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Samakee News



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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents,

I do hope that you have had a pleasant Songkraen holiday break and that you and your child/ren are ready and eager to return to school! It is just eight weeks until the end of the school year and three important events in the school calendar to anticipate. Earth Week Recycling Project on 28th April, International Day on May 7th and the school Art Exhibition, starting the week beginning the 31st May. On Friday 23rd April, immediately after Assembly, we will have a Parent Meeting to discuss preparations for International Day. I do hope that you will be able to attend.

At school we have a regular cycle of review for our school policies and at present we are reviewing our Playtime and Lunchtime Policies. We have decided to include a new section in our school prospectus about playtimes, this will be expanded into a leaflet for parents and carers that will be a summary of our Playtime, End of Day and Lunchtime Policies and will include sections on:

- ★ Your playtimes, lunchtimes and end of day
- ★ Rules, routines, rewards and sanctions
- ★ Who your supervisors are and what their role is

I have recently started a series of mini assemblies with different year groups, focusing on the playground and lunchtime rules, routines, rewards and sanctions which help remind children of the behaviour we expect at school. I look forward to sharing our ideas (children & staff) for playground improvement at a PTG meeting in the near future.

Kind regards,



Monica Sudhirak

Special Dates to Remember!

Back to School	19 April
Earth Week—Toy Recycling Project	19-23rd
Assembly—Music	23 April
PTG Meeting	23 April
Recycling Project - Toy Exchange Day	28 April

PTG Corner News

Hello Everyone—we hope that everyone has had a safe and happy Songkraen and we look forward to seeing all of you at our next PTG Meeting on Friday 23rd April, immediately after Assembly. This will be a very important meeting as we will be making plans for International Day. We are trying something new this year....we will be introducing an International Food Hall to the festivities this year. The Food Hall idea has caused some confusion so I will do my best to explain:

Anyone that wants to share a food from their Country will bring it to the Food Hall. Khun Ning (Mother of Bella EY1) and Khun Fone (Mother of Fin EY2) will be managing this activity. The St Andrews Staff will be working the different Food Stations and the children can pick and choose what foods they would like to try. The Food Hall will be open to everyone but St Andrews parents and friends will pay a small fee to try all the wonderful treats.

The Food Hall idea came about for several reasons:

- ★ It gives all our wonderful St Andrews Parents a chance to share a food and participate in International Day (even if they don't have time to attend or plan an activity).

- ★ With all the food in one place, the children will be more likely to try different foods (instead of eating too much at one place and not being hungry at another one)
- ★ From a health standpoint, the Canteen is the best place to house all the food (air conditioned, more access to electrical outlets and these outlets are strategically placed so young learners are less likely to get hurt or burned, it will be nice to see all the different foods displayed all together and there will be plenty of seating

We will use the St Andrews Classrooms for all other activities. We are hoping to have 10 Countries to visit. Here are some of the countries represented so far: France, United Kingdom, Mexico, Thailand, Vietnam and Germany. Anyone that would like to Chair a Country, please come to the next PTG meeting. I have already contacted some of you to see if you can help on this day!

Thanks for all your support!

The PTG



Splash Day 2010

The EY1 hamsters had a fun wet time throughout the morning of Splash Day! We joined in for painting and spraying with water and took turns with the water hose. At the ice station we had a chance to slide across the large block of ice, oh, such cold bottoms! Most of all, we really enjoyed just staying wet and splashing in the small paddling pools with our other friends!



The Super Snakes were Slippery Snakes for a day as we joined in the annual Splash Day at St. Andrews! We talked about Splash Day all week and couldn't wait to take part in all the activities available. Many of us worked extra hard at mopping the Thai house clean and giving it a good paint over with rollers and large paint brushes. We believe the Thai house has never been so sparkling clean! Bubble making was a great hit and so many of us developed amazing bubble skills, creating both large and small bubbles. The mini slide was tremendous fun, we enjoyed sliding down with great big splashes. The large ice blocks were a calming experience that fascinated and intrigued us all! The Slippery Snakes are looking forward to more watery fun in the future!





