

January 16, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:



On Wednesday this week, the Elementary School had their annual Sports Day, which was great fun for the students (and faculty)! It was a very successful event and an enjoyable way to start off the new term. We had all our students and teachers participating in a variety of events throughout the cool morning on our sports field. I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who came out to support their children and all the teachers and staff for making the event a great success. Most importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity for me to interact to a great extent with parents and teachers.



This year, Martin Luther King's birthday (January 19, 2008) is celebrated one day before the Inauguration of American President-elect Barack Obama. The President-elect has asked all Americans to serve humanity in one way or another on this day and to make an ongoing commitment to service.

As you know, one of my key commitments as Head of School is to focus on volunteering for community service projects. It is one of the most rewarding and productive ways to unite among friends, parents and our community members. Volunteering on a project brings us together. In addition to our academic programs, our School has planned several projects for our students, faculty and staff to serve the community during the year. I hope the parents will have the opportunity to be a part of the RIS service programs and make a positive impact on our community.

Finally, we are experiencing an unusually cold front in Bangkok. Although the cold air awakens our senses in the mornings and prepares us for the instruction of the day, it can be very cold for the children. Please make sure they have a warm sweater or overcoat to fight the chill of the air before they leave home.

Enjoy the cool weather this weekend – it's a wonderful opportunity to do some outdoor activities!

Peace,

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