

MONTESSORI ACADEMY BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the second semester! We hope everyone had a nice holiday season.

Thanks to everyone for joining and making Sports Day a wonderful family event!

This semester we are excited to continue working with the Geology Unit Study for Casa and Elementary and will be introducing the Five Senses Unit Study for Toddlers. Some of the topics that Casa students will cover include

rocks and minerals, prehistoric life, natural disasters, atmosphere and weather and environmental awareness. Elementary is covering space, volcanoes, plate tectonics and natural disasters.

Field Trips. Casa and Elementary students will be visiting the NASA A Human Adventure Exhibit on January 28th. Casa students will also be visiting Ocean World at the end of March. Elementary students will participate in

Last Month Highlights

Loy Krathong
Elementary Trip to Kanchanburi
Thanksgiving

Upcoming
Family Sports Day 2014
Winter Holidays!

3 other field trips which will be announced soon.

Chinese New Year. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year with an assembly in our new gymnasium on February 12th. We would like to invite



ELEMENTARY

Happy Holidays from the Elementary class! December was filled with fun activities. We celebrated Carly's 9th birthday. We created and studied about sundials. The students were able to take the beginning of a sundial to create a sundial clock at home after having it demonstrated at school for three days. We also discussed about how time began to be counted and how calendars were created. For the 2nd and 3rd years in the class we used a time line that they recreated on their own. The first years received an introduction of it through a story. We were very excited about our first annual Sports Day program that was held on the last day of school. Students enjoyed the activities that they had worked on during the physical education time. Thanks to all who came out and participated in the fun filled day!



CASA GREEN & PURPLE

December was a short but festive month! We celebrated King's Day (Father's Day) in the beginning of the month. The children learned proper etiquette to follow during King's Day. Conferences went well, and it sounds like all the children enjoyed seeing their work featured in a portfolio! They have waited patiently for the time when they would get to see some of their best works, and the time finally came! This month, we also celebrated Christmas - we made crafts, sang Christmas carols, and the children took home red and green cookies! We also celebrated Tin Tin's and Olivia's 4th Birthdays.



TODDLER BLUE & YELLOW



It's been a festive month starting with celebrations for the King's Birthday together with Father's Day and Christmas. Dylan also turned 3 and the Toddler Blue class was treated to cupcakes to share his special day. For the King's birthday, they learned about the King's life, his contributions to the country and how to pay respect to him. Since the King's Birthday is also Father's Day in Thailand, the children made cards and flowers for their fathers and shared photos of their families during circle time. With holiday season approaching, the children enjoyed learning about Christmas traditions. We baked butter and gingerbread cookies, made Christmas stockings and snowflake ornaments for Arts & Crafts, read Christmas stories and sang, "Jingle Bells" animatedly with shakers.

The highlight this month was finally seeing the eggs hatch into baby chicks! With a teacher's guidance, the children practiced petting the baby chicks with their very gentle finger and got to feel how soft and fluffy they are. What a fantastic way to end the farm unit and term!

family members to join our assembly that morning from around 8:30-10 a.m. Our students have started to rehearse for their performance.

In the assembly, we would like to invite Toddler parents to the stage to sing "Gongxi Gongxi" with your child. One parent will accompany each student. Please refer to this link for the song (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AP3KgMQ5VSY>). We suggest that you practice with your child at home.

Some students will require special attire for their performance. We will communicate details shortly.

Parent Education. We will kick off Parent Education with New Parent Orientation on February 4. The next session will be "How to Teach Reading to Your Child" on February 11th, "Reward & Motivation" on March 25th, and an "Open Q&A Session" with teachers from the different levels on April 29th.

School Photos. The annual school photo session has been moved to February 5-6th. We encourage every child to be at school for the whole school and class photo session on February 6th. Individual photo sessions will start on February 5th and may carry on through February 6th. Family is invited to pose for family pictures at the end of the day (3-4pm). Please keep a spare student uniform in your child's bag in case he / she needs to have his / her session on Friday (which is a PE day).

Parents, especially Toddler parents are requested to leave campus immediately after drop off. This is to secure your child's cooperation during the photo shoot. Past experience has shown that our youngest members will seek out their parents and will cry if parents are standing around. Thank you!

MABIS FAMILY SPORTS DAY



MAP. Thanks to everyone for donating toys for children at Rangsit Baby Home. Khun Pae, MAP Co-Chair, led a group of parents and students to bring the toys to the orphanage right before Christmas. It is wonderful to know that these toys will be appreciated and bring a smile to other children.

Special thanks to Khun Pae for taking and sharing school photos, including the Taekwondo Exam photos!

Staff Professional Day. Kindly note that February 20th is staff professional day. There is no school on that day. February 27th is a regular school day. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the change in schedule.

School Hours. Please note that school hours are from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please drop off your child from 8:00 a.m. onwards when our staff is available to supervise your child. We are unable to supervise your child before 8:00 a.m. If you arrive earlier please note that you are responsible for your

child until 8:00 a.m. For safety reasons please do not leave your child unattended on the playground (or anywhere at school).

Please also be reminded to arrive school before 8:30 a.m., Elementary students before 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays. We may refuse admittance for children who arrive after 8:30 a.m. (8:00 a.m. for Elementary students). It is important for your child's sense of well-being to start the day on time and not miss out on any important activities and discussions in the morning. By arriving on time, we are safe guarding the learning environment from disruptions caused by late entry. We are also instilling a sense of duty and discipline in our students. We understand that on occasion you may have an appointment and have to arrive late. Kindly inform the Office so that they will grant you permission to arrive after the regular time. We thank you for your cooperation.