



DALAT NEWS

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Encouragement For Abe

At the Smithsonian Institute they have on display the personal effects that Abraham Lincoln was carrying on the night he was shot. In one of his pockets they found a worn-out newspaper clipping praising his accomplishments as president.

Why would one of the greatest presidents in the history of the U.S. be carrying around such an article? Because Lincoln led the nation during a divisive time and was often criticized by the press for the many decisions he had to make. It can be theorized that when often facing criticisms and the hard situations that was his life as president, this article was read by him for encouragement.¹

We all need to be encouraged through hard times. Life is hard and we face struggles each and every day. One of the responsibilities we have as friends, family, and colleagues is to encourage one another. It is part of living in community. The definition of the word encouragement is “to place courage in someone” and when life is hard that is exactly what we need – the courage to face a tough situation, to get the work done, to make a hard decision.

Take some time this next week to give someone you know “courage”.

Have a great weekend,

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

¹ John C. Maxwell, *Encouragement Changes Everything*

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

I am finding the Dalat community to be a very active and alive neighborhood. Last Friday's "P" period showcased our High School Forensics' team to our Middle School and High School students. Students, who have been preparing for many months, treated us to drama duets and a reading from King Lear. The team left with Coach, Barb Case, on Wednesday for KL to compete at the ISKL tournament. Our Track and Field team under the leadership of Coach Steiert did extremely well at the MSSPP competition this past week. Several medals were earned by our talented Dalat students and we are all very proud of the gifts these children possess. Gerry has the full story in his section but I want to publically congratulate the medal winners: Bronze Medals – Joshua Watson U15 Long Jump; Harry Mak U15 Shot Put; Silver Medal – Elmo Lin U18 Javelin; Gold Medals: Angela Steiert – U15 100M Hurdles;

Theresa Phan – U15 100M; Frances Wong – U15 High Jump & 400M; Margaret Stebbins – U18 100M. This is a very good showing for a small school such as Dalat and I would, also, like to congratulate the parents of these talented individuals. Our U18 Football team, which is the reigning Penang Island North Champions, is the favorite to go all the way again this year. They began the tournament on Tuesday with a convincing win over Haji Zainul Abidin 3-0. Coaches Holden & Merusi are doing a fantastic job with these young men. Our seniors are attending the Transitions Retreat this Thursday and Friday at Paradise. This is a time where they will be processing their upcoming departure from Dalat and begin to reflect on what is ahead. Our thanks go out to Tim Parsons and Jacki Steinkamp for organizing this relevant and important seminar for our seniors. And, with all this going the campus is buzzing with preparations for MEW which happens this next week. Active and alive we are!

[Fred Colburn](#)

High School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Friday the 29th of February the Middle school will meet in the chapel during p-period to recognize our great achievers from first semester. We will be handing out academic awards based on GPA and class awards. We will also be recognizing the students who have been chosen by staff for displaying character traits associated with our schools ESLR's (Expected School wide Learning Results). We will honor God Seekers, Faithful Stewards, Transformed Thinkers, Effective Communicators, and Passionate Learners.

Friday the 7th of March we will once again gather in the Chapel to honor those students who have been selected to participate in our schools National Junior Honor Society. Members must meet stringent grade-point requirements and be selected by staff as students who show excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

Parents are welcome to join us at both events in the chapel at 3:05 pm. Come celebrate the achievement of our excellent Middle school students.

[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Parents,

Please note that the date for elementary **parent/teacher conferences is Wednesday March 26th**. This was published on your calendars incorrectly on the 27th. You will be assigned a time to meet with teachers on that day and we encourage you to come and talk with the teachers.

[Brian Brewster](#)

FROM THE LIBRARY

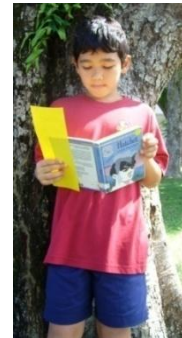
A note from the Elementary Library Battle of the Books Grades 1 – 4

I'm really encouraged to see so many young readers on campus! As I walk back from the cafeteria I "catch" students reading all over the place—on the swings, benches and leaning against trees. I even got a glimpse of a second grader reading a "Battle of the Books" book at Chili's restaurant a week or so ago! Yeah! I hope the students are all enjoying the stories. Keep up the effort; the contest is only a few weeks away now.



Just a reminder: the battle will take place on Thursday March 20th at 8:30 in the chapel. Everyone's invited to come and cheer on our readers and simply enjoy the fun! If you'd like to volunteer to help with table groups, score keeping or passing out prizes let me know—it's all fun! We'll be scooping ice cream later in the day too...

We all love a parade! Using their own creative genius each student will be creating a parade "float" based on one of the books from the contest. Please send an empty shoe box (or two) with your grade 1-4 child next week. All other essential supplies will be provided for them. The students will create these in class. We will use these floats in a book parade as we march down to the chapel. If you have questions, suggestions or other input come and chat with Mrs. Mia. Thanks!



THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 26 th February	MEW Meeting – 6:30pm
Wednesday, 27 th February	MEW Meeting – 6:30pm
Thursday, 28 th February	MEW Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday, 29 th February	STUCO Event

THIS WEEK MENU

Monday	Mexican Stir-Fry, Corn Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Juice/Water
Tuesday	Basil Chicken over Angel Hair Pasta, Garlic Bread

Wednesday	Sandwich Bar - Tuna, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milo/Water
Thursday	Pork with Sugar Snap Peas, White Rice Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice/Water
Friday	Taco Salad, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar - Ham & Cheese, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milo/Water
	Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup, Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice/Water

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Position Holding Fee (1550 RM) is due for the 2008/2009 school year.

