



DALAT NEWS

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ice Cold Feet

The week before school reconvened, teachers and dorm parents met for our staff retreat. The theme for the retreat was "*Becoming a 3:13 Community.*" This theme was based on Hebrews 3:13 where we are told to "... encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today..." We spent time looking at the importance of encouraging each other and our students and how a timely encouragement can make the difference in someone's day, week, month, or life. Over the coming weeks I would like to highlight this topic in the director's message of the *Dalat News*.

For our staff and students the semester always has its challenges and trials. There are times where the work is hard and there is much to be done. Did you know that encouragement can not only have an impact on us emotionally but mentally and physically as well? An experiment was done to measure people's capacity to endure pain. In this experiment a barefooted person stood in a bucket of ice water. It was documented that when there was someone offering encouragement and support the participant was able to tolerate the pain twice as long as when no one else was present¹.

I am sure at times the Dalat students and staff look upon the homework and assignments they have ahead of them much like a person about to put their feet into a bucket of ice water. We may not be able to take away the bucket of ice water but if we come alongside and give words of encouragement they will be able to persevere through the challenge ahead of them better and we can make a difference in their lives.

Wishing you a fun and "warm" weekend,

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

¹. [Encouragement Changes Everything](#): John C. Maxwell, Thomas Nelson, 2008

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

This semester we have some great options for your kids to sign up for in their Exploratory (7th and 8th grades) and Eureka's (5th and 6th grades). As you can see below there is quite a list of options available to them. These are during p-period and give the students the chance to sign up for something less academic and more just because it sounds interesting, fun, or challenging. Ask your student what they

are doing in these classes. Their p-period schedule should be written down in their Agenda. Here are the options...

5th and 6th Grade Eureka

Student Council, Arts and Crafts, Musical/Drama, ESL Help, Activities with Holden, A-Maze-ing, Competitive swimming, Study hall, Choir, Archery, Brain Quest, Scrabble

7th and 8th Grade Exploratory options

Student Council, Jazz Band, Worship team, Wrestling, Food Studies, Finger style guitar, Weightlifting, ESL help, Drama, Industrial Arts, Study hall, Sewing, Critter Man and Classroom assistance.

[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

As partners in your child's education, I want to once again emphasize the importance of reading together every night. If you are interested in some ways to make the reading time more enjoyable and worthwhile take a look at some of the following suggestions. There are lots of great ideas in these tip sheets.* How about trying some of them this week to get geared up for "Battle of the Books".

- [Tips for Parents of Preschoolers](#)
- [Tips for Parents of Kindergartners](#)
- [Tips for Parents of First Graders](#)
- [Tips for Parents of Second Graders](#)
- [Tips for Parents of Third Graders](#)

*Links are copied from "ReadingRockets.org"

[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Join Dalat's Prayer Team!

The Development Department sends out a list of weekly prayer points for Dalat and its students. If you would like to be added to the email list please email Larry Chinn at: lchinn@dalat.org.



THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 5 th Feb	7.00pm Troop 222 Meeting
Wednesday, 6 th Feb	6.30pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday, 7 th Feb	Chinese New Year Holiday
Friday, 8 th Feb	Chinese New Year Holiday

THIS WEEK MENU

Monday	Minestrone Soup, Corn Soup, Whole Wheat Rolls, Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice Salad Bar, Dessert - Ice Cream, Water, Milk, Milo
Tuesday	Cheese Pizza, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Dessert – Fruit, Water, Juice
Wednesday	Irish Beef Hotpot Stew, Rolls Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Dessert - Brownies Water, Milk, Milo
Thursday	No School
Friday	No School

LONG WEEKEND CAMPUS HOURS

Happy Chinese New Year 4706 (or 2008) year of the Rat! Dalat campus will be open during the long holiday weekend at these times:

Wednesday, February 6 – 7:45 am – 10:00 pm
Thursday, February 7 – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, February 8 – 11:00 am – 10:00 pm
Saturday, February 9 – 11:00 am – 10:00 pm
Sunday, February 10 – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



ISKL Basketball Tourney Jan 25&26: Our girls managed to defeat their 1st 2 opponents Garden & ISKL which allowed them the privilege of playing in the championship final against Alice Smith. Alice Smith captured the Gold medals with a convincing win. Word on the street is that the girls are happy to bring home the Silver medals...alive! Our boys managed to win their 1st match of the day against KTJ. Losses to Garden & ISKL meant 3rd in their pool of 4 teams, thus earning a playoff spot for 5th/6th, where we snagged the 5th place honors with a 23-20 win over ISKL "B". After a quick meal at the highway overpass it was on the road to Penang. Special thanks to Val Weidemann & Vi Steinert who joined us as chaperones for this annual trip & to our lone parent fan, Stu Lyman. The teams represented Dalat in fine fashion as usual & were a treat to manage...Thanks on behalf of the coaching staff, **Clay Moss & myself!**



