

# THE EAGLET

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## No Longer "Thirsty" After Middle School Retreat

By: Tanya Krishnamani, Grade 7 Staff Reporter

On August 15, 2003, about seventy Middle Schoolers invaded the Christian Convention Center (CCC) in Batu Feringhi. Dalat Middle School students were ready to enjoy a fun-filled retreat and make "NewKs" "OK" at the same time.

What did they do? Middle Schoolers played games that involved teamwork, ate scrumptious food, and worshiped together.

After the students arrived and settled down, they broke into their SAT groups and went to stations that different teachers led. Mr. Tyas introduced students to activities designed to use their brain power called Mind Bogglers. Mr. Liss led teamwork games involving cooperation and team friendship, while Mr. Bro-

kaw led music games. Mr. Holden's station involved quick reflexes and athletics.

In Mr. Smith's station, groups brought out their artistic skills to paint posters with their SAT teams names on it!! Ms. Titus directed the drama station and taught the Middle Schoolers skits which were later produced as a part of the evening's entertainment.

Which station did the Middle Schoolers enjoy the best?

"I liked Mr. Brokaw's music station. It was really cool," said Naomi Matanick.

"I enjoyed Mr. Liss's teamwork stations," said Breanne Hansen.

"Ms. Titus's drama station was really awesome!" exclaimed Jesse Thompson.



## MS Retreat Worship a Real Treat

On August 15, over seventy students and teachers swarmed the Christian Convention Center (CCC), ready to have fun, get "Thirsty" and most importantly, to worship God. The worship was incredible! The worship team, which consisted of Theo Love, Nathaniel Matanik, Andrew McClary, and John Hinton showed up to help us worship. We listened to Pud preach a pretty interesting sermon! He took a kid's meal from McDonalds consisting of a small cheeseburger, a coke, French fries, and ketchup and blended it up in a blender. He was trying to tell us that too many good things don't make life better. The point of the sermon was that we need a personal relationship with Jesus to make our lives better.

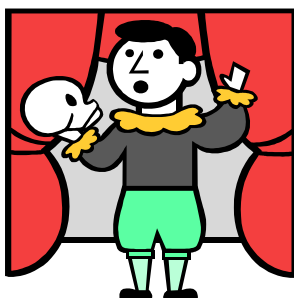
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## Drama With Class!!

By: Tanya Krishnamani

Eight talented people currently make up the drama class: Caleb Caldwell, Stephanie Ens, Matt Ermis, Gregory Kolkman, Reka Kolkman, Amaris Lee, Axel Loehden, John Masters, Mari Maxey Naomi Tami, and of course, Ms. Titus - the drama class 'coach'. Every afternoon, at 1:05,

the drama club meets as "Option A" or "B" in room nineteen.

Ms. Titus is an energetic and pleasant teacher. When asked about the club's purpose, she said, "Instead of 'silly' video making, I'm turning drama into a real theatre preparation."

Why not have an

after school club instead if a class? In answer to this question, Ms. Titus replied, "I have many things to do after school in addition to helping with homework and study club."

Before the year comes to an end, Ms. Titus and her talented actors plan to put on a major production in the chapel.

## “Club Beautiful

By: Jessz Thompson, Grad 8 Staff Reporter



### Club Beautiful– For Girls Only!!!

Club Beautiful. “It is not just to make us up... but to help us feel good about ourselves and who God made us.” Girls, do you know what Mrs. Latsha is talking about? If you said to yourself, “Club Beautiful,” then you are correct! For girls who don’t know what Club Beautiful is, Club Beautiful is an after school activity for girls that is Heaven on Earth! When interviewed, Mrs. Latsha said,

“We will do most of the things that I like!” She likes make-up, nail polish, massages, and most of all, fixing people’s hair. Her main hobby is hair! That is why she has become a professional hair-dresser.

Mrs. Latsha’s inspiration to sponsor this club came mostly from the Lord and from her own experiences as a teenager, which she admits were “pretty bad”. After high school, she went to beauty

school and then got a college music degree. For the past few weeks, she has been leading ‘Beautiful’ but she says that “we will have special guests in the future”. The location of Club Beautiful will depend on the guest. “It’s an opportunity for girls to have a fun time.” Finally, Mrs. Latsha wants the boys to know that it is for GIRLS ONLY!!!

