



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### The Gift

Over these first few weeks of school I have been focusing on the topic of encouragement and challenging us to be more encouraging. I have highlighted how important encouragement is in the life of individuals and the community as a whole. We have seen that it can help people persevere, face tough challenges and trials, and make a difference in people's day, week, month, and or lives.

The amazing thing about encouragement is that it has a ripple effect. If people start to encourage each other it spreads and then other people start encouraging each other. Not only does it spread and bring hope and joy to those in the community it also has a direct benefit to the encourager.

In his book *Winning with People* John Maxwell tells the following story from Dan Clark's life that I believe illustrates the reciprocal effect that encouragement has on people:

*Dan Clark recalls that when he was a teenager, he and his father once stood in line to buy tickets for the circus. As they waited, they noticed the family immediately in front of them. The parents were holding hands, and they had eight children in tow, all behaved well and all probably under the age of twelve. Based on their clean but simple clothing, he suspected they didn't have a lot of money. The kids jabbered about the exciting things they expected to see, and he could tell that the circus was going to be a new adventure for them.*

*As the couple approached the counter, the attendant asked how many tickets they wanted. The man proudly responded, "Please let me buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets so I can take my family to the circus."*

*When the attendant quoted the price, the man's wife let go of his hand, and her head drooped. The man leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The attendant again quoted the price. The man obviously didn't have enough money. He looked crushed.*

*Clark said his father watched all of this, put his hand in his pocket, pulled out a twenty-dollar bill, and dropped it on the ground. His father then reached down, picked up the bill, tapped the man on the shoulder, and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."*

*The man knew exactly what was going on. He looked straight into Clark's father's eyes, took his hand, shook it, and with a tear streaming down his cheek, replied, "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."*

*Clark and his father went back to their car and drove home. They didn't have*

*enough money to go to the circus that night, but it didn't matter. They had encouraged a whole family. And it was something neither family would ever forget.*

God has created us in such a way that when we encourage other people we ourselves are encouraged. You can't help it, it is not why you do it, but what a person gets back from encouraging others, is encouragement. What a wonderful gift it can be.

Enjoy the giving and receiving of the gift called encouragement.

Have a great weekend,

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

### ID Card

The Malaysian government is now requiring all foreign students to have a government issued ID card. In an attempt to help make this easier for parents the school is arranging for a visit from immigration officials. Their visit will save each parent the trouble of a trip to Butterworth to get the cards. The first step in the process happened last week when all students had a picture taken. The next step is for the school to collect all of our student's passports. This will allow us to photocopy them and organize them for the immigration officials visit on Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>. When they come they will verify the information is correct and make the cards. Note that they will not take the passports with them when they come, but will need to see the passport and the child.

Your assistance is needed to make this process happen smoothly. We need to collect every students passport. **They should be delivered to the collection point at the Student Center on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.** We will sign off a sheet showing they are in our possession and give you a receipt. You will be able to collect them again from the office on Friday (March 7).

Please note that you are not required to do this through the school, but if you choose not to use this service, you will be required to take the steps on your own to get a student ID card. We appreciate your efforts to make this process as smooth as possible for everyone.

**Help!** Because of the extra number of parents who we expect to stop on campus this day, parking on upper campus will limit the traffic congestion on campus. Please park on the field and walk through onto campus. As always the gate will be open from 8-9am and from 3-4pm to allow easy access. You may find how convenient this access to the campus is and choose to use it every day!

[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

**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**  
**Dalat International School**  
**Tanjung Bunga, 11200 Penang, Malaysia**  
[admissions@dalat.org](mailto:admissions@dalat.org)

Thank you for your help and continued support!

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 4 Mar	NHS Assembly & Luncheon 7.00pm Troop 222 Meeting
Wednesday, 5 Mar	6.30pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, 7 Mar	3.00pm NJHS Assembly
Saturday, 8 Mar	8.00pm Parents Night Out

### THIS WEEK MENU

Monday	MYO Burrito, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Juice/Water
Tuesday	Corn Chowder, Chicken Pasta Salad, Whole Wheat Rolls Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milo/Water
Wednesday	Beef Rendang, White Rice, Mixed Veggies Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice/Water
Thursday	Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread Sandwich Bar: Ham & Cheese, PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milo/Water
Friday	Chicken Rice, Vegetables Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad, PB&J

Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice/Water

## DISNEY COMES TO PENANG !



### *Disney Comes to Penang!*

Disney On Ice Live! Mickey's Amazing Journey will be at the Penang International Sports Arena on the 12 and 13 of April 2008. Dalat International School families are eligible to receive a 20% discount on all seats.

