



# DALAT NEWS

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### Happy Thanksgiving

This coming Thursday is when the United States celebrates the holiday known as *Thanksgiving*. There are many aspects of this traditional holiday that are known in the international community – turkey dinners, American football games, the stories of pilgrims, etc. I would like to highlight the idea of being thankful.

We have so many reasons and opportunities to be thankful for what we have in life. I could spend a whole page listing the wonderful attributes of Penang and living on this tropical island. Dalat has been fortunate to have been located on this beautiful island for over 36 years and it has been a blessing in so many ways. I could also spend a whole page listing the wonderful aspects of living in the Dalat community where people care about each other and learn from each other.

Instead of doing that I would just like to encourage us to find some way to promote “thanksgiving” – the giving of thanks. I am sure all of us are thankful for something in our lives. As humans we tend to look at all the negative things around us and focus on them. Knowing this, the Bible in many different passages encourages us to be thankful and to count our “blessings.” It’s amazing that if we take time to focus on our “blessings” and be thankful for them, that in itself can be a blessing to us. In an article about teaching children to be grateful Dr. Caron Goode states, “Recent studies show that grateful people are happier, more resilient, and less depressed. They also have higher self-esteem and better relationships.”<sup>1</sup>

Maybe after reading the Dalat News take a few minutes to think of all the things that you are thankful for in your life. That would be a great first step. If you do this and you think of someone or something somebody did for you, take the time to go and thank them. This will not only promote a culture of thanksgiving but will encourage the other person and maybe he or she will do the same. Let’s celebrate this holiday and use the time to be thankful for those around us. Remember to let these special people in your life know they are indeed a blessing.

Have a great long weekend!

Karl Steinkamp

Director

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.more4kids.info/184/teaching-gratitude/>

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

## Elementary School Wacky Hair Day!

Friday, 30 November!

Elementary School Student Council (StuCo) is sponsoring Wacky Hair Day next Friday, 30 November. Impress your friends, classmates and teachers with crazy colors, styles and formations.



### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## Every Kind Word Helps!



Dalat hosted its annual Dalat-St. Christopher's Exchange this past Tuesday, 20 November. It was a time to bring St. Christopher's International Primary School kids to Dalat, introduce them to our fantastic Dalat students, teachers and staff and allow them to participate together in some fun and educational activities. The aim is not only to provide an academic experience for the SCIPS kids but also to encourage them and their parents to consider Dalat as an option when they graduate from SCIPS in Grade 5. Traditionally SCIPS students have made the natural transition to Uplands because of the similar British curriculum, however in the last two years we have had quite a few SCIPS families choose Dalat and are very happy to be here!

This Exchange has reminded me of how valuable it is for you, our Dalat community, to say positive things about Dalat International School to everyone you meet. **You are the best PR Dalat has!** You don't have to make up something, just tell your own children's stories. What have they been doing in class or extra-curricular activities? What do you appreciate about the Dalat community? Positive comments go a long way to give Dalat a positive image in Penang.

There are statistics out there that say people who have a positive experience may tell one person but people who have a negative experience tell at least ten! It also takes five positive comments to balance just one negative comment. (Not that we have ANY negative comments out there about Dalat :). Parents can make a huge difference in how Penang views Dalat International School. **You can make a very positive impact with the positive things you say about Dalat and the great stories you tell about your kids.** Thank you for your help!

## New Structure on Campus

We have been talking for some time about getting a **covering over our outside basketball court** to provide covering for our students to play when it rains and also provide a second location for our physical education classes. I am glad to announce that the approval from the Penang City Council was given last week for us to begin construction and **hope to have it completed by the time the second semester starts the end of January 2008!**

We may be starting construction before the end of this semester and if so it may interfere with the playground for a few weeks. Please be watching out for signs and help us keep children away from any construction areas. **In a few months we will have a great new addition to our campus!**



[Larry Chinn](#)

Director of Development

### THIS WEEK

Monday, 26 Nov	3:50pm Piano Recital Rehearsal in the Chapel
Tuesday, 27 Nov	6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday, 28 Nov	6:00pm Drama Rehearsal
Friday, 30 Nov	Varsity Boys Basketball Tourney
Sunday, 2 Dec	6:30pm Christmas Praise & Worship in the Chapel