## CluBug Investigation

By: Joshua Wong, Grade 6 Staff Reporter

CluBug , an after school activity for budding entomologists, is sponsored by Mr. McClary, the high school biology teacher. This club meets in room 14, the science lab, every Thursday at 3:30. The club’s main activity is a weekly field trip designed especially to catch bugs. Jonathan Brokaw, a

CluBug member, says this about catching bugs: “Sometimes we look for bugs on campus around the dorms or we go to other places on the island.”

Club members find bugs only on sunny days because insects hide when it rains. On rainy days when bug catching is impossible, Clubbug mem

learn the art of bug identification.

When members go out to find bugs, they borrow nets from room 14 Room 14 and meet at the canteen. After members catch an interesting bug, they learn the best place to stick a pin in their bug’s body in order to put it in a box containing freshener.



After members have finished pinning and boxing their bugs, they can put them in their classroom or bring the box home as a souvenir to show to their parents.

## Dalat’s Varsity Girls Take #2 Spot in National Tournament

By: Breanne Hansen



Dalat girls first to score against Sabah

On September 5, 2003, the Dalat varsity girls soccer team left for Kuala Lumpur. Eighth grader Amanda Hansen, normally a junior varsity player, joined the team for the tournament. Along with one other team, Dalat’s girls represented Penang in the National Women’s Under 18 Soccer Championship. Seven other teams from all around Malaysia participated in the tournament. Dalat’s first game was

Played against Perak where they won 6-0. With excitement still running high from their previous game, Dalat went on to play KL where they won 2-0. They beat Kedah on their third game 3-1. Everyone was excited to see Dalat play in the final against Sabah. Allyson McClary scored the only goal against Sabah in the entire tournament. Unfortunately it wasn’t enough to win the tournament, but

Dalat was still thrilled to win the silver medal.

When the girls first arrived in KL, they went straight to their hostel where they spent the night with the other teams playing in the tournament.

The teams did other things beside playing soccer games such as going to a banquet, shopping at KLCC, and doing homework. After eating the food at the hostel, the girls really (Continued on page 4)

## Food Studies

By: Breanne Hansen

Food Studies is an exploratory class currently made up of 5 students. This class meets every day of the week so there is more time to do hands on cooking instead of only learning about cooking theory. Its purpose is to teach kids to prepare food safely. Kids start off by preparing simple foods such as biscuits or pudding. By the end of the quarter students will be able to prepare a

whole meal.

When interviewed, Mrs. Hansen, the exploratory teacher, said that only 6-8 kids are allowed in the class because the Food Studies room is so small. In case you didn't know, the food studies room is located across from the Chapel in what used to be the old 'cobra room'.

In spite of its small class, the food studies class is doing a big project where they will make a lunch for the middle school teachers. Mrs. Hansen



finds most of the recipes she uses on the internet, and many of these recipes are favorites she has used for years.

If any teachers plan to host a parent night or a class function and need refreshments, they can ask the food studies class to prepare them for only the cost of ingredients.

## LEADERSHIP: A CHANCE TO TAKE CONTROL

By. Jonathan Brokaw

Mr. Holden teaches this class during Exploratory A time. It meets in room 24. Students in this class make up the middle school Student Council, or MS STUCO. In addition to sponsoring this leadership exploratory, Mr. Holden sponsors intermurals, coaches various teams such as soccer and basketball, and teaches P. E.

When asked what made him want to sponsor

the leadership class, Mr. Holden said he really enjoys middle school, wants to be involved with the fun, and has a desire to help students develop leadership skills.

I observed one of the Leadership classes in order to find out what they were planning, particularly with regard to special events. "How can we serve you?" they asked when I observed the class. Later,

they completed a survey to find out what middle school students think would be events they would like to see happen at our middle school. Some of the fun events they are thinking of planning are magic shows, a lock in, special days featuring certain themes, or a rock concert performed by the worship team.

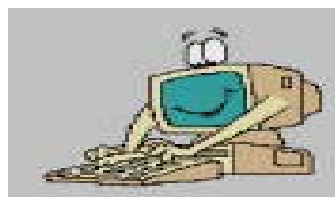
## A New Face in the Computer Lab

By Dominic Robertson

Mr. Rague, the friendly helpful K-8 computer teacher, was sitting in the computer lab when I first met him. This is Mr. Rague's first year of teaching at Dalat International School. Before coming to Dalat, he taught at Bandung Alliance International School in Indonesia.

He teaches a computer class for all middle school students by grade

level. Students at each grade level are required to take his computer class for one quarter. In addition to teaching the required class, he teaches Computer Exploratory classes during Option A and B times in either of the computer labs across from the school's Administrative office. He also teaches computer skills to students in elementary grades 1-5.



