



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

What It Is

Throughout the first part of this semester we have been taking a look at how incredibly important encouragement is. In this last director's message on encouragement I wanted to look at two things about encouragement; what it isn't and what it is.

What It Isn't:

First of all encouragement is not flattery. Our reason for giving encouragement is to "inspire with courage, spirit, or hope." The reason for the encouragement is centered on the other person. Flattery on the other hand is to "praise from motives of self interest." When someone is flattering a person the reason is centered on themselves. Therefore the key issue is the person's motives.

Second, encouragement is not praise. Praise is associated with accomplishments or achievement. It often comes paired with judgment or evaluation. Does that mean you cannot "encourage" someone for doing a good job or performing well? No. It just means that encouragement should not only come in the face of achievement. Encouragement is not based on performance; in fact it can come in spite of the person's performance.

What It Is

We have clarified what encouragement is not, so what is it? Well, first of all it is intentional. Giving encouragement is not a natural thing for us as humans. Our natural tendency is to focus on our own needs and what is happening in our lives. We need to get into the habit of looking for opportunities to encourage people. There are many chances to do this but until we get into the practice of looking for them most will pass us by in the busyness of life. One suggestion a website on encouragement gave was to make a list of people you would like to encourage during the week or month and keep that list in a visible location so that you're often reminded of it.

Another important characteristic of encouragement is that it should be personal. If it is truly going to inspire and give someone courage it needs to be specifically for him or her. A general letter out to everyone in your company that is encouraging is *nice* and a positive step, but does not have the impact that personal encouragement has for the individual.

Finally encouragement is original / resourceful. Here are some specific descriptions of what encouragement can be:

- Encouragement can be simple (it does not need to be elaborate to make a difference)
- Encouragement can be verbal (a simple thank you or statement of appreciation)
- Encouragement can be physical (do some work for someone or a simple hug)
- Encouragement can be spiritual (praying for someone or a bible verse to encourage)
- Encouragement can be creative (e-mail, e-cards, poster, cookies, flowers, etc.)

As mentioned in the article last week, encouragement is reciprocal. My hope is that our focus on encouragement has been just that for you, encouraging. So start making those lists and give courage to those around you.

Have a great weekend!

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On February 20th the Dalat Forensics team of Laura Danneker, Anna Fu, Kirsten Gamble, Jessica Gamble, Marieth Kiiza, Vivian Lee, Golnaz Nazim and Rachel Spoelman along with sponsors Barb Case and Mrs. Hawthorne travelled to Kuala Lumpur to the 30th Southeast Asia Forensics Tournament. Not everyone came away as winners of their division, however, the team represented Dalat extremely well and came away feeling it was a tremendous experience. Dalat entered two debate teams with Golnaz and Vivian teaming together and Anna and Kirsten on the other debate team. Golnaz and Vivian won one of their debates receiving some very positive comments from the judges. The duet acting teams of Laura and Jessica along with Kirsten and Rachel did very well with Laura and Jessica making it to the semi finals with their duet piece titled “Scare Me”. Golnaz and Anna participated in impromptu speeches. Marieth, Anna, Laura, and Rachel all performed oral interpretation pieces, with both Rachel and Laura making it into the semi-finals of this division. In the solo acting division Jessica, Laura, and Rachel all participated with Rachel bringing home the gold for her solo piece entitled “The Method”. In all it was a very successful team tournament. The team, along with Mrs. Case, their sponsor and head coach, would like to give a special thank you to all those who helped with the individual coaching this year – Mr. Brewster, Mrs. Merusi, Mrs. Hawthorne, Mr. Tompkins, and Mrs. Colburn.

