



RIST PTA News

by Paul Thompson, PTA Faculty Liaison

The RIST PTA has continued to grow and flourish this year, ensuring that parents have a voice in the life of the school. Now, more than ever, parents are extensively involved in planning and implementing a range of RIST activities. The new-look RIST PTA, with active representatives from all major nationality groups, has already convened on three occasions this semester.

For the first time this year, RIST parents had the opportunity to attend 'coffee morning' sessions with RIST administrators. Coffee mornings are a chance for parents to ask questions or raise issues with the administration in an informal setting. Coffee mornings have proved very popular with parents. So far this semester, Japanese, Korean, and Thai parents have met in their nationality groups.

Like teachers and students, RIST parents are feeling the need for a well-deserved time-out following the hectic week preceding the publication of the Self Study Visiting Committee Report on the joint WASC and ONESQA visit. The RIST PTA was crucially involved in all stages of the RIST accreditation process. As well as placing parents on various school development committees, the RIST PTA and other parents met with the WASC Visiting Team during their recent visit.

To ensure effective communication with parents, RIST routinely translates important documents into Japanese, Korean, and Thai. This semester, to take home-school communication one stage further, RIST is providing English classes for RIST parents who wish to improve their English skills. 18 parents are currently enrolled in the 1st semester class with transport provided to and from Emporium. This class will be offered again during the 2nd semester.



The RIST PTA sponsors a number of events throughout the school year including various Thai cultural festivities, Graduation buffet, and the Japanese Music Concert. All events require funding. In October, through close collaboration with RIST parents on the International Cultural Week Food Sale, the RIST PTA helped to raise much-needed PTA funds in addition to raising money for various charitable causes.

For more information on the RIST PTA, please visit the RIST website.

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