Deposit is due March 17, 2008

Your child's spot will be held until that date; after that, we will accept new applicants and cannot guarantee that there will be space in your child's class. Our receipt of the holding deposit will ensure your child's position here at Dalat next year.

Don't forget to order your Jumpa Lagi t-shirt!

Please return forms to:

**Lydia Roberts, Admissions
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Thank you for your help and continued support!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Greetings Sports Fans!

MSSPP 2008 Results:

Kelawai Zone Track & Field @ City Stadium:

Feb 18th: U15 LJ – Joshua Watson **Bronze**; Jamie Sullivan **4th**; U18 Javelin – Elmo Lin

Silver; U15 100M Hurdles – Angela Steiert **Gold**; U15 100M – Theresa Phan **Gold**;
U15 100M – Harry Mak **5th**; U18 100M – Margaret Stebbins **Gold** & Anna Kang **5th**;
U18 100M – Bruce Mak **4th**; U15 400M & High Jump – Frances Wong **Double Gold!**
Feb 19th: U15 Shot Put – Harry Mak **Bronze**; U18 Discus – Josie Steinkamp **4th**.

State T&F Competition is scheduled for March 25th – 28th over on the Mainland at the Batu Kawan Stadium for athletes who finished in the top 2. Congratulations to these young athletes for their terrific efforts & of course to their parents for allowing them to participate & use their gifts.

Soccer played @ Westland's:

U15: Ben Stutzman & his boys allowed only 5 goals in game 1 on Monday against the reigning 2007 champs from St. Xavier. Next action is **Mon, Feb 25th 3:30** Vs Teluk Bahang.

U18: Mike Holden & Brian Merusi were smiling during (but more after) Tuesday's Game #1 as the Eveready squad defended the Penang Island North Zone with a convincing 3-0 romp past rivals Haji Zainul Abidin! Team goals were put in by Tim Babcock, Chris Kim & Ezra Das. May **Friday Feb 22nd 5:00** game against our hearing impaired friends from Pendidikan Khas will be the final pool game before playoffs. Catch it!

Japanese Invitational Girls/Boys 4x25m relay Swim Meet:

Steven Kwon, Simon Karing, Tim Phan, Richard Oh captured the Gold over the Japanese School and St. Chris! Joanna Robinson, Brittany Hurlbut, Lucia Combrink, Michelle Chan were very close & received the silver medals. Special thanks to Tibbett Merusi for coaching this crew & to Sue Hee Karing for her dryland support! Well done everyone!

Softball – Mark Sasse, Dennis Tyas, Bob Davis, Pat Rogers & Shauna Archer will be hosting an intersquad game of sorts this Sat, Feb 23rd on upper campus, roughly from 9:30-11:30.

MS/Elem PE Teacher Lisa Munson & her classes do a fair amount of running every period. Lisa also provides the children with challenges, both as individuals & as a class in order to make the cardio fitness pursuit more exciting & rewarding. This year Lisa's **Grade 3/4** class will soon be "Virtually Running" across part of the United States with Ultra-Endurance athlete Paul Staso. In 2008, Paul has challenged kids from 5-18 years anywhere on this beautiful earth to run with him 620 miles across Montana. His acronym P.A.C.E. stands for *Promoting Active Children Everywhere*. Teams of children, ages 5 through 18 years, will "virtually" race Paul 620 miles across Montana. There is much more info you can read about if you follow the website:

www.pacetrekk.com Check it out & you will see our Dalat kids on there!

I think it is really interesting how the internet can make these special opportunities available & also that Lisa is taking the time to promote this fun & rewarding activity, while at the same time keeping our youngsters fit! **Way 2 go Lisa!**

That's all for this week folks.

[Gerry Steiert](#)

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CHARITY AND COMPASSION

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This past week we adopted one new family which brings our monthly total to 8 families. We supply them with rice, oil, Milo, milk powder and bihun. This family is special to us because they were one of the first families whose house we rebuilt after the tsunami. The father is partially blind and unable to find full time work, the son is now 14 years old and just recently the mother was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and has had to quit her job. They are in dire need of our help.

If you would like to help with this ministry you can drop donations off at the Charity & Compassion office. All donations of cash, food or clothing are gratefully accepted.

Please remember our refugee friends who have to relocate due to a water shortage.

If you would like more information about Charity & Compassion projects please contact 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

Acceptable

Dan in Real Life US- PG13, MY-U

Some innuendos but overall a good family movie

Step Up 2 the Streets US-PG13, MY-U

Mild inappropriate language and some suggestive material. High School only.

Unacceptable

Eastern Promises US-R, MY-18PL

Brutal and bloody violence, inappropriate language and sexuality

John Rambo US-R, MY-18SG

Strong graphic bloody violence, grisly images and language
Jumper US-PG13, MY-U
Sequences of intense action violence, unacceptable language and brief sexuality.
Meet the Spartans US-PG13, MY-18PL
Crude and sexual content throughout, inappropriate language
One Missed Call US-R, MY-18PL
Intense sequences of violence and terror, inappropriate sexual and thematic elements
P2 US-R, MY-18PL
Strong violence, gore, terror and inappropriate language
Redline US-PG13, MY-18PL
Inappropriate language and relationships.

Not Yet Reviewed

Vantage Point US-PG13, MY-U
Sequences of intense action violence, some disturbing images and some strong language. High School only.

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