His favorite things to teach in computer exploratory classes are web and graphic design. Middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are all working on the same project for Computer Exploratory. Students will be making a middle school yearbook which is designed to be viewed on your computer. This interactive yearbook will be available on a CD-ROM Disc.

## News From Grade Six!

By Dominic and Joshua

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be working on a project about Ancient Egypt. The class will be making paper-mache models, 3-D physical maps, posters, a Power Point presentation of kings and queens, costumes and a 3-D pharaoh's burial chamber. After the project is completed, it will be on display for the whole school to view.

When the project is completed it will be on display for the whole school, in Room 19. An e-mail will be sent to invite people for the presentation. The invitation also invites parents to view the exhibit.

In science, grade six is currently learning about bacteria how can be harmful and helpful to your body, the environment and food production. They observe the bacteria under microscopes (non-harmful bacteria) to get a closer look at their structures and colors.

An interactive yearbook made especially for Middle School students by Middle School students!

The older students (grades 7 and 8) will have more input in the pages that they will be making for the yearbook. Basically every student will make one page for the yearbook containing a photo, general information, and a short biographical statement about what they want to remember about their year at Dalat.

## The Girls Win!

(Continued from page 2) appreciated the food here at Dalat. For example the breakfast consisted of rice, fish, and peanuts. After a long and triumphant trip, the girls were glad to get back and enjoy congratulations from their fellow students.

### Ask Breanne!

Dear Breanne,

I like this boy at school but I can't get him to notice me. Please help me.

Sincerely,  
Desperate



Dear  
Desperate,

Here are some lines guaranteed to get a boy's attention...

- Do you have a Band-Aid? I skinned my knee when I fell for you.
- Your lips are as red as the marks on my report card.
- Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk past you again?
- Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?
- I think I need to call heaven because they lost one of their angels.
- I'm a thief and I'm here to steal your heart

Or you could walk up to him and simply say

- Hi! (It doesn't take much to get a guy's attention.)

Sincerely,  
Breanne



## Letters to the Editor!

Hi!! Would you like to see your ideas, opinions, or suggestions regarding Middle School issues published in the Eaglet? Here's your chance!

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Your opinion is valuable. However, your letter may be edited in the interest of content or space. So get writing!!

## From Curriculum Coordinator to MS Coordinator: An Interview with Mrs. Hodgson

By: Jesse Beth Thompson

"Working at Dalat has been the adventure of my lifetime."

Mrs. Hodgson is the new Middle School Coordinator. This is her third year at Dalat. Previously she was the curriculum coordinator for the whole school.

She has always thought that it would be exciting to work overseas in an international environment. She enjoys the opportunity she has at Dalat to change lives for eternity through ministry in Christian education.

Mrs. Hodgson was born in France. As a child, she grew up in Sumter, South Carolina.

Her dad was in the military so her family lived in a few places before he retired. When he retired, Mrs. Hodgson's family settled in South Carolina. Before she moved to Penang, she lived in Greenville, South Carolina for 14 years. Mrs. Hodgson and her kids, Anna and Brant, moved to Penang in the summer of 2001. They have been at Dalat for two years.



## Dorm Life: A Peek at the Weidemanns and Ziemer Dorm

by: Jonathan Brokaw

Do you know who sponsors the junior class candy selling between Jaffrey Dorm and the clinic? Brian and Valerie Weidemann do. Besides sponsoring this after school activity, they take care of students in Ziemer Dorm. Where is it? It is behind the place where the juniors sell candy, near the fountain. They have 12 dorm kids and 2 kids of their own named Ben and Bethany. Most of the dorm kids are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but there are 12<sup>th</sup> graders and 11<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as one 9<sup>th</sup> grader and a 4<sup>th</sup> grader.

What do the dorm kids do in their free time? The dorm kids write their

parents at least every Sunday via e-mail. They leave to visit their parents the day after school's out during summer and Christmas break, and they come back one or two days before school starts. On the weekends they stay here and do dorm activities. Over the long weekend in September, they went to Penang Hill.

When asked what made her want to be a dorm parent, Mrs. Weidemann said that she had been a kid in Ziemer Dorm and, during an SEW week after she graduated, God told her to do it. Mrs. Weidemann remarked that

her own kids are very good at sharing their parents with the dorm students. Every Tuesday, the Weidemanns get to do activities as a family. When the Weidemanns are having family time on Tuesdays, Aunt Shannon, the dorm relief, takes care of the dorm kids.

