



# MONTESSORI ACADEMY BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



**Last Month Highlights**  
 Songkran Fair  
 Elem Trip to Science Museum & Jewelry Factory  
 Easter Egg Hung

**Upcoming**  
 Elem Trip to Baan Nok Kamin  
 Parent-Teacher Conferences

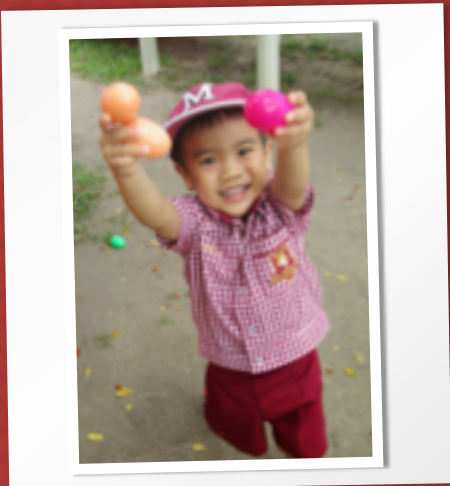
## Dear Parents,

Songkran was wet and wild! Students had a lot of fun at the Songkran Fair trying out a variety of traditional Thai games, making som-tam and snow ice, dancing the Thai ram-wong and splashing water on each other to cool down.

Last month students also participated in several field trips. Elementary students visited the National Science

Museum and enjoyed a hands-on experience with the space science, environmental, agricultural, robotics, human science and local technology exhibits. Thanks to Ranveer’s dad and mom, Elementary students also got a chance to visit the jewelry factory of A.G. Design. The students learned a great deal about precious stones and observed the entire jewelry making process.

**Box of Hope.** Casa and Elementary students are preparing the “Box of Hope.” Each box contains a variety of useful gifts which are personally selected by each student for another child in need. Elementary students will be delivering these boxes to Baan Nok





## ELEMENTARY

April flew by us. We celebrated the Thai New year before leaving for the long holiday break. The students were able to enjoy a variety of activities that are traditional to the Thai culture. Mostly, they enjoyed being able to splash each other with water. After the break we came back and were able to take a field trip to AG Design's at Gemopolis. The elementary students enjoyed watching the transition of a mineral turn to a gemstone to be used in jewelry. Many of the students have a better appreciation of what goes in to making a piece of jewelry. We also welcomed a new student, Laini, in to our class this month. The students enjoy making new friendships.



## CASA GREEN

This month was a busy month for Casa Green. The children especially enjoyed throwing water on the teachers during Songkran. The children also enjoyed taking part in the organic garden. We picked lettuce and kale and enjoyed eating green salad with our lunch. The children are all excited to learn and the first year students are especially enjoying learning numbers and sounds. The first years are very interested in the work of older children and this is their favorite activity to observe in the class. The children learned about pollution, recycling, reducing and reusing. Reusing is an easy lesson to teach your child in your home. Thank you for participating in donating boxes for 'Box of Hope'. The gift of giving is and important lesson in life and these simple items will mean the world for the children receiving them. Thank you!



## CASA PURPLE

April was a great month in Casa Purple! This month for geology we focused on environmental awareness, pollution and recycling. The children learned the importance of using resources wisely and only taking what you need to complete a work. They also learned about waste in relation to food they take during lunch time. This month we celebrated Arkin's 5th birthday and Songkran. Songkran was a wonderful experience for the children – the children learned the significance of Songkran in Thai culture and the children dressed up and had fun at the water festival after school. Thanks so much for a great month!





Kamin foundation on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Simon will accompany the students to perform for the children at the foundation. We have to thank MAP for supporting this project.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences.** The conferences provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to formally meet to discuss your child's progress. They are an integral part of your child's education process. We therefore request each family to reserve an appointment to meet with your child's lead teacher. Conferences for Elementary and Toddler students will be held from May 18-22. Conferences for Casa students will be held the following week, May 25-29. Kindly refer to the attached schedule and send an email to [montessoribkk@gmail.com](mailto:montessoribkk@gmail.com) with your top 3 meeting preferences. We will confirm back the meeting by email on a first come first served basis. All reservations have to be done via email to avoid duplicate bookings.