Also, this past Tuesday, March 4th, seventeen Dalat High School students were honored with their induction into the National Honor Society. The Society was established in 1921 with the purpose of creating enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. The following students met Dalat’s high standards of Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character and now are proud members of the Dalat Chapter of the National Honor Society: Kirsten Brink, Laura Danneker, Juhee Jeong, Katherine Kang, Min-Ji Kang, Paul Kim, Rami Lee, Sally Lee, Riley Mahoney, Susheela Meyyappan, Ashley Nam, Seung-Yoon Nam, Sin-Myung Park, Yushin Park, Tiffany Steinkamp, Naomi Tami, and Cindy Wang. Congratulations to all these students and their parents.

[Fred Colburn](#)

High School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

This afternoon we had the opportunity to honor a select group of students who have been chosen to join our schools chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. In addition to meeting stringent grade point average requirements these seventh and eighth graders who have attended Dalat for at least 3 semesters were chosen by staff members for their service, character, leadership and citizenship. Students chosen for the honor are

8th grade

Danae Frentz

Jeffery Hsiao

Sarah Hwang

Nathan Danneker

7th Grade

Andy Goh

Miguel Ampil

Reagan Mahoney

Ben Weidemann

[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

Thank you for your help and continued support!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 11 Mar	7.30pm Troop 222 Mtg
Wednesday, 12 Mar	6.30pm Prayer Mtg
Sunday, 16 Mar	6.30pm Praise & Worship

THIS WEEK MENU

Monday	Sloppy Joes, Glazed Carrots Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Juice/Water
Tuesday	Baked Chicken, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Asian Noodles, Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad/ PB&J, Salad Bar, Oatmeal Cookies Milo/Water
Wednesday	Chinese Pork, Rice, Veggies, Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad and PB&J, Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice/Water
Thursday	Mostaccioli, Garlic Bread Sandwich Bar: Ham & Cheese and PB&J, Salad Bar, Fruit, Milo/Water
Friday	Cheesy Potater-Tot Casserole Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad and PB&J, Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice/Water

PARENT DISCUSSION GROUPS



The guidance department is hosting a Parent Discussion Group Wednesday Mar. 19 at 8:30 a.m. in room 10. The topic will be ***“Online Education.”*** We will be discussing online course providers such as VHS and Seven Star, Dalat graduation requirements, Dalat online courses, DIScourse and registering for classes in high school. Come join us and other parents and learn more about the opportunities your children have via online education. If you have any questions please contact Tim Parsons (high school), James Allen (middle school), or Jacki Steinkamp (elementary).

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Greetings Sports Fans!

MSSPP 2008 Results:

Soccer played @ Westland's:

U18: Our defending Island North Zone Champs 2007 met *Westland's* on Wed, March 5th in the cross pool semi final. Scoreless after 80 minutes of regulation play we edged past them 1-0 with a goal by Chris Kim early in the 1st of 2 overtime periods. This secured a spot in the Penang Island North Zone Championship final on Thursday against St. Xavier. As a beautiful sunset covered Westland's field our very own Dalat Eagles proudly took home the MSSPP Silver medals, content with the 2-1 score in favor of St. Xavier knowing they had given their best. **Director Karl Steinkamp** presented the U15 prizes & medals on behalf of Dalat. & thanks to Coaches **Mike Holden & Brian Merusi** plus Manager Danny Babcock. Special thanks to you our wonderful fans. Well done everyone!

Future MSSPP 2008

U18 Girls Volleyball **Lisa Munson** attended the coaches mtg @ Hamid Khan on Thurs where she entered a team for the MSSPP competition scheduled for March 17-28. **Lisa & Shauna Archer** & their team entertained Convent Green Lane & Union on Mon & Wed this week for several friendly games.

U18 Basketball I attended the coaches mtg Mon @ Chung Ling Butterworth. Island competition is scheduled for April 7th-18th, once again held in our gym on our recently refinished & re-lined floor. 23 boys & 7 girls teams will compete at the Island Level for the right to participate in the State Tourney April 29 – May 2 @ Chung Ling Butterworth.

