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Upcoming Events

April 22—24—Grade 8
Field Trip to Genting

April 23—Grade 7 "Lock
in"

April 24—Food 'n' Fun Fair

April 26—Science Fair

April 28—NJHS—National
Junior Honor Society
Induction

April 30—May 2—Long
Weekend, No school

May 8—JV Girls Basketball
Tourney

On Wednesday, March 24, Middle School Stuco held an after school blended seafood-bidding game with the added attraction of a toilet bowl bobbing contest and a fish catching contest. In the blended seafood contest, students had to drink a mixture of mutton, krill, baby octopus, dried cuttlefish, dried plum seeds, and onion sprouts with milk or black soya milk blended together. Students would pay others to drink their choice of seafood mixture. The first contestant, Nia Diago (7), enjoyed her drink and money the most, describing it by saying, "I liked it! It tasted like seafood with milk."

Those who played also challenged each other in their own "who could drink the fastest" contests. One of them, Jonathon Masters (8) didn't find the mixture too tasty, commenting, "I didn't like it." After finishing a whole cup, winners took their prize money, around ten ringgit and up, and free onion breath. One poor player, Benny Kim (6), found his cup unusually full, and said, "I hated it. All it tasted like was onion."

The next event centered around a detached toilet bowl filled with yellow Mountain Dew and floating chocolate-coated candy bars. Players who could bite and remove three chocolate bars in the shortest time won twenty ringgit. Out of the six or so contestants who joined this event, Naomi Tami (8) removed three bars



Students crowded around an inflatable pool filled with aquarium fish.

in the shortest amount of time. Most of the players found it hard to grasp the chocolate bars with their mouths and were disqualified for exceeding the fastest time.

Then the fish catching contest started. Students competed to catch the most points from the four kinds of differently pointed fish – a Brainiac fish worth the most points, two shark-like fish (they actually nipped), three goldfish, and plenty of small orange fish worth one point each. All who joined crowded around a small inflatable pool filled with the little fish determined to catch the highest number of these elusive objects with their bare hands. Jake Latsha (8) caught the Brainiac fish first and then a
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On your mark. Get set. GO!!

~By: Jesse Beth Thompson

On Sunday, March 21st, Erik Williams visited Dalat International School as the speaker for MEW. From Sunday to Wednesday, he led both the worship songs and the services. Erik based his songs and services on Matthew 5:28 and telling others about God's word. Along with telling jokes, he also told personal stories about himself and others. He also let the audience participate in entertaining activities. "I liked Erik's stories because they were funny," Miho Kawabata (8) said.

On the first day, after a traditional dinner of KFC chicken and worship, Erik

told his listeners some information about himself and his family. All through the week and throughout his sermons about going out and telling others about Jesus Christ, Erik told us some of his life stories, such as when he led friends to know Christ, when he was picked on as a kid, and how he learned to competitively break-dance with his FBO (Fresh Boys Only) club. On the last night, as a treat for all of the students who begged, he demonstrated his skills in a short break-dance.

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Gaming Chinese Style!

By: David Im

The Hong Kong visitors came to Dalat International School on Tuesday, April 6 and stayed until Friday, April 9th. During lunch the adults and students sponsored activities for our students.

Simon, from Hong Kong, introduced the shuttlecock game in which the participant just kicks something that looks like shuttlecock into the air again and again. Metal is attached to the bottom of the shuttlecock to make it easier to kick.

Other events such as Chinese Knots, Chinese Drawing, and Chinese Chess were designed to teach Dalat students about Chinese culture.

In the Chinese Knots event, the visitors taught us how to make necklaces and other things with strings and some accessories. For example, students made some dragonflies with the materials which they provided.

In the Chinese Drawing event, Dalat students were taught how to draw monkeys, bamboo and other things with Chinese ink and a writing brush. As students participated in the event, they were given some sweets to keep them interested. When students did

really well, they hung their drawings on the wall so other students could see them and try their hand at drawing with a brush.

