by our high school librarian and her team to renovate a portion of Griffith Library to incorporate a special section for the middle school students. The plan includes the purchase of additional age-appropriate books and new furniture. Walls will be painted and two separate reference rooms will be utilized within our existing space. The Parents Auxiliary will be working with us to implement the plan, and we thank them for their continued support.

Congratulations go out to our RIS Debate Team, consisting of both high and middle school students, who participated in the 4th Thailand High School National Debating Championship at Assumption University last weekend. It takes a lot of courage, strong speaking skills and lots of practice to go up against 20 other international schools, and they did quite well! On the same subject, recently four 'budding' debaters in our elementary section (Grade 5) participated in the first Debating Congress in Thailand at Shrewsbury International School with five other schools and should also be congratulated for their efforts. Great work, everyone!

A few performances coming up that I don't want you to miss are the middle school play, *Tales from Ovid*, on Wednesday, November 25, two shows – 9:30 am and 1:30 pm in the PAC and the high school drama, *Love of the Nightingale*, November 25-27, 3 pm each day in the PAC. I know the performers and their teachers have been working hard these past few months. Mark your calendars – you won't be disappointed!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Peace,

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P.S. The answer is "Black or White."