



## Notes from the Director

Dear BAIS community,

It has been good to be back this week. I am thankful for those who covered in my absence. I was able to go Nagoya, Japan for a NICS conference with the Directors of our schools in Asia and Africa. It is always exciting to report what God is doing here at BAIS and hearing about what is going on in our sister schools! We are so blessed to have a large school building and campus here, as the 140 NICS students and their staff in Nagoya have to commute between five different buildings for their classrooms, library, and offices - and they don't have a sports court or any "feel" of a central campus. Yet, when we visited each classroom in each of the 5 buildings (some a few kilometers apart) it felt like you were walking into any of our classrooms as the students quoted Bible verses, sang, played, and studied diligently.

Thanks also for those who are praying for my mom. It was great spending 10 days with her and my family in New Hampshire. I am so glad that she was able to leave the hospital and go home, and I am so thankful for the 3 months we had earlier this year in Indonesia. She loves sharing Indonesian stories and talking about all the great people she met!

A few announcements to highlight (more information is included on some of these items later in this BAIS Buzz):

1. **RENWEB is going LIVE on Monday, October 17th** for the whole school. **It will be very helpful for SECONDARY students and families (grades 6-12) as the grades, attendance, announcements and lesson plans will all be visible.** Grades are live and will always be accurate on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. We ask teachers to have all grades accurate on those Mondays so that the teachers have sufficient time to grade and enter into RenWeb, but we are committed to grades being live and accurate the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

**ELEMENTARY letter grades are NOT accurate YET on RENWEB as their grades are standards-based** and include O,G,U's etc. and all the "kinks" have not been worked out. We could have decided to wait to launch RENWEB until the O,G,U grades are accurate for elementary BUT will launch it anyway and just let the elementary parents know that those live grades are not accurate as the system is not yet working for them. Please ignore the gradebook grades as they won't make sense.

So "**BELUM**" for **ELEMENTARY LETTER GRADES BUT** there will be simple lesson plans posted along with daily homework assignments for

elementary. **Please be reminded that sometimes teachers (myself included) don't finish the lesson they had planned for the day and sometimes need to modify their homework assignments as the week progresses (just happened to me today).** You may have too much information which I know is better than not enough. It will take a little time for us to all get use to sharing RENWEB. I truly trust you will enjoy this new online school management system.

Parents will have **TWO** formal opportunities for tutoring on RENWEB, please plan on getting online with us during one of these occasions:

- a) **MONDAY, October 17th in the BAIS Lobby:** Mr. Ramappa and his team will have 2-3 computers in our lobby and will be available to walk through your sign-in and help you learn the system. Walk-ins welcome (no appointment needed)
- b) **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES on November 3-4, 2011.** Mr. Ramappa and his team will be available to help parents (and students) who have not yet signed-on as part of the conference process. Again, please stop by to see him.

2. **SPORT** seasons are in full-swing. It has been fun coming back and seeing a few games on campus (including middle school basketball and high school soccer). Our IISSAC soccer teams are heading out to Salatiga next weekend (21st-23rd) and we wish them the best as they tune-up their games! Our Battle of the Books team will be heading to Salatiga to compete two weeks later and they are also prepping hard for "battle"! Blessings!

3. **SPORTS' COURT** update. We will contract out for the 2 meter extensions for the ends of the court, as well as covering the metal grates over the drains. We are still waiting for our 3rd bid before we can award the contract. Our hope is to get it done by the end of November so the court is basketball friendly before the IISSAC season starts for high school. We tried to make this a community project but contractors are not comfortable with student labor and are saying that it will take more than the time we hoped for. That said, the work day is cancelled for the time being. Thank you to Student Council for working to help make this happen and yes, we will get the floor fixed.

I look forward to our October DAC on Friday, October 14th (today). Please highlight the Parent-Teacher Conferences on your calendar, Nov 3-4, we look forward to seeing you on campus and visiting our staff. Have a great weekend. Report cards will be going out next week (I can't believe the 1st quarter has already terjadi'd). Blessings, Pete Simano, M.Ed, Director

# Clinic News

Beginning this week we will be commencing routine health testing for all elementary students at BAIS.

The first will be vision testing that will be held on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> 2011**. This will involve reading from a wall chart at a given distance. We will inform you of your child's results on the day they are tested via a note going home with your child. This test is optional and free of charge. If you do not want your child's sight tested please fill out the form that was sent home with your student and return it to the clinic by **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

Dr. Grace  
BAIS Clinic

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

Congratulations to Jordan Nagel and Amie Hegle who have both received notice that they have been accepted to Universities. Jordan has been accepted to Crown College, and plans to attend after graduation, and Amie has been accepted to Asbury University - please congratulate these two seniors when you see them!