During lunch, students were offered the opportunity to learn how to play Chinese chess. In China, chess is played on a chess board which is same as the common chess board except for its shape. A Chinese chess board is round and has some letters on it. Students also learned about another interesting Chinese chess game called 'Baduk'. It has Baduk Stones which are white and black. One person has to play for white or black. If a person surrounds another's stone, that person can take the stone. At the end of the game, the participants count how many of the other person's stones they have and the person who has the most stones wins the game.



Stuco Seafood Event

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mad race between the pool and the counting station for the tallying of points began.

The event's first place winner, Jake Latsha (8), received 35 ringgit. Second place Cameron West (6) won 10 ringgit. Third place winner, Caleb Caldwell (8), took home 5 ringgit. Although not everyone won, the students drank, bobbed, and caught with the best of humor.



"I WAS HERE!!!"

By: Naomi Tami

Eric With a K

By: Caleb Caldwell

Erik Williams, the MEW speaker this year, talked about GOING for GOD. Although you may have talked to him before, here are a few things about Erik that you may not know:

Erik was married on August 6th, 1994 in Jupiter, Florida, to Jeanne-Ann. They have two children: Kynzi Anike, who is four and a half years old, and Karston Thomas, who is two and a half years old.

Erik's favorite hobbies are snowboarding, surfing, rollerblading, photography, playing the guitar, singing, collecting baseball cards, and riding a motorcycle. He also enjoys playing soccer, playing on the computer, and playing with his kids.

Although Erik loves to visit Florida, he does a lot of vacationing in North and South Carolina with his family. He also thinks the Carribean is another great vacation spot.

"Ewwh!!! Someone put eggs at the bottom of my locker!!!"

"Yeah, and someone sprayed shaving cream all over the windows too... sick!!!"

"Hey, look on the basketball court...it says 'I was here!' "

All this evidence led to one and only one thing... a very bad April Fool's joke played by people who remain anonymous.

On the morning of April 1st, middle school students came to school to find, to their horror, that the middle school building had been vandalized. The 8th grade lockers were covered in shaving cream. Some kids had eggs cracked in their lockers, and others couldn't even find their lockers because they were covered with an over abundance of toilet paper. What a treasure hunt...

"Yeah, I was mad my stuff was covered in shaving cream!!!" Tiffany Steinkamp told this reporter.

For myself... my locker was, I would say, trashed with egg smashed

everywhere and toilet paper hiding it. I had a tough time just getting my stuff out... thanks for making my day!

"I thought it was okay... I didn't really mind," said Hung Yi Song (7) whose locker is downstairs.

"We thought it was funny... I mean it was April Fools!" said Andy Jung (6) and Nathan Rague (6).

"Well, though nothing was done to my locker... I was still bothered by the horrible smell the eggs gave off," said Kristen Westergren (8).

This reporter talked to Mr. Smith and got his thoughts about this event.

"I'd like to say that, yes, I was shocked and surprised that this school had to deal with a situation like such. I was upset that students were victims as a result. April Fools jokes aren't funny when personal property is destroyed," concluded Mr. Smith.

Gladly everything has been sorted out, and for the future, we hope no one else plays mistaken or misguided jokes.

On the MSSPP Sports Scene

by: Jason Hsiao

Badminton

MSSPP badminton action starts on Tuesday 27th April. The games start at 2pm at the Penang Badminton Center; Bukit Dumbar. Each competition is played for 21 points on a knock out basis. The students who are going for MSSPP badminton are: sophomores Ted Fung, Howard Kao, Im Sung Hyum, Jeremy Frenz, and Jon Kue, Jeffrey (4) and Jason Hsiao (7), Harry Mak (4), Elmo Lin (6), Thomas Koo (7), and Kyle Lin (8). Mr. Koo says that there are about 25 schools entered in the competition.

Sixth Grade

Elmo Lin

Seventh Grade

Jason Hsiao

Thomas Koo Thai Soon

Eighth Grade

Kyle Lin

Volleyball

Two eighth graders participated on Dalat's MSSPP Volleyball team which saw tournament action this April. Of the ten members volleyball team, two were eighth graders: Brendan Frenz and Sung In Kang

Of the game Brendan Frenz (8), said, "It was hard. It was really hot

out there and Dalat was very disappointed because we lost, but most of the Chinese people that are on the opponent side cheered for Dalat." Said Brendan Frenz (8).

