

October 31, 2008

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

Happy Halloween! Our students and staff from the Elementary Section got into the spirit of this western holiday by dressing up in fun costumes today and went trick-or-treating to various classrooms and offices. They also constructed a haunted house for the children to visit! I'm sure it was a fun day for all!

I am writing this weekly letter from Malaysia as I am currently attending the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS) Administrator's Conference with a few other administrators from our school. I will be here until Wednesday of next week.

Our IB theater students and staff were very busy all week making preparations for the IB Theater showcase which was held on Thursday and Friday at the PAC. Our school is very proud to have such a talented Performance Arts Group and they have several shows planned for the season (please visit our website for complete listing). I hope some of you had a chance to watch the amazing talent of our students this week. I'm sorry I missed it!

As you know, we have been working very closely with the Clinton Climate Initiative to find ways to save energy on our campus and to make a difference in the fight against climate change. We have had several meetings in the past and another one took place early this week. I will let you know the progress later.

By now you must have received our first issue of the RIS/RIST Newsletter Quarterly. This is just another way that we communicate to our parents all the happenings in all the sections of the schools. As you read through it, you will find it full of information about our new faculty this year, exciting programs and events that took place in the last three months, and highlights of some upcoming events. I want to especially thank all the sponsors for their continued support to help us defray the cost of printing.

Finally, a friendly request. We are looking for host families to welcome and accommodate around 90 students coming to Thailand for the prestigious Theatre Arts Program Symposium (TAPS) hosted by RIS from November 20 through 23, 2008. Schools from many countries around the world will bring their IB Theater students (Grades 11 or 12). We need host families to volunteer to accommodate two or more students in their home. If you wish to be a host family, please pick up a form in the HS Section Office and/or contact Deborah Yogachandra, deborahy@rism.ac.th. Thanks in advance for all your help with this!

That's all for now. Have great weekend!

Peace,

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