

November 14, 2008

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

We join the entire nation in prayers to mourn the late Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana during the royal cremation ceremony which will be held over a six-day period beginning today. Her Royal Highness the Princess Galyani Vadhana is a role model to all of us. She was one of the hardest working members of the Royal Family. She served our nation all her life and she went about her work quietly. Whatever she did for Thai people, she did with her heart. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Royal Family.



The Athletics Department was very busy last weekend hosting students from many countries in Southeast Asia for the 2008 SEASAC Girls' Volleyball Tournament. We were proud and honored to host the athletes, and our own students experienced tough competition and played hard throughout the tournament. Good job!

Next week we have another major event at RIS. From November 20 - 23, we will be hosting the prestigious worldwide Theatre Arts Program Symposium (TAPS). Our High School Theater Arts Department has been working diligently to organize all aspects of this massive program. Schools from many countries will bring their IB Theater students (Grades 11 or 12) for intensive workshops. Many of you have offered your warm hospitality to host the 79 participants in the symposium, and my personal thanks goes out to all of you!

I take this opportunity to invite all TAPS host parents to an important brief orientation meeting on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:30 am in Room AD209 of the Administrative Building. We will be discussing the responsibilities, logistics and details of being a host parent. Student housing assignments will also be given at this time. Thanks for coming!

As you know, Ruamrudee is quite unique in its mission to foster compassion and character development in its students. One of the ways we do this is through our community service programs where students have the chance to take active roles in humanitarian projects in their community. Several clubs in the High School are involved in such projects and I encourage parents to talk to your children about their experiences.

Finally, please remember that our Health Club is organizing a Blood Drive on November 19 – just another way we can help others in need. If you are interested in donating blood, please sign up in Room H213 (2nd Floor, High School).

That's all for now. I will talk to you next Friday.

Peace,

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Head of School