"We all feel disappointed, because we didn't advance, but the worse thing is that the scores are close." said Sung In (8). "Everyone called Brendan Frenz, Beckham because Brendan was doing great and he copied one of Beckham's moves."

"Even though we lost the game, everyone enjoyed themselves!" said Brendan Frenz (8).

Volleyball Game Schedule

Mon, 12 April

Game time (approx) 4:30pm
Score: Dalat defeated Chung Ling 25-15, 17-25, 25-23

Tue, 13 April

#1 Game time (approx) 8:30am
Score: Batu Maung defeated Dalat 18-25, 12-25

#2 Game time (approx) 3:45pm

Score: Penang Free School defeated Dalat 19-25, 18-25

Wed, 14 April

Game time (approx) 9:15am
Score: Dalat defeated Hamid Khan 25-9, 25-16

The High School Worship Team Speaks Out! (with Eric Westergren)

An Interview By: Jesse Beth Thompson

Erik (with a C) Westergren

: How did the group choose the songs that you played for worship?

Basically when we came into the chapel, the songs that we were going to do were already picked out by Erik; however, he told us to give any suggestions to how we might do the songs differently with different introductions to the songs and such.

: Did you learn any new songs?

Many of the songs that we did were very new to the entire congregation at Dalat. So some of the songs that we learned that were new were such titles as the favorite among most people, "The Happy Song" .

• How did you feel about leading worship w/ Erik?

I thought that working with him on the worship team was great. I mean, he's the kind of guy who is really open to new ideas and wants all the songs to be based on worship of God and not just his abilities to be a worship leader. Also, he gave us so many opportunities to express our opinions in how we are doing each song, unlike many other worship team leaders.

• Is there anything else about the worship team and MEW?

[The] worship team at MEW was great. One time during practice, we all switched instruments and just played a random tune to see what Erik would say and how he would react. He simply lifted his head and said, "You're killin' me!"

ISLAND BASKETBALL

by: Kirsten Westergren

A group of about 15 girls get together every Tuesday and Friday for basketball practice and an occasional game. The extremely talented players, ranging from 7th to 9th grade, are coached by Mrs. Donna Hansen. When asked about the sport, this is what the coach said, "Basketball is my favorite sport. I started playing it at the age of 11. I played in high school mainly as point guard. I really enjoy coaching the girls."

Though basketball practices may get strenuous at times, the players really seem to enjoy them. For Sophia To (7), "Basketball practices are a great way to improve skills and it's also fun to hang out with the team." Amanda Hansen (8) states, "My favorite part about practice is shooting and spending time with my 'big mama'." Kelsey Rague (7) decided to join because "it's fun and you get exercise at the same time."

Drills and new plays are helpful and enjoyable to many members of the team. Susheela Meyyappan (7) states, "I really like working on defensive skills. That's my favorite position."

Game time is tight but, in fact, the first time the girls met was for a game at the Japanese School. Unbelievably, without having had any prior practice together, the team beat the other school 45 to 27. Breanne Hansen (7) states, "I liked the game against the Japanese school because they were pretty easy."

For some, the highlight of the game was the court. Amanda Hansen (8) concludes, "I really liked the school's basketball court. It's so slippery!"

The Dalat JV Girls team's most recent game against Convent Green Lane School took place on Tuesday, April 13. This game was definitely more challenging and the girls found the outdoor court quite hard to adapt to but they ended up pulling up a score of 32, almost as high as the 35 that they were defeated by.

With almost a whole quarter left to prove their skills, the girls look forward to continuing a season full of teamwork, learning, and victory!

Who's Our Favorite Math Teacher ... er ... Coach?

By: Tanya Krishnamani



Mr. Liss poses in front of the main office.

Did you know that our favorite math teacher is twin? Even though he is a twin, Mr. Steve Liss and his brother, Stan, never used to get along. They used to compete for everything: clothes, sports, grades, etc. Now Mr. Liss doesn't think it's so cool to compete with his twin brother anymore.

