

## Notes from the Director

Dear BAIS community,

God is in control! Nothing catches Him off-guard! Praise Him!

We appreciate all the prayers for healing for David Durham and for peace for him and his family. As you may know, Mr. Durham was diagnosed with cancer this week and had surgery on Thursday for removal of a tumor on his kidney. The news was unexpected as only David's knee was hurting him when he went to Singapore to have it checked. Mr. and Mrs. Durham are consulting with doctors this weekend and we hope to have them back mid-week. Please pray for healing for Mr. Durham and for God to give us all wisdom in what to do next as we understand his condition. Please pray for God's peace and comfort for the whole family (David, Kim, Grace [in Canada], Emma, Jeff and Abi). For families wishing to give a card, feel free to leave it at the school. Some families are asking if they can give a monetary gift. Pak Diyan, Business Manager, can give you account details if you write him at [diyanyap@baisedu.org](mailto:diyanyap@baisedu.org). Thank you for your love and prayers for the Durham family.

I haven't written in the BAIS Buzz for a few weeks and so much has just happened.

1. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made Indonesian Culture Day successful. Thanks to the families who took off time from work and for all the mothers who worked so hard in providing such delicious food. Thank you to those who sang, danced, and ran activities throughout the morning. I loved seeing the delmans run around the oval and the becaks just made me smile - especially with student drivers.

2. Another THANK YOU to the Korean families who hosted a very special Thanksgiving dinner and celebration for us teachers on November 18th. We were honored and appreciate you very much. The food was delicious (as always) and the program so much fun.

3. THANK YOU to the families who came to the Dialogue with the Director in early November when Dr. Gray was here visiting us before the official accreditation visit in March. It was good to have you there.

4. Our outdoor Sports Hall is almost done. Basketball practice will be starting out there today, and it is open again for use on Sundays. We will paint the BAIS Eagle in the center circle over Christmas break. You will see a "call for advertising" later in this BAIS Buzz, because we want to put removable canvas sides on the two sides that get the most wind during basketball season. We are calling for 5 families to donate 1 juta each for their company logo and words of encouragement for the athletes. Pak Diyan is also the contact for this.

5. We continue to meet with banks and receive rough estimate bids for our phase 2 construction. I should have an update for you in two weeks about the status of our loan applications and what a construction timeline may look like. Pak Diyan and I have meetings this Saturday with a member of our Yayasan to help determine the last steps we need to take to get a loan in Indonesia. Once a loan is approved, we will be putting out the phase 2 construction project to bid for contractors.

6. Praise God, we just paid off another \$100,000 on our Kota Baru land (this was in our budget for this year and had a November 30th due date). We almost own the land - Praise God.

7. On a personal, "fun" note - Ms. Hall and I are taking 13 BAIS students to Alaska for WWW (Week Without Walls) and Spring Break. We just got our tickets for March and grin thinking about what -30 degrees F. will feel like for us (and we are used to it) and especially our students. You are going to hear some fun stories. We will be heading out to "bush" Alaska for part of the week, serving and loving Id friends (for me) and new friends for our crew.

8. The news many of you have been waiting for - the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for 2012-2013 will be Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. A detailed calendar will follow in January,

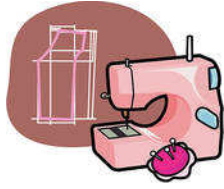
Thanks again for being part of our BAIS family. I trust you all had a good American Thanksgiving holiday and are getting prepped for a busy and worshipful Christmas season. See you at our Christmas program on December 9th! Thanks for praying for the Durham family and for all of us.

Respectfully, Pete Simano, Director



## Life Skills Needs...

I am wondering if there is anyone who has a sewing machine and would be willing to loan it to the Life Skills class during January and February. If you are willing, please contact me at [jennieblair@baisedu.org](mailto:jennieblair@baisedu.org). Thank you in advance!



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## SOFEFO Family Christmas

for High School  
at the Nagel's house  
Saturday Dec 10th at 4pm  
Come dressed as your favorite Christmas movie character - Prizes for best dressed.  
White Elephant gift exchange. See Mr. Berggren for more information



## CLINIC NEWS

Dear Parents,

In the month of November 2011, the clinic had Vaccination/Immunization screening for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. I already sent letters home with your child about what immunizations they need. The immunization certificate is required for college admission and the clinic will provide them, but in order to help, your child needs to update their records with the clinic.

Proof of the immunizations will be required before Tuesday, December 6th, 2011. This can include: either a note or receipt from the hospital or doctor's office which gave the injection (including the date); childhood immunization records with needed vaccinations recorded; travel clinic documentation or other official medical records. Please bring them to the clinic or office.

Thank you,  
Dr. Grace Beatrix



Reminders:

- 1) The Christmas Concert is on Friday, December 9th at 7:00pm. Elementary and middle school students need to arrive by 6:30pm; Vocal Ensemble students need to arrive by 6:20pm. Please make sure students have the right concert attire; parents can contact me if they have questions.
- 2) Poinsettia orders are still being taken. Money for those is due on Tuesday, December 6th.

### PARENTS - ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY AT SCHOOL!

We want to put a canvas (outdoor flexi) on two sides of our sports hall from where the blue wall ends to the ground for use during basketball season.

We want to offer this opportunity to 5 parents, at 1 juta each, advertising on this canvas for your business in support of the BAIS Eagles. We would love to have your company logo along with a saying for our BAIS athletes - like "Go BAIS EAGLES" or "CIMB Niaga supports BAIS athletics", etc.

Pak Diyan will be the contact for the money and the logo. You can write him at [diyanyap@baisedu.org](mailto:diyanyap@baisedu.org)

## SOFEFO

## SURVEY

Hi,

Those of us on the SOFEFO team would like your input on the timing of SOFEFO. Is Saturday afternoon a good time? What would be better? We are eager to serve the MS and HS students the best that we can, so we would appreciate your input. **Please email [clarissaribbens@baisedu.org](mailto:clarissaribbens@baisedu.org) with suggestions!**

Thanks,

~your SOFEFO team.

# ATHLETIC NEWS

Middle School Boys Soccer Games  
Monday, December 5th at 4 pm  
Saturday, December 10th at 8 am  
Come cheer on our Eagles!

If you have the opportunity, come check out our sports court. It looks so good!  
Thank you to the many, many hands who helped scrub, tape, paint and pray! We are looking forward to basketball season beginning this month.

Stay Tuned: Optional open gym times to be announced for basketball great chance to get a jump on the season and work on your skills!

Blessings,

Paula Newell

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This month **PRESCHOOL** is studying Community Helpers in Social Studies. Preschool 4 has been learning about Police Officers. They made a police badge, uniform and safety signs. Preschool 3 has been learning about Doctors. They went to visit Dr. Grace in the clinic to learn about the job of a doctor. They also pretended like they were doctors and took care of patients. Preschoolers love learning about the people that help us.  
Ms. Lane

## DEC

**9** Christmas Concert at 7 pm

**14** Late Start

**14** MS/HS Bible Exams  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Period

**15-16** MS/HS Exams  
Half Day for Secondary

**16** Second Quarter Ends/Half Day

**19** Christmas Break Begins