



# THE EAGLET

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## Track and Field 2004: Run ... Run as fast as you can! Can't catch me! I'm the Gingerbread man!

by: Naomi Tami

On February 26 of 2004, high school and middle school students participated in that annual event otherwise known as Track and Field Day, a day of competition and crashing new records.

During the track events, runners ran as though a salivating monster was on their heels...a scene from a scary movie.

Here are the scores for track first place:

### Event Class 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Team

<b>100m</b>	U12	B Nathan Rague <b>Blue</b>
	U12	G Ra-Mi Lee <b>Blue</b>
	U14	B Jared Galloway <b>Yellow</b>
	U14	G Miho Kawabata <b>Red</b>
<b>200m</b>	U12	B Nathan Rague <b>Blue</b>
	U12	G Ra-Mi Lee <b>Blue</b>
	U14	B Bruce Mak <b>Yellow</b>
	U14	G Allison McClary



6<sup>th</sup>. grader Nathan Rague scores first place—and 10 points for the blue team - in the long jump competition!

<b>400m</b>	U12 B Matthew Nguyen <b>Red</b>
	U12 G Linnea Williams <b>Green</b>
	U14 B J.P. Octavio <b>Yellow</b>
	U14 G Carolyn Whiting, <b>Yellow</b>

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## OUR FEARLESS LEADER

by:Tanya Krishnamani

Lets get to know a little more about our director, Mr. David M. Carmichael from Vancouver, Canada (British Columbia.). How did he become to be a principal in the first place? "I applied in University and took Administration," he said in his deep, calm voice. After graduating, he became the principal of several Canadian schools for thirty years then retired at age fifty-five only to practice another useful profession; he became a pastor.

Mr. Carmichael was a pastor for five years but retired again, because he and his wife wanted to something internationally. So then he took up the job as a principal once again, this time in Indonesia. "When I

was in Canada, I was principal in several schools such as Crescent Park and Port Kells. I also was in Indonesia for two years and was the principal of a school called Bandung Alliance International School," he said. Of course, here in Malaysia, he is the great and friendly director of our school.

Mr.Carmichael says he enjoys being a director... Why? Because he likes leading, organizing, and facilitating... and he enjoys the energy that he said we middle schoolers have. Speaking of our school, he said, "I love the students. They're very friendly. Dalat is a very lively place with a lot of activities and is a positive school," he complimented.

### Upcoming Events

- March 19—3rd. Quarter Ends
- March 21—24—MEW—  
Mission Emphasis Week (no homework!)
- March 30—April 2: ITBS Testing
- March 4—Palm Sunday
- April 9—Good Friday
- April 11—Easter Sunday
- April 28—NJHS—National Junior Honor Society Induction

# Cheaper by the Dozen? You Gotta be Kidding!

by: Mari Maxey

Jeremiah and Erika Gordon, our Eckman dorm parents, met at Toccoa Falls College. Originally, Aunt Erika came from New York State, and Uncle Jeremiah came from Pennsylvania. They knew exactly that they wanted to be dorm parents before coming here.

Before becoming the Eckman dorm parents, the Gordons worked at Edgewood Children’s Ranch. This is the same ranch that the Miners and Collins have worked. Edgewood Children’s Ranch is a place for children with anger, discipline or personal problems. Although it is technically a ranch, it contains no horses or animals. The Gordons worked in a cabin with 12 boys between the ages of ten and twelve

years old. They really enjoyed their experience there.

One of the interesting things about that ranch was that the children and workers got free entries to Disneyland and Disney World. In the two years that they worked there, Aunt Erika and Uncle Jeremiah have visited both of the Disney amusement parks in America.

On the personal side, Aunt Erika has two brothers, Dean (younger) and Brian (older). She likes to savor her memories by making scrapbooks. A chocolate lover, Aunt Erika’s favorite treat is York Peppermint Patties.

Uncle Jeremiah has one brother one sister, both older than himself. In his spare time, he likes to play tennis and go rock climbing.

