



Note from the Elementary Principal

Greetings Parents,

Every second Thursday of the month, I will be including an article in the BAIS Buzz that focuses on the elementary school program. In this week's addition of the BUZZ I would like to highlight three things: Principal Time, I Love to Read Month, and the elementary Snack Time Policy. The first is Principal Time. Every Wednesday, the teachers and I have planned a 30 minute time period to go in and talk with each of the elementary classes one by one. During this time I do different activities like team building, conflict resolution, health and hygiene, etc. These last two weeks I have focused on practicing and talking with the students about the different safety drills that we have at our school. Principal Time is a great opportunity for me to get to know the different elementary students and teachers. I have also enjoyed being back in the classroom and look forward to working with the elementary as the year progresses. Because of Principal time, my Wednesdays are very full so I am not available to meet with parents. I am however available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for anyone who wants to stop in and talk about a concern or a compliment that you see happening within the elementary.

In addition to Principal Time, the elementary also has another wonderful program that is starting, I Love to Read Month. The month of October is I Love to Read Month. This is a chance to focus on the joy of reading in many different ways. There will be a reading book contest, storybook day, and many other fun activities. Please be on the lookout for information that will be going home to talk about I Love to Read Month. The theme for this year is *Reading around the World*, and it was suggested to us by one of our students, Lindsey Williams. Thank you, Lindsey, for the great idea.

The last item I would like to address is the BAIS Elementary Snack Policy. In the elementary grades, we are trying to teach the students the value of healthy eating and healthy choices. Because of this we ask that you only send healthy snacks with students. Fruit and vegetables or cheese and crackers are good snack options. Please stay away from sending very sugary or sweet food or drinks with the students. Good snacks will help them to have a healthy, more balanced time in the classroom with the right amount of energy to focus and learn.

Those are all of my elementary announcements for this month. There are many other wonderful activities happening in each of the classrooms. Please stop by the different rooms and take time to read the weekly parent updates about the learning that is going on. Also, on behalf of the administration, I want to express our thanks to all of the parents that came out for this quarter's Dialogue with the Director. Mr. Simano and I had a great time meeting with each of the parent groups to talk about SAT testing results and discuss safety and contingency drills. It was also a great time to hear positive feedback and to gather suggestions on how the school could better assist the parent community. The next Dialogue with the Director will be in November. Mr. Cooley, the secondary principal, will join Mr. Simano to talk about the secondary school program and to answer secondary specific questions.

Have a great week,
[Charity LaMertha](#)
Elementary Principal

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SCHOOL PICTURE DAY is on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**! When sending your child to school that day, please remember they should not wear PE uniforms for school portraits. If your child has PE that day, please send their uniform separately so they can change.

Sample pictures of portraits and class group photos will be available soon after the 15<sup>th</sup> so that you can order individual prints if desired.

[Mr. Schroeder](#)

# STUDENT COUNCIL NOTE

## Soccer Games this Friday

Join us for the Varsity Boy's and Girl's first soccer games. Come cheer for our teams and show your school spirit! Games start at 4:00pm at SECAPA military base. Student Council will be hosting a raffle drawing during the game for some great prizes. For those who have the Triple Crown shirt you will get extra raffle tickets, so don't forget to wear your t-shirt! If you don't have one, make sure you get one for Rp 50,000 from any Student Council member.

## Student Council Movie Night

Hey High Schoolers! Get ready for the first Student Council event of the year! Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 we will be hosting a Movie Night at *The Center* (on Jl. Setiabudi, just down the street from Setiabudi supermarket). This is a fundraiser to raise money for student council events throughout the year. We will be watching a movie, eating yummy snacks, hanging out, and playing some games. The cost is Rp 15,000 to attend and snacks and drinks will be on sale throughout the evening. Sign up with Fifi Then and Caleb Devers by next Tuesday. See you there!

# Sport NEWS

Kicking off the new SPORTS YEAR!!!!

On Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the SECAPA army base the boys' team will play SMA KRISTEN 2 BPK and the girls' team will have scrimmage/friendly game with an outside team. The field is located about 1.5-2 km up the hill from Setiabudi supermarket.

In other soccer news, both teams will be practicing in Kota Baru this Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Due to an overwhelming amount of interest in the new football plus academy in the older age groups they can not accommodate everyone.

## ANYONE INTERESTED in coaching basketball????

Looking for someone interested in coaching the boys' JV basketball team or the girls' basketball team four days a week from November 9<sup>th</sup> to the end of February. Please contact [jasonphillips@baisedu.org](mailto:jasonphillips@baisedu.org) if you are interested or have any further questions.

## Applications Available for the SEA TRIBE YOUTH TOUR

The Sea Tribe Youth Tour is a ten day trip for students in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to the Riau Islands of Indonesia (off the coast of Batam, near Singapore). The purpose of this trip is to minister to the island people by immersing ourselves in their culture. Through conversations, work projects, and other interactions our hope is to be a shining light for Him.

The trip this year is **March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are available for any adults interested in being leaders and students from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Adult and student applications are due on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** to Pete Simano or Jay Devers.

For applications and/or questions, feel free to email Molly Evans at [mollyevans@baisedu.org](mailto:mollyevans@baisedu.org) or Emily Clauson at [emilyclauson@baisedu.org](mailto:emilyclauson@baisedu.org).

# Battle of the BOOK

It is time to start getting ready for Battle of the Books! Battle of the Books is a tournament held October 23-25 where students get together and compete in a multi-round quiz bowl about the books they have read. If you are interested, we meet Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:15. We start meeting THIS Thursday (September 10<sup>th</sup>) in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. It's not too late! If you are interested, please talk to Mrs. Lamb (Preschool teacher [tiffanylamb@baisedu.org](mailto:tiffanylamb@baisedu.org)) or Ms. Ripley (4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher [krystleripley@baisedu.org](mailto:krystleripley@baisedu.org)). The books for this competition are:

Dickens, Charles. *Great Expectations*  
Keith, Harold. *Rifles for Watie*  
Kjelgaard, Jim. *Big Red*  
Lewis, C. S. *The Silver Chair*  
McCall Smith, Alexander. *Tears of the Giraffe*  
Paton, Alan. *Cry the Beloved Country*  
Rinaldi, Ann. *Time Enough for Drums*  
Voigt, Cynthia. *Dacey's Song*