EY3 had so much fun playing at each water station. One station we particularly enjoyed was the ice play station. Here we found two huge blocks of ice. Using plastic tools such as hammers, rakes, and diggers we chipped away at the ice. At one point we worked so hard that we broke off a piece of the ice and floated it in a bowl of water. We subsequently made ourselves an iceberg, and we measured how much of the ice was above the water and how much was beneath it. We had so much fun doing this activity.



The children of EY4, formerly known as "The Whiz Kids" all ended up as The "Wet Kids"! The children were divided up into two groups – led first by Mr Iain and Miss Noi and secondly by Mr Tyde and Miss Am and undertook a series of watery activities around the school. Apart from the occasional buckets of cold water (mainly from Khun Tyde) the 'wetting' experience was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and a lot of fun! Oh, and by the way – we did have our revenge on Khun Tyde!



Wow – what a fantastic time Year 1 had on 'Splash Day'! We really enjoyed every activity and had great fun with our friends. Group 1 (led by Mr Sean) really enjoyed the Waterslide and Group 2 (led by Ms Som & Ms Na) loved the swimming pool activities. It was hard to choose our favourite activity as we really enjoyed them all. What a superb day – we are already looking forward to the next Splash Day at St. Andrews Samakeel!



The Year 2 Tigers had a fantastic day splashing cold water on Mr. Anthony. We enjoyed the waterslide the most sliding down forwards, backwards and with friends. Todd commented that it was the best day ever!



Our favourite part of splash day was when we got to toss icy cold water on the teachers. They screamed so loud especially Miss Jan. We put ice water down Mrs Tania's back and she screamed so high and so loud we were deaf afterwards. Then the water fights were also fun and the water slide. We like pushing the teacher down the water slide super fast and then hanging on. Splash day is lots of fun and it is one of our favourite days of the year.



St. Andrews International School Samakee

Weekly Menu 2009-2010



	AM Snack time		PM Snack time		
Offered everyday:	Bottle of milk		Drink of juice		
	Pieces of fruit (e.g. apple, pineapple, guava, orange or banana) Pieces of raw vegetables (e.g. carrot, cucumber, cabbage, cauliflower) White and brown bread with various 'spreads'. Steamed rice				
Monday 19th Apr.	Tuesday 20th Apr.	Wednesday 21st Apr.	Thursday 22nd Apr.	Friday 23rd Apr.	
Snack time (a.m.)					
Fresh fruit	Popcorn	Biscuits	Trail mix	Fresh fruit	
Lunches					
Thai Food - Sticky rice - Som –Tum - Fried chicken wings - Shredded pork Western Food - Shepherd's pie - Sweet corn	Thai Food - Fish maw in brown sauce with chicken - Fried rice with ham & mixed vegetables Western Food. - Lasagna - Steamed cauliflower & broccoli - Pumpkin soup	Thai Food - Stir fried vegetables with shrimp - Red curry with chicken - Thai meatball soup Western Food - Meat loaf - Mashed potatoes and gravy - Mixed vegetable sticks	Thai Food - Coconut milk soup with chicken & mushrooms - Fried fish cakes Western Food - Pasta in white sauce - ABC soup - Salad	Thai Food - Ba-Mee-Moo-Dang & Gai-Dang /Yellow noodles with pork or chicken - Steamed bean sprouts & Chinese cabbage Western Food - Sandwich selection - Potato crisps - Pea soup	
Selection of homemade yoghurt	Fresh fruit	Rice pudding	Fresh fruit	Sponge cake & custard	
Snack time (p.m.)					
Apple & Raisins	Toast	Fresh fruit	Banana bread	Crackers & Tuna dip	

Note: Cool drinking water is available everyday throughout the day. Vegetarian food is available upon request.