MSSPP: The annual MSSPP Cross Country season happened last weekend with the Merentas Desa or Long Run on the West side of the Island, Balik Pulau. **Debbie Chinn & Lisa Munson** made sure that **Emma & Evan Daniel** were on time to complete the 2.8km stretch. Word in the country is that the kids really enjoyed their experience & not only that but their parents thoroughly enjoyed taking them at that early hour of the morning. ☺

Track & Field entries are due **Feb 4th** with Kelawai Zone competitions scheduled for Feb 18-20 @ City Stadium. Practices will run Mon/Wed for the next 2 weeks. See me if interested.

U15/U18 Boys Soccer: Coaches **Mike Holden & Brian Merusi** for HS & **Ben Stutzman & Rob Nollan** for MS have begun practices & competition is scheduled to begin in late Feb.

Softball: **Mark Sasse** has his sites set on the 1st Dalat MSSPP competition for as long as anyone can remember. He is being assisted by **Shauna Archer, Bob Davis & Pat Rogers** every Mon/Wed after school.

Volleyball: **Lisa Munson** will be training her U15/U18 girls every Mon/Tues/Wed for the month of Feb in anticipation of a late March competition.

Basketball: HS Boys & Girls are looking at April competitions, quite likely here on our Dalat campus, with practices to begin early in March.

Cricket: Malaysia is hosting the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2008 specifically Johor, KL, & Penang. Penang is group C & includes Australia, Sri Lanka, Nepal & Namibia. **Schedule:**

Penang Sports Club: Feb 17– Australia Vs Namibia; Feb 18 Sri Lanka Vs Nepal; Feb 22 Australia Vs Sri Lanka;

USM: Feb 19 – Australia Vs Nepal; Feb 20 – Sri Lanka Vs Namibia; Feb 21 – Nepal Vs Namibia;

That's all for this week folks. Stay tuned!

[Gerry Steiert](#)

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ESL CLASSES FOR DALAT PARENTS

ESL Parent Classes

English as a Second Language Parent Classes will be starting soon. There will be classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced English learners during school hours.

Please register now with Denise Ch'ng at dchng@dalat.org or by going to Room 21A in the middle school.



CHARITY AND COMPASSION

It is in giving that we receive.



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If you would like to bring in donations of cash, food or clothing you can find us across from the guard house at the front gate. All donations are gratefully accepted.

All recycling at Dalat goes to benefit local charities so please help us, help each other and the environment. The schools recycling bins are located to the left of the school gate when you drive on campus.

We currently have 7 needy families that we bless with basic necessities at the end of each month. We supply them with rice, oil, Milo, milk powder and bihun. If you would like to help with this ministry you can drop donations off at the Charity & Compassion office.

Please remember our refugee friends; they all need our prayer support at this time.

If you would like more information about Charity & Compassion please contact me Beth Steiert at bsteiert@dalat.org or call 012 430 2231.

Where Charity & Love exist, God is there.

Thank you for your donation

MOVIE REVIEWS

<u>Movie</u>	<u>Rating</u>
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Acceptable

The Game Plan	US- PG, MY-U
Mild thematic elements	
In the Name of the King	US-?, MY-U
Action violence, disturbing images	
Mad Money	US-PG13, MY-U
Mild drug and sexual material and references. High school only	

Unacceptable

American Gangster	US-R, MY-18PL
Violence, pervasive drug content and inappropriate language and sexual content	
Cloverfield	US-PG13, MY-U
Violence, terror and inappropriate sexual material	
Eastern Promises	US-R, MY-18PL
Brutal and bloody violence, inappropriate language and sexuality	
The Eye	US-PG13, U
Violence, terror and disturbing content	
Gabriel	US-?, MY-18PL
Extreme violence	
John Rambo	US-R, MY-18SG
Strong graphic bloody violence, grisly images and language	
Meet the Spartans	US-PG13, MY-18PL
Crude and sexual content throughout, inappropriate language	
P2	US-R, MY-18PL
Strong violence, gore, terror and inappropriate language	
Sweeny Todd	US-R, MY-18PL
Graphic bloody violence	

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