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

Monday	Shake and Bake Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice, Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Milk/Milo
Tuesday	Barbeque Hot Dogs, Corn Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad and PB&J, Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice
Wednesday	Beef Rendang, Rice, Veggies Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad and PB&J with Homemade Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk/Milo
Thursday	Lasagna and Garlic Bread Sandwich Bar: Ham & Cheese and PB&J, Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice
Friday	Shepherd's Pie, Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad and

PB&J with Homemade Bread,  
Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk/Milo

## PTO

Lots of new faces this Semester !

Our last event of the Semester has now passed us by. The PTO Social Event held last week at the Tanjong Country Club was a huge success. The food was incredibly delicious (and surprisingly inexpensive). The company of so many diverse people groups made us all feel much enriched.

We are so pleased to be able to say that the council for PTO has grown and nearly doubled in the past few months. We now have a solid council of 12 parents who represent their people groups. We welcome 3 more Koreans to represent the different grade segments of the school, also a North American representative and a Malaysian representative. We are also happy to say that we have all our positions filled for President, Vice President, Treasurer(s), and Secretary. What a gift to have so many eager and happy workers in our parent body.

The two General meetings this semester have seen record attendance and a good time were had by all at the International Food Take A Way Event and our two Social Events. The money earned this semester is being used to enhance the pool area with some much needed furniture and also some small Christmas gifts for all staff at Dalat in appreciation for their hard work. As we make money we love to pass it along to benefit our school.

There are thanks to be given to those whose good work is seen and for those unseen. You all know who you are so thanks to all the parents who participated in the success of Dalat and PTO this semester.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and social events next year.

PTO Council

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



### **Dalat Girls Basketball Tourney**

Basketball enthusiasts had the opportunity to view 18 live games this past weekend beginning 1:00 Friday & ending about 6pm Saturday. 3 last minute cancellations meant that we were left with only 7 teams so Dalat managed 2 entries. This allowed the girls to get at least twice as much playing time. MSSPP Silver Union managed a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish to Bronze Medal Uplands. In a tight fought final, our HS Girls (made up entirely of 9<sup>th</sup> graders) treated the fans to a very tight final against Alice Smith. We came to within 1 basket late in the game but could narrow the gap no further. Alice Smith

eventually went on to earn the trophy & Gold medals with a 24-22 final score. Our young squad did fantastic in their 1<sup>st</sup> HS U18 tourney of their career! Congratulations on your well deserved Silver medals.

Thanks to Greg Stenlund, Tim Steinert, Drew Steiert for officiating some games. Thanks to our Junior Class & their sponsors, Mahoneys & Weidemanns for providing the food booth on Fri/Sat. It is our hope that the fans also enjoyed the basketball play on display this past weekend. We all appreciate your support.

### MS Boys B'Ball

Coach Rob Nollan & his team played host to our friend Andy & his Georgetown squad Tues nite in the gym. Closely officiated by Tim Steinert & Greg Stenlund, our boys managed to get 10 more baskets. Final score: Dalat 32 – Georgetown 12.

### Girls Softball

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - Mark Sasse & his girls will entertain the team from Dato Keramut on upper field.

### Dalat Boys Basketball Tourney

HS Boys – 8 teams confirmed: Alice Smith; Garden; Uplands; ISKL; Georgetown; Heng Ee; St. Xavier & Dalat.

That's all for this short week folks. Enjoy your long American Thanksgiving Break! Boys Basketball tourney begins @ 1:00 next Fri, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>! CU at the gym!