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<b>800m</b>	U12 B	Matthew Nguyen <b>Red</b>
	U12 G	Linnea Williams <b>Green</b>
	U14 B	Gregory Kolkman <b>Yellow</b>
	U14 G	Kirsten Westerg'r'n <b>Yellow</b>
<b>1500m</b>	U12 B	Matthew Nguyen <b>Red</b>
	U14 B	David Im <b>Green</b>
<b>3000m</b>	U14 B	Kolkman, Gregory <b>Yellow</b>
	U14G	Tiffany Steinkamp <b>Blue</b>
<b>L Jump</b>	U12B	Rague, Nathan <b>Blue</b>
	U12G	Williams, Linnea <b>Green</b>
	U14B	Octavio, JP <b>Yellow</b>
<b>T Jump</b>	U12G	Lee, Amaris <b>Blue</b>
	U14G	Hansen, Amanda <b>Blue</b>
<b>H Jump</b>	U12B	Nguyen, Matthew <b>Red</b>
		Rague, Nathan <b>Blue</b>



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- Tiffany

## “Follow the leader, the leader, the leader...”

by : Naomi Tami

So... you must be wondering what motivates students

to join the Leadership Class, and what it is doing this semester. I got up close and personal with several of the Leadership students, and got to see what actually goes on in room 24, from 11:00 to 11:45 during Exploratory A.

When asked what she liked about Leadership, Amanda Hansen (8) stated, “Leadership ...um... we learn all sorts of things, such as leadership skills and the fun bit about it is that we get to plan

“I would say, what I like about leadership class is that we organize fun events and we get to be in charge of the canteen,” quoted Tiffany Stienkamp (8)

During the class, students learn about the skills necessary for leadership as well as facts about famous leaders. Then, as a group, they get to employ their newly acquired skills by organizing events for the middle school. Fun! Students have to put in a lot of work and preparation into making an event successful.

“Leadership is fun, but it can get trying and get on your nerves,” Susheela Meyyappan (7) said.

Recently, leadership students watched the movie *Chariots of Fire* and discussed what leadership qualities each of the runners had.

Things other than leadership qualities captured some of the students’ interest. “I liked the part in *Chariots of Fire*, where the guy ran like a girl” said Danny Ermis (8).

Currently, the group is working in the computer lab, doing research on leadership conferences. The purpose of this project is to investigate leadership conferences around the world, and to see what leadership skills and issues are being addressed.

## On the MS Sports Scene

by :Jason Hsiao



**Taekwondo** -instruction in self defense, takes place every Saturday at 9:30 in the gym. The instructors Ronnie Teo and Carla Loehden who fills in. Mr. Ronnie Teo and Mrs. Loehden teach the students how to perform punches and kicks. They have tests, too! After students learn a certain amount of moves, they are tested to see if they qualify to go on to the next level. There are at least 17 students and 4 to 5 adults at different levels in the class.

**Badminton** - Mr. Koo is in charge of this club. This sport is played differently in various countries. In Asia, badminton is a very fast paced and challenging game. There will be two compe-

tion this March and May. In March, there is going to be an MSSPP competition and Dalat will choose two of the best players to go out to compete. There are Under 12, Under 15, and Under 18 divisions. In May there will be a closed tournament here in Dalat.

**M S Boys Soccer** - Mr. Henderson coaches Middle school Boys Soccer. During practices, the team members first have to stretch, and then they run laps and do drills. They usually meet at the Upper Field, but sometimes they meet in front of the gym.

About soccer, Hung Yi said, "Soccer is a hard game.

People play rough." Although it takes hard work, Dalat JV Boys WIN!!!.

## MS SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Monday** - Middle School Boys Soccer, Mr. Henderson Girls Soccer, Mrs. Holden. 3:30

**Tuesday - 3:30** -Under 15 boys soccer, Mr.Henderson

**Wednesday- 3:30**—Under 12 Basketball, Mr. Steiert

**Thursday- 3:30** - Badminton, Mr. Koo

- MS Soccer, Mr. Henderson

- CluBug, Mr. McClary

- Co2 car club, Carlo Hansen

- Girls Softball, Donna Hansen

**Friday- 3:30**—Girls Soccer Mrs. Holden

**Saturday-** Tae Kwon Do , Carla Loehden and Ronnie Teo



## What's Up in SAT?

By: Tanya Krishnamani



Mrs. Hogdson, the Middle School coordinator, plans a lot of learnable activities. Such as the foot contest which Team X won. Most work was done by Susheela Meyyappan and Amaris Lee.

