



DALAT NEWS

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SCHOOL NEWS

Dalat wants to wish all of the Dalat community a wonderful Christmas break. As we look to next semester just a couple of reminders to make you aware of:

1. **Mid Semester Break:** Next semester we will be having our first ever mid-semester break. School will not be in session the week of March 31st – April 4th. Parents of dorm students should make plans for their children to travel home during that week as the dorms will be closed from March 29th – April 5th.
2. **School Calendar:** Report cards will be finalized and sent out in the mail next week. The second semester calendar will be included with the report cards.
3. **Second Semester Start Date:** We resume school on January 22nd, 2008

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Merry Christmas from the Development Office!



Christmas is a time for caring, giving and anticipation. At Dalat International School we have a lot to anticipate:

- new construction on campus this school break
- the Annual Fund in April and May
- lots of chocolate and cookies for Christmas!
- a permanent home for Dalat to develop and grow
- lots of chocolate and cookies for Christmas! (did I say that already?)

On behalf of the entire Development Team: Ms. Shama Sankaran and me, **we would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the anticipation that Christ's coming will bring!**

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RESIDENCE LIFE

Parents of dorm students, please take note of the following important dates as you make travel plans for next semester:

January 20 – Dorms open at 5:00 pm

Feb 7 -8 – No School, Chinese New Years
Feb 26 – 29 – Missions Emphasis Week
March 21 – No School, Good Friday
March 29 – Dorms close at 5:00 pm
March 31 – April 4 – No School, Mid-Semester Break
April 5 – Dorms open at 5:00 pm
May 1 – No School, Labor Day
June 5 – Dorms close at 5:00 pm

Thank you! And have a very merry Christmas!

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Adventure Zone

Adventure Zone Provides Endless Fun for Dalat Students!

The brand new Adventure Zone at the Golden Sands Hotel in Batu Ferringhi invited all Dalat students from Preschool through Grade 6 this week to enjoy a few hours of fun playing on exciting slides, running through the obstacle course and enjoying refreshments all courtesy of the Golden Sands Hotel. This experience has provided a great athletic opportunity for Dalat kids as well as a place to have a great time! The Adventure Zone is an air conditioned, indoor facility for kids of all ages with breathtaking slides for the more adventurous and ball pits and obstacle courses for younger guests. They also have facilities for birthday parties, team building activities, game room and soda shop for parents to relax and get something to drink.

The Dalat students were broken up into three groups of 60 over three days. The kids were most impressed with the various slides and all came back exhausted from a rigorous morning workout. Take a look at their website at www.adventurezone.com.my. It is a great place to visit during the school break!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT



GRADE 5 TAKES CHRISTMAS TO KAWAN

On Monday, 17 December, Dalat's Fifth Grade went to downtown Georgetown to bring some Christmas cheer to the needy folks who came to Kawan House for lunch that day. Twenty-five students performed a Christmas program and passed out candy canes to approximately 70 people ranging in age from babies to senior citizens. The students did a great job and had a first-hand opportunity to be "Difference Makers."

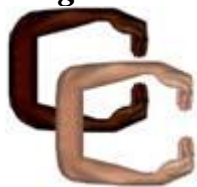
"What's the Difference? U!" is this year's school motto, and our focus ESLR is "Transformed Thinkers." While tangibly blessing people who are less fortunate, our fifth graders engaged in both of these ideals. At Christmas, when so many youngsters are focused on the things they want to *receive*, these students put the focus on *giving*. They learned that they could make a difference in people's lives by simply using the abilities and resources God has given them, and their thinking was transformed as they personally interacted with people whose lives are very different from their own. Their eyes were opened to the needs of others, and they experienced the satisfaction of making a difference.

Please continue to pray for the Kawan ministry and for the other charities that Dalat has supported this Christmas season.



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We have been able to provide for many people this Christmas season and through that I believe we, the Dalat community have received much in return.

Your generosity has been extended to many poor families in Penang, Kulim, Nebong Tebal and Taiping; to the Eden Home Handicapped Center; Bethesda Home; Sunshine Home, Kulim and the Dyhana Ashram Boys Home, Kulim. We have bought saris for widows; school uniforms for the handicapped & poor children. We have sent school supplies to children and Sunday schools on the mainland. Your generosity has blessed almost 200 refugees and this year they will have the freedom to celebrate Christ' birth this Christmas season.

I would personally like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may you continue to be blessed in the New Year.

*Where Charity & Love exist, God is there.
Thank you for the support that you give to all Charity & Compassion Projects.*

MOVIE REVIEWS

Movie	Rating
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Acceptable

Alvin and the Chipmunks US-PG, MY-U

Strong sexual content, crude humor and language

Enchanted US-PG, MY-U

Some scary images. Overall great Disney film.

I Am Legend US-PG13, MY-U

Very scary with disturbing images but otherwise clean. High school only

National Treasure: Book of Secrets US-PG, MY-U

Some violence and action

***The Golden Compass** US-PG13, MY-U

Sequences of fantasy violence, anti-religion themes.

Not Acceptable

The Ferryman US-NA, MY-18PL

Intense horror, inappropriate images and language

The Heartbreak Kid US-R, MY-U

Strong sexual content, crude humor and language

Hitman US-R, MY-NA

Strong violence, language and sexuality

The Kingdom US-R, MY-NA

Graphic brutal violence and inappropriate language

*Please note that **The Golden Compass** is an adaptation of part of an objectionable trilogy of novels. Titled *His Dark Materials*, the books were written to be an

influential atheistic counterpart to “The Chronicles of Narnia” and “The Lord of the Rings.” They are aimed at children and were written by anti-God activist Phillip Pullman.

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