

September 11, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:–

Yesterday I met two winners of the Ozone Day logo contest and congratulated them for their fine creativity. The artwork of these two young ladies from Grade 8 came top among several entries from the Middle School section. Their artwork will be printed on the Ozone Day T-shirts and poster which will be available for sale as part of International Ozone Day celebration next week.



Speaking of Ozone Day, our task force has nearly finalized all the details to commemorate International Ozone Day with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) that will include more than 30 workshops, a live concert at 1 p.m. in Godbout Hall and a tree planting ceremony. Please join us on Wednesday, September 16. A full schedule of the day, including details of workshops and the concert program can be found on our website, www.rism.ac.th.

Wednesday was an early dismissal day which allowed our faculty to meet in Collaborative Teams as part of strengthening their skills and knowledge in raising student learning. I had an opportunity to attend some of the sessions, and was very impressed with our facilitators of 36 teachers who volunteered to lead their groups. Teachers will be meeting once a month and working together to learn new techniques to model when teaching these skills to students.

And my congratulations goes out to all the new leaders of the Elementary School Student Council members. By becoming active participants in the student councils' programs, you will develop leadership skills and abilities at a very young age. Nurturing these abilities within your child and providing them with opportunities at a young age will make him or her confident, successful and more independent.

Finally, the Parents' Auxiliary met on Wednesday. They have already begun making preparations for their annual International Food Fair which will be held on October 13 this year. The PA has also initiated a *PA NEWS FLASH*, a summary of the activities from the PA, that will be communicated to all parents.

That's all for this week. Have a terrific weekend!

Peace,

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