

Notes from the Elementary Principal

Dear Parents of Elementary,

Lots of things are happening in the different elementary programs throughout the school. In Indonesian class, students are working hard for the Indonesian Culture Day on Nov. 23rd. We are encouraging all the students, PK-12th and the staff, to come dressed in Indonesian traditional clothing on that day. It can be as simple as wearing batik or as elaborate as wearing a traditional kebaya. Grades PK through 3rd grade will be part of a costume parade, while grades 4 and 5 are preparing a traditional dance for the festival.

In the music department, students are working hard to prepare for the December Christmas concert. Parents, don't forget to have white shirts and black pants/skirts for students to wear during the concert. In sports, after school soccer has begun for the elementary.

In the library, we have finally been able to upgrade the entire library system to a new program called Destiny. This program will allow students to access the library from the web, so that at any time families can see things like what books are available in the library or if books are due or over-due. Next week, Mr. Kelly and a few others will be going through formal training on how to use this new system. Stay tuned for more information about Destiny and the BAIS Library.

Finally, for the classroom teachers, the big news is that elementary has adopted a new grading program called TeacherEase. Renweb, our current program, is a wonderful tool for many things including lesson plans, attendance, and homework assignments. However, Renweb is not working well as a grading program for elementary. As a result, teachers have switched over to using TeacherEase just for the gradebook portion of elementary. Similar to Renweb, parents can choose to login to TeacherEase to see their students latest grades on homework, tests, and projects. They will also be able to see if their student has any missing work, what are their students' strengths, and where their students need improvement. Please stay tuned for more information on this new program, as the elementary will plan to go live with TeacherEase at the start of third quarter.

Those are some of the major highlights happening in the elementary. We welcome parents to visit us and walk the hallways to see more of the wonderful things that the PK-5th grade students are a part of.

Blessings,
Charity LaMertha
Elementary Principal



Tuesday, Nov. 15 7:00 pm—8:30 pm BAIS MPR

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17 Second Quarter Progress Reports Go Home

23 Indonesian Culture Day (Half Day)

24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

27 1st Muharram National Holiday

30 Late Start

DEC

9 Christmas Program

14 MS/HS Bible Exams 6th-7th Period

15-16 MS/HS Exams Half Day for Secondary

16 Second Quarter Ends/Half Day

19 Christmas Break Begins

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARIS CHUN

Caris Chun has been recognized as a 2011-2012 Discus Award winner for her achievements in the areas of Academics, Community Service, and Faith. The Discus Awards is an USA national program that provides recognition and scholarship opportunities to all-around high school students who excel in three of ten key attributes. Caris is now eligible for 2011-2012 Discus Awards scholarships. Also, Caris created a multimedia profile highlighting her achievements, which may be viewed in the Discus Awards Winners Gallery at www.DiscusAwards.com/winners.

BAIS Yearbook News

Dear Parents,
Indonesian Culture Day is almost here! There are many fun activities planned for this day, including becak and delman rides, traditional Indonesian music and dancing, games, and food! Please keep in mind that all students in PreK through 5th grade are required to wear traditional Indonesian clothing on this day. However, for those 4th and 5th grade students participating in the dance should wear a white shirt and dark pants. Other accessories will be provided. They will participate in a parade at school, and there will be a prize for the student with the best costume! After the parade, your child will be able to change into regular clothes if they wish. Beginning at 11.00, a variety of delicious Indonesian foods will be available to purchase on the Sport Court

SENIOR PARENTS,
JUST A REMINDER: TO RESERVE A SPACE
IN THE 2012 BAIS YEARBOOK FOR YOUR
SENIOR'S AD, YOUR MONEY IS DUE BY
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2011.
SEE EITHER MS. HALL OR IBU SRIE.
THANK YOU!

Indonesian Culture Day is Wednesday, November 23, from 7:45-11:30. Please make plans to join us on this day to celebrate Indonesia!

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Reminder - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Crown College will be visiting on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. We will have an afternoon session (3:30-4:30pm) with our Crown College representative, Bob Edgar. He will talk about college preparation, including these topics:

- *The Top Ten Reasons Students Leave College* (this topic helps students identify potential pitfalls and develop strategies for avoiding them)
- *Why Choose A Christian College* (addresses the secular/Christian college question)
- *Thriving At College* – Make great friends, develop your faith, and get ready for the world!

Please come and support our college efforts at BAIS. For any questions, please contact Laura Berggren (lauraberggren@baisedu.org)

Laura Berggren
Admissions Counselor

How can you ..

- 1) Support the BAIS Music Department?
- 2) Provide decorations for the BAIS Christmas Concert?
- 3) Enjoy some lovely flowers in your home for Christmas?

The answer is simple actually:

PURCHASE A POINSETTIA FROM THE BAIS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

----for the low price of Rp25,000, you can have some red holiday cheer to take home after you enjoy the Christmas Concert (December 9th at 7:00pm).

WHY WAIT!?

To order:

E-mail Laura Berggren (lauraberggren@baisedu.org)

with your name and how many poinsettias you would like to order. Once we have ordered the poinsettias, we will begin collecting money. The deadline for collecting money will be Tuesday, December 6th.

On Friday night, December 9th, after the Christmas Concert is over, you can see Mrs. Berggren to take home your poinsettia(s).

Thank you for supporting the BAIS Music Department in this way!

It's now November, which means that the Christmas Concert is coming up next month!

I want to remind you of a few things:

- 1) The Concert is Friday, December 9th at 7:00pm
- 2) All students have special clothes they need to wear for the concert:

All Performers: Black dress pants, black shoes, and a black belt. Girls may wear a black skirt (exception: girls in Vocal Ensemble may not wear a skirt).

Elementary: White, short-sleeve, collared shirt. They will also wear batik sashes for the concert (the Music Department already owns these).

Middle School: White, long-sleeve, collared shirt.

Vocal Ensemble: Males will wear dark blue, collared, long-sleeve shirts. Females will wear light blue shirts that we are having specially made for them. Cost for males and females is Rp75,000, which is due to Mr. Rice by Monday, November 14th.