Mr. Liss's twin brother, Stan, is married with two kids and is settled in Georgia. Unlike Mr. Liss, Stan works with computers. Mr. Liss also has a sister named Susan who also has two kids, like Stan. She is married to a pastor. They are settled in Florida, where they have lived for along time.

Why did Mr. Liss become a math teacher in the first place? "I had a math teacher in college that inspired me

in math," he answered. Right out of college in 1990 at age 21, he became what he was inspired to be. This is Mr. Liss's fourteenth year as a teacher. He used to teach at Westminster School in Georgia and First Baptist Christian School in his hometown, which is located about a hundred miles from Miami, Florida.

At Dalat, Mr. Liss isn't only a math teacher, he is a coach, too! "I love to coach. It's an opportunity to do stuff with students out of school and not teach them but sort of hang out with them," Mr. Liss said himself. His favorite sport is, of course, soccer. Mr. Liss also coaches the girls' Varsity basketball team.

During his days as a university student, Mr. Liss earned money working as a waiter in a restaurant right by the waterfall at his college. "It was really big and fancy," he said about the restaurant.

"I love Dalat and hopefully can stay here another year," our math teacher and coach said.

On your mark!



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About Mission Emphasis Week, Laura Danneker commented, "I loved MEW because it challenged us to think deeper. The speaker was great because he told stories that gave us an example of what he was talking about."

Tiffany Steinkamp (8) added, "I think the speaker was really funny and easy to listen to."

Who Killed Jesus?

By: Tanya Krishnamani



Before Easter, the sixth grade staged a mock trial. Three groups were put on trial for killing Jesus: Judas Iscariot, Roman leaders, and Jewish religious leaders. Three lawyers spoke for the defense: Anna Latsha, Amaris Lee, and Cameron West.

To make the "court" complete, Mr. Smith acted as the judge, and a jury made up of Ms. Brokaw, Aunt Mary, Mrs. Gross, and Mr. Rague was present.

Each group on trial put together a presentation which included witnesses.

A prosecuting attorney, Ms. Titus, asked questions to determine who killed Jesus.

"Lots of people were nervous had trouble answering questions. Jonathan Brokaw did an excellent job describing a Roman Crucifixion," Ms. Titus remarked.

What did the sixth graders think of the Mock Trial? "The jury was clueless. They just read off the paper," Andy Jung said laughing. After the inquiry, one question still remains. Who really killed Jesus?

Out of the Way or in Your Teacher's Face, Where do You Like to Sit?

A MS Student Survey compiled by Jesse Beth Thompson

Don't you just hate it when the teacher makes you sit in a spot in the classroom that you absolutely hate? For instance, right under the air-con so you're a popsicle by the time class is over, or in the back where you can't see the board? Recently, a random number of middle school students were asked the question: "Where do you like to sit in class?" In the end, the students formed themselves into four categories: the middle, the back, anywhere, or by a specific object. Here are the results:

Anywhere: Caleb Caldwell (8)- "I like to sit anywhere"

Middle: Min-Ji Kang (8)- "In the middle because it's easier to see the board"

J.P. Octavio (8)- "I like to sit in the middle of the class because it's in between the air-cons and I like sitting in the middle or front of the class. I usually stay away from the air-con. I like sitting in the front of the class so I don't get distracted by other classmates."

Specific Place:

Josh Friesen (7)- My favorite place to sit is by the window because I like to look out the window... or by the air con because I like feeling cool."

Jason Hsiao (7)- "I like to sit beside Josh and close to the air conditioner!"

Kirsten Westergren (8)- "I like sitting as far away from the a/c as possible."

Back:

Naomi Tami (8)- "I sit mainly near the back."

Benny Kim- "I like to sit anywhere, though I usually sit at the back or corners so I won't be picked to answer a question. I like to stay away from the teacher's view."

Tanya Krishnamani (7)- "I sit in the back so I can not pay attention when it's boring and so I can daydream about eating chocolate."

Nia Diago (7)- "I like the back because it doesn't attract as much attention"