"I was shocked that we

won the contest, and I felt like we deserved it," says Susheela in a thoughtful voice.

As a reward, Team X got packets of M&M's. This Spring, each SAT team will present a chapel activity for middle school. Mrs.

Gross's SAT presented a Valentine's Day chapel, and Mr. Tyas's SAT theme was "light in the darkness", with special guest, Mr. Smith. Mr. Brokaw's SAT presented St. Patrick's Day movie.

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## "ROMEO, ROMEO... WHERE ART THOU ROMEO?"

by: Naomi Tami

On Saturday , February 14th., also known as Valentines Day... students went to their lockers to discover that a special package had arrived. Thanks to STUCO, and especially to Jacque Steiert (12), "Special Things for Special People" worked successfully.

"It was a very tiring job. We worked from 9:20 in the morning 'till 12:30, and after a while I got really frustrated making sure the right gift got to

the right people," advised Theo Love (12). This wasn't the only year STUCO has organized this activity. In fact, it has been running for quite a number of years. Year in and year out, students enjoy the surprise of receiving a special thing from someone.

"I guess this made me feel special" said Tanya Krishnamani (7)

"I liked receiving stuff from my friends. Thanks all!"

said Nathan Rague (6)

STUCO hopes to continue organizing "Special Things for Special People" in future years at Dalat. Another special thanks to STUCO for all their hard work in making this a successful event, and of course to all those students who supported this event by buying goodies for the "special people" in their lives.



## Track and Field Day— What's the Score?

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<b>HJump</b>	U12G	To, Sophia <b>Red</b>
	U14B	Galloway, Jared <b>Yellow</b>
	U14G	Hansen, Amanda <b>Blue</b>

## Mr. Tyas—Sciences 'r' Us *by: Jason Hsiao*

Not only is Mr. Tyas one of the most active teachers in our middle school, he loves to explore the world. A C&MA pastor, he's wanted to be a missionary ever since he was in ninth grade.

Mr. Tyas met Mrs. Tyas at the C&MA church in Shelton Washington, after he had attended college in San Francisco college. Mr. Tyas was working with young people and preparing for missionary service sometime after that.

He started teaching in the U.S in September of 1991. Before teaching at Dalat, he taught at a school called Mason Country Christian School in Washington State.

Mr. Tyas chose to teach Math 8 because he could use numbers faster than he could use English. He loves to play around with scientific activities and with numbers.

When asked what he likes about teaching Science,

## T&F: The Beat Goes On!

Some comments from Middle School T & F participants and observers:

"I enjoyed seeing the tense faces on the students as they attempted the high jump," Mrs. Gross, who measured the high jump, said.

"I thought everyone did rather well. I also enjoyed taking photos," said Jessica Freisen (12).

"GO BLUE!!! Yeah... though we didn't win, I still enjoyed the day," Jason Hsiao (7).

"It was a very hard day. My muscles were very sore afterwards," said Amanda Hansen (8).

"My friends complained that I stunk... I mean everyone stunk, after all the running, in the hot sun," remarked Jake Latsha (8).

## What's Up?

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Do Middle Schoolers like SAT, or should different things be done in SAT time to make it more enjoyable?

"I think that we should have more time to do things we want," says Josh Friesen.

"I don't like spending fifteen minutes on some worksheet. It would be good to do things on our own," Naomi Matanick stated.

"I think that we should do less thinking in SAT and spend more time with other SAT's," commented Breanne Hansen

Overall, some kids like SAT while others don't. Finally though, SAT is for socializing as well as for learning. It's a good way to start a middle schooler's day.



"In grade 8, I look forward each year to the study of genetics." Mr. Tyas said.

Mr. Tyas studied science in Hawaii last summer, and he said, "On day 4 we hiked to a beach that had GREEN sand. The cove of the shoreline was the hollowed-out remains of a small cinder cone, and the small crystals of "olivine" had separated from the normal black basalt rock to leave a beautiful beach of green sand."



*Mr. Tyas on the beach with ESL students last summer at Dalat.*