**Parking.** Parents who have morning meetings and need to park, please obtain a Parking Permit from the Finance Office.

**Promotion Ceremony.** It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is just around the corner. To celebrate this event we will hold a Promotion Ceremony for third year Casa students who are moving on to Elementary, along with a Spring Concert and Art Auction. Family members are invited to join this event on Friday June 5 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Kindly note that the last day of school is a half-day, all children will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

**Parking.** If you are driving yourself and need to park within the campus, please pick up a Parking Permit at the Finance Office starting Monday June 1. Permits will be distributed on a first come first served basis. If you have a driver, we kindly ask for your driver to find parking outside of campus. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Summer Program.** We are pleased to confirm that the Summer Program is available for all levels. Due to the number of enrolled students, we will be combining the Toddler classes into a single Toddler class and the Casa classes into a single Casa class throughout the summer period. Kindly note that teacher schedules will remain as announced. There are still some seats available for enrolment.

## TODDLER BLUE

For the month of April, we continued our 5 senses theme with the focus on sound and touch. In class, we made drums and banged to the beat reading, Hands, Hands, Fingers, Thumb by Dr. Seuss. To explore the sense of touch, they made textured boards and played with sand in the garden. They also got messy and sticky making chocolate peanut butter balls (not all children loved it) which was a yummy treat! The children also learned about two special holidays: Easter and Songkran. For Easter, we made a bunny craft, colored Easter eggs, and participated in a traditional egg hunt. To prepare for Songkran, Kru Vi explained the significance of the Thai holiday and practiced with the children on how to pour water on the hands of their parents and elders. The highlight of the occasion was the Songkran activities that followed with games, shaved ice and water play! Toddler Blue welcomes our newest member lori (Olly), who has happily settled into class.



## TODDLER YELLOW

This month in Toddler Yellow we welcomed two new wonderful boys to our class, Prom and Taichi. We celebrated Din's third birthday on April 10th, it was a very special day for all of us and we wanted to send our thanks to Din's parents for a wonderful morning. During the past few weeks we have been focusing on our five senses, mainly touch and sound. Our toddlers having been working on their sensory boards and making musical instruments, drums and seed shakers which they really loved. We also celebrated Easter with an egg hunt outside and Songkran with the festivities and water play to help cool us down in the hot weather! In cooking class this month we made healthy oat filled chocolate balls and a peanut, banana, cinnamon wrap. Our food garden has been giving us a delicious harvest recently and our toddlers have enjoyed learning how to harvest, wash and eat their lettuce. Next week we will start sowing new seeds and keep a watchful eye on our produce as it grows into a healthy plant.





The dress code for the summer is casual, uniforms are optional for regular days. PE uniforms will be required for PE days. Further program details will be released prior to the start of the Summer Program.

**Organic Farm.** We have harvested lots of lettuce, corn and kale from our Organic Farm which students had for lunch. We will be starting to plant new seedlings on our plot. We will also be collecting fruit and vegetable scraps for our compost. Students are welcome to drop them in our compost bin in which will be placed behind the big play structure on the playground. The compost bin will be collected every morning after flag raising.

**Montessori Association of Parents (MAP).** MAP will hold its final meeting for this academic year on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Everyone who is interested in MAP activities are invited to join.

**School Hours.** Please be reminded that school starts at 8:00 a.m. and all students enter class by 8:30 a.m. Arriving to school late disturbs your child's sense of order and also disrupts a class that is already in session. Your child will also miss out valuable lessons and time to learn. ***Elementary students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. and Casa / Toddler students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. may not be permitted to enter class.*** If your child has a doctor's appointment or other reasonable excuse, please inform the school in advance for a late arrival exception.

## SONGKRAN CELEBRATION