Saturday, 12 Apr 2008	11:00 am	4:30 pm	8:30 pm
Sunday, 13 Apr 2008	11:00 am	4:30 pm	8:30 pm

**You can get your 20% discount tickets by coming by the Dalat International School on FRIDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008 (2.30pm – 4.30pm) at the Student Center.**

Seating Type	Discount Price	Regular Price
Rinkside VIP (Assigned seating)	RM 167.00	RM 205
Rinkside (Assigned seating)	RM 127.00	RM 155
Lower Tier (Assigned seating)	RM 87.00	RM 105
Upper Tier (Free seating)	RM 47.00	RM 55

## FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

March will be a busy month for our student performers! We invite you to add the following events to your calendars. **Please note the revisions in this list, including a new date for the MS Drama (March 27).**



### Upcoming Performing Arts Events:

Ambassadors at Hillside Baptist Church  
Sunday, March 9, 10:30 AM

Four Corners and Dalat Jazz Band  
at "Ria" Arts Event--Uplands  
Thursday, March 13, 7:10 and 8:10 PM respectively

Palm Sunday Praise & Worship  
Sunday, March 16, 6:30 PM

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Concert  
Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 PM

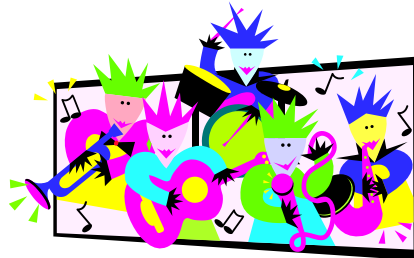
High School Concert  
Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 PM

Grades 5 & 6 Musical  
Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 PM

Middle School Drama  
Thursday, March 27, 3:10 PM

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE



The Dalat Ambassadors Worship Team will be **making a difference** on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, by leading worship at Hillside Baptist Church here in Tanjung Bunga. The Concord area congregation holds its Sunday morning service at 10:30 AM. Students needing transportation will leave Dalat's campus at 10:00 AM Sunday and should return by around 12:30.

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Greetings Sports Fans!

***MSSPP 2008 Results:***

Soccer played @ Westland's:

**U15: Mon, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** Dalat 0 Vs Teluk Bahang 8. Latest intel puts this Teluk Bahang team as the likely favorite to win it all this season so Coach **Ben Stutzman** & his young squad experienced the wonderful opportunity of playing a championship team. Well done!

**U18: Friday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Mike Holden & Brian Merusi** & their defending 2007 Island North Champs finished pool play on Fri with a perfect record after putting 5 goals past the Pendidikan Khas defense making them **Pool A Champs** ready to play Pool B #2 (*which will be either Tanjung Bungah or Westland's, depending on Tuesday's results*) on **Wed, March 5<sup>th</sup> 3:15 @ Westland's. Championship Final is Thurs Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00.**

***Future MSSPP 2008***

**U18 Girls Volleyball** **Lisa Munson** has a team, the 1<sup>st</sup> in several years, ready for the competition scheduled for Mar 17-28 @ Hamid Khan. Coaches mtg is 2:30 Thurs, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> also at Hamid Khan.

**U18 Basketball** Coaches mtg is 2:30 Mon, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Chung Ling Butterworth School on the Mainland, which will also be the site of this year's Penang State Tourney, probably held April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Island competition will once again be held right here on campus in our wonderful indoor facility, on the recently refinished & re-lined floor. Dates are April 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

**U18 Softball & U15 Girls Softball** Coaches mtg is still TBA but the competition will be sometime in March.

**State T&F Competition Batu Kawan Stadium March 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** Athletes who finished Top 2 in each event are invited to participate in this next level on the Mainland.

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**HS Girls Volleyball @ Dalat Monday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:45-5:30** Come & watch our HS Girls coached by **Lisa Munson & Shauna Archer** as they host teams from Union, Phor Tay & Convent Green Lane for some friendly games.

**Penang Floorball Association League March 2008** The schedule appears to be finalized & here are the times when our very own **Dalat Eagles** can be seen in action **7pm** each nite at the Dalat Gym: **Sat 1<sup>st</sup>** Vs Frontliners Trojans; **Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** Vs Ztec 8cers; **Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** Vs Contact Bullets; **Sun 16<sup>th</sup>** Vs Frontliners Trojans; **Tues 18<sup>th</sup>** Vs Ztec 8cers; **Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** Vs Contact Bullets;

[www.pacetrek.com](http://www.pacetrek.com) In case you somehow missed this link from last week, here it is again!

**Lisa Munson** registered her **Grade 3 & 4 PE** Classes to “Virtually Run” across part of the United States with Ultra-Endurance athlete Paul Staso, whose acronym P.A.C.E. stands for *Promoting Active Children Everywhere*. Feel free to click for more info!

That's all for this week folks.

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**CHARITY AND COMPASSION**

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*Our MEW focus this week is missions and ministry work. Kawan House and the Burmese refugees will be the recipients of our efforts to raise funds and supplies this week.*

*Charity & Compassion has been dedicated to helping those less fortunate for the past 5 years. In that time we have provided food and clothing to the poor and homeless on Penang and the mainland; given bus fare to children so they can go to school; taken food hampers and school supplies to the Orang Asli; rebuilt homes after fire, tsunami and floods destroyed them; supported handicapped athletes in their involvement in international competition; adopted families with no other means of support. We have sent clothing and supplies as far away as Medan, Indonesia and Tamil Nadu, India. Our efforts would not be possible without the support of our Dalat community or family and friends back home in North America.*

*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.*

*If you would like more information about Charity & Compassion projects please contact Beth Steiert at [bsteiert@dalat.org](mailto: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.

**Flood**

US-PG, MY-U

Scenes of disaster and peril. A good 'ol disaster movie set in London.

**Martian Child**

US- PG, MY-U

Some minor inappropriate language. Overall a good movie, especially parents.

**Step Up 2 the Streets**

US-PG13, MY-U

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

## **Unacceptable**

**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.

**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.

**Vantage Point**

US-PG13, MY-U

Sequences of intense action violence, some disturbing images and inappropriate language.

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