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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

Thank you the parents, teachers, students and staff who participated in and supported our Annual International Food Fair on Wednesday organized by our Parents' Auxiliary. It was an exciting and fun-filled event. It made me so happy to see so many of our students in their beautiful native costumes reflective of the culture and country they represent. The sampling of food from many countries including Thai, Filipino, Korean, Mexican, Italian, Indian, American, Chinese and Swiss, among others, truly reflected unity in diversity and Union of Hearts at RIS. A very special thank you to the hardworking committee volunteers of the Parents' Auxiliary!



This is a short week for me as I am leaving for China on Thursday morning to attend the IB Conference. I will be attending this conference in Beijing with a few members of our Administrative and IB teams, and we will have an update on some of the IB-related programs when we return.

Nevertheless, it has been an exciting week for me and the entire RIS/RIST community. In addition to the International Food Fair, I joined all the students and staff in celebrating Culture Week. Cultural shows by our students from Middle School, RIST and our Thai Department were beyond our expectations and really showcased the multitude of talent we have among our students and faculty. They were just amazing. I want to thank all the teachers and parents who helped stage these wonderful shows.

Today, as you know, is Parent-Teacher Conferences and is a school holiday for the students. I am sure many of you had an opportunity to meet with your child/children's teachers and discuss their academic and social progress in detail. We are very happy to be able to provide this opportunity to you and find this a very successful arrangement. This is also an excellent chance for you to meet some of our support staff as well.

Next week is our October mid-term break and this will give our students some quality time to spend with their parents and family members. Enjoy the break!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your consistent support and dedication to all our administrators, teachers and students since the beginning of this term. Working with the students, faculty (and the new teachers who joined us this year), administrators, support staff, our parent organization, various committees, and the entire community has been an enjoyable experience for me. Thanks again. Have an excellent and relaxing holiday with your children.

Peace,

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