## Oct

- 1-31** I Love to Read Month
- 14** Half Day/ First Quarter Ends
- 14-15** BAIS Community Work Days
- 17** SECOND QUARTER BEGINS
- 21-23** ISSAC Soccer at Mountainview Intl School in Salatiga
- 31** Story Book Theme Day

## YEARBOOK

is once again offering the parents and friends of the Senior Class the opportunity to purchase an advertising page in the ad section of the 2012 BAIS yearbook. Prices range from Rp.230.000 to Rp.450.000. Ask your senior about it, they have a letter to share with you that has all the information you might need. If you have any other questions, please contact Ms. Hall at [melissahall@baisedu.org](mailto:melissahall@baisedu.org)



## Class View



The **SECOND GRADERS** have had a wonderful time learning all about Ancient China during the last few weeks! We've talked about China's rivers, their holidays, the Great Wall, and their writing system. We built our own Great Walls out of playdough, and attempted to write on scrolls with a brush and ink! It's been a lot of fun learning about how we are similar and how we are different from the people who lived in China a long time ago.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL  
Monday, **October 17**, Practice  
Tuesday, **October 18**, Practice  
Thursday, **October 20**, Game at BAIS

## Athletic News

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER  
IISAC Travel  
Letters going home today with athletes.  
We will be leaving from BAIS on Thursday, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11pm.  
We will be returning on Monday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>** during the morning between 4-6am.

# Lower and Upper Elementary Carnivals

are coming up soon! Lower Elementary Carnival is **Thursday, October 20th** and Upper Elementary Carnival is **Thursday, October 25th**. At the carnivals, students will be playing games, going through mazes, and listening to books being read. This is a fundraiser for the Battle of the Books students to go to their competition in November. The cost will be 30.000 per student. Non-BAIS students are welcome as well! Please contact Ms. Ripley or Ms. Ribbens for more details.

\* Please see below for the permission slip

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Permission Slip

## Lower Elementary Carnival



**Location:** BAIS Campus

**Date:** Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Time:** 2:45 – 4:15 pm

**Objectives:** Students will participate in activities planned by the BAIS Battle of the Books Team. This is a fundraising effort to raise money for six students [7-12 grade] and two teachers to go to the Battle of the Books Tournament on October 22-24. Students will get to play games, eat popcorn, and listen to books be read aloud.

**Cost:** Rp. 30.000 per student

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** The permission slip and money [stapled to permission slip] are due by **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Students need to be dropped off in Ms. Ripley's classroom [4<sup>th</sup> Grade] by an adult OR a teacher [if student is a pick up at the curb student], at 2:45pm. Students need to be picked up in Ms. Ripley's classroom at 4:15pm.

**Thank you on behalf of the BAIS Battle of the Books Team!**

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

My student may participate in this fundraising activity.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

My student will be picked up after the carnival by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

HP Number \_\_\_\_\_

BAIS SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY - by PARENTS 11-12		Strongly Agree	Agree	Some-times	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	BAIS provides a safe environment for teaching and learned	80%	20%			
2	BAIS maintains a clean and inviting appearance	80%	20%			
3	BAIS provides a welcoming environment	80%	20%			
4	BAIS is making steady progress towards higher standards for teaching and learning	80%	20%			
5	My child receives quality instruction in reading/language arts/English at BAIS	70%	20%	10%		
6	My child receives quality instruction in mathematics at BAIS	60%	40%			
7	My child receives quality instruction in science at BAIS	60%	40%			
8	My child receives quality instruction in social studies at BAIS	60%	40%			
9	The Director/Principals at this school are good leaders	80%	20%			
10	The school's office staff is courteous and helpful	80%	20%			
11	BAIS has a good relationship with the community	70%	30%			
12	My child is treated with dignity and respect at BAIS	80%	20%			
13	BAIS provides positive experiences for students	80%	10%	10%		
14	Parents at BAIS are treated with dignity and respect	80%	20%			
15	BAIS provides positive experiences for parents	80%	20%			
16	Parent are provided adequate access to teachers for conferences	70%	30%			
17	Volunteers are welcome at BAIS	70%	30%			
18	Students at this school have adequate access to computers	80%	20%			
19	BAIS provides adequate notification about school events and activities	60%	40%			
20	BAIS communicates effectively with me about my child's academic progress	70%	30%			
21	Student behavior at this school is satisfactory	70%	30%			
22	I am satisfied with services provided by the library/media staff	80%	20%			
23	I am satisfied with the services of the counseling staff (admissions, career & personal)	70%	30%			
24	Field trips provided by the school are meaningful and aligned with classroom instruction	60%	40%			
25	I am satisfied with the food services at BAIS	60%	40%			
26	I am satisfied with the spiritual instruction and outreach (i.e. WWW) at BAIS	90%	10%			
27	BAIS is preparing my child for success in the next grade, at college, or in a job	70%	30%			
		A	B	C	D	F
28	What overall grade would you give BAIS?	80%	20%			
29	What grade would you give to the NICS Network?	70%	30%			
30	What grade would you give to BAIS for fulfilling its STATEMENT OF PURPOSE?	80%	20%			

Comments:

#11: we need better relationships with our neighbors

#19: still too much information falls between the cracks with information on activities and school events

#28: BAIS can make my daughter more religious and closer to God

Overall: plant more trees, especially around the kid's playground as it gets pretty hot during the day

Overall: the area of language is a concern (Indonesian). Last year I felt that my children did not get an adequate education in Indonesian but I was very happy to see that changes are being made to the curriculum this year (even though my children are not yet benefiting from the IMLAC program). I see a desire in administration to improve in this area. My hope is that next year that the middle school and elementary ideas will be addressed.

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