U18 Softball & U15 Girls Softball Coaches mtg was Thurs @ Kepala Betas on the mainland & Dalat entered 3 teams for the 1st time since anyone can remember. Competition will be March 24th-28th, for all 3 teams so **Head Coach Mark Sasse**, along with his crew of **Shauna Archer, Bob Davis, Pat Rogers & Dennis Tyas** will have a busy week of travel!

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

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: **Sun 9th** Vs Ztec 8cers; **Sat 15th** Vs Contact Bullets; **Sun 16th** Vs Frontliners Trojans; **Tues 18th** Vs Ztec 8cers; **Sun 23rd** Vs Contact Bullets;

Penang Basketball Association Tournament @ Chung Ling Gov't School:

Dalat has entered both a boys & girls team in this National Selection Tournament. The girls schedule is not out yet. Of course, only Malaysian citizens will be selected

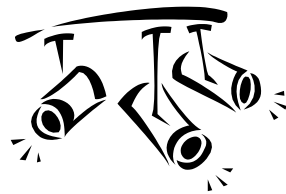
but fortunately our friend Mr. Tan invited us to enjoy some games. Boys play their 1st March games: **Fri 14th 7:30** Vs Eagle; **Sat 15th 7:00** Vs Chung Ling.
That's all for this week folks.

[Gerry Steiert](#)

PE Dept

HP 012-430-6896

FINE ARTS ANNOUNCEMENT



Upcoming Performing Arts Events:

Ambassadors at Hillside Baptist Church

Sunday, March 9, 10:30 AM

**Dalat Jazz Band and Four Corners
at "Ria!" Arts Event--Uplands**

Thursday, March 13, 7:00 and 8:00 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

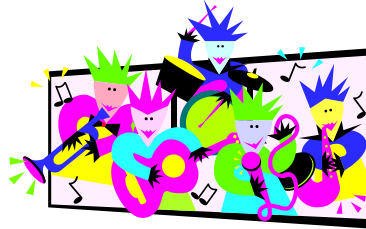
Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 PM

Middle School Drama

Thursday, March 27, 3:10 PM

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

DALAT AMBASSADORS EVENTS



Ministry at HBC--The Dalat Ambassadors Worship Team will be **making a difference** this Sunday, March 9th, 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. On Saturday, March 8th, the group will be rehearsing at the church from 3:30-5:30 PM.

Praise & Worship--Next Sunday, March 16th, the Ambassadors will lead a Palm Sunday celebration during another **Praise & Worship Night**. The hour-long service is open to the entire community, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

*The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest!"*

- Matthew 21:9-



CHARITY AND COMPASSION

It is in giving that we receive.



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There are many poor and needy people in our area and we try hard to help as many as we can. Rice, oil, Milo, milk powder, bihun, sardines or tuna are basic food stuffs that we try to provide to our poor families.

This week we have been asked to collect food for the Anglican Church in Sungei Petani so they can help the poor in their area; Pastor Theva has requested food items for the people in his 3 churches in Nebong Tebal, Kulim and Penang. We send food items to 500 poor people who live near the Rifle Range who are fed a free meal once a month. And just this week, we are currently collecting food and money for our refugee friends here in Penang.

Something to consider about a 10kg bag of rice:

A 10kg bag of rice will feed 40 refugees, 2 small meals a day for 1 day.

A 10KG bag of rice will feed a local family of 4 people, 2 small meals for 10 days.

A 10 kg bag of rice costs less than an ice blended and a muffin at the local Coffee Bean or one entrée at a nice restaurant.

Please consider giving 10kg of rice to help our poor families or our refugee friends.

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 or call 012 430 2231.

Where Charity & Love exist, God is there.

Thank you for your donation.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Acceptable

10,000 BC

US-PG13, MY-U

Intense action violence and peril. High School only.

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.

Spiderwick Chronicles

US-PG, MY-U

Scary creature action and violence, some peril and mild inappropriate language.

Step Up 2 the Streets

US-PG13, MY-U

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

Unacceptable

Jumper

US-PG13, MY-U

Sequences of intense action violence, unacceptable language and brief sexuality.

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.

Larry Chinn

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