### Gerry Steiert

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT



- Piano Recital Rehearsal--All Piano Recital performers are asked to attend the recital dress rehearsal on **Monday, November 26**, beginning at 3:50 in the Chapel. Elementary performers and those who need to rush off to after-school commitments will play first. Other secondary students may arrive at 4:15.
- Christmas Praise & Worship--With the Dalat Ambassadors Worship Team, **Sunday, December 2**, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.
- Piano Recitals--**Monday, December 3**, at 4:30 and 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

## FINE ARTS

# Baggage Claim

A Modern-day Parable

By Don Bosley

*A Dalat International School Drama Club Production*

Showing in the Dalat Chapel  
Thursday, December 6, 2007 @ 7:00pm  
Friday, December 7, 2007 @ 7:00pm

## CHARITY AND COMPASSION

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*Again here is the list of Charity & Compassion Christmas projects that we will be taking part in this year. If you would like to help out either financially or physically please contact Beth Steiert [bsteiert@dalat.org](mailto:bsteiert@dalat.org) 012 430 2231*

*The list is in 2 parts; the first being Christmas projects that we have done over the last 5 years and the second part is to aid an organization helping refugees in KL.*

- *25 School uniforms for handicapped and poor children.*
- *19 Christmas food hampers*
- *20 Saris for widows*
- *20 soap and powder packs for senior ladies*
- *Cash for Christmas party*
- *Large bags of rice and milk powder*
- *20 Christmas gifts for 2 – 6 yr olds*

*We are also in need of the following supplies for the refugees:*

- *14 Canvas sheets*
- *30 Track suits*
- *50 Blankets*

- *Canned food.*
- *40 Christmas gifts for refugee children*
- *Christmas party supplies and food for 80 people*

*This week we also had a visit from Chrystal Home, Taiping. They arrived in their new van on Tuesday noon and after an afternoon at Paradise all 12 girls headed out on a shoe shopping trip followed by pizza and then their first ever trip to a movie theatre to watch The Bee Movie. They extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone for this Christmas treat.*

*Where Charity & Love exist, God is there. Thank you for your donation*

## International Women's Association

### IWA Annual Christmas Charity Bazaar

IWA (International Women's Association) Penang are holding their Annual Christmas Charity Bazaar on Sunday 2nd December from 10.00am till 3.00pm at the Ballroom, Bayview Beach Hotel, Batu Ferringhi. The event will include vendors from across SE Asia, lucky draws & a visit from Santa. Tickets are RM8 in advance, RM10 on the door, children under 12 free. Call 04 8982540 for details.

## MOVIE REVIEWS

Movie	Rating
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### Acceptable

<b>Balls of Fury</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Some crude sex related humor and language. High school only.	
<b>Bee Movie</b>	US-PG, MY-U
Mild suggestive humor	
<b>Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium</b>	US-G, MY-U
Great for the whole family	
<b>Stardust</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Fantasy violence and risqué humor. High School only.	

### Not Acceptable

<b>Beowulf</b>	US-PG13, MY-U
Intense sequences of violence, inappropriate sexual material	
<b>Hitman</b>	US-R, MY-NA
Strong violence, language and sexuality	
<b>The Kingdom</b>	US-R, MY-NA
Graphic brutal violence and inappropriate language	
<b>Lions for Lambs</b>	US-R, MY-U
War violence and extreme language	
<b>Penny Dreadful</b>	US-R, MY-18SG
Horror violence	

**Shrooms**

US-NA, MY-18SG

Strong horror violence, drug use.

Larry Chinn

[lchinn@dalat.org](mailto:lchinn@dalat.org)**Parents' Night Out** **Parents' Night Out** 

Sponsored by the Junior Class

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 6:00-9:00 pm  
Please mark your calendars!

**WHY:** We want to care for your children to allow you to:

- ✓ go out on a date as a couple,
- ✓ get a head start on your Christmas shopping,
- ✓ enjoy a night out with friends,
- ✓ or just stay home and relax!

**WHERE:** Dalat International School  
Special activities will be planned at various stations including the gym, playground & chapel. Your kids will not want to miss out on the **FUN!**

**HOW:** Please reserve spots for your children by emailing Kerry Mahoney ([kmahoney@dalat.org](mailto:kmahoney@dalat.org)) or sign up at Amy's desk in the main office.  
Registration deadline is Friday, November 30.  
If you don't register, you may still bring your children that night. A late registration fee of RM 10 per family will be charged for unregistered children.

**COST:** RM 20 for 1 child for the whole evening (3 hrs)  
RM 35 for 2 children  
RM 50 for 3 children  
RM 60 for over 3 children

**“Please feed your children supper before bringing them for the evening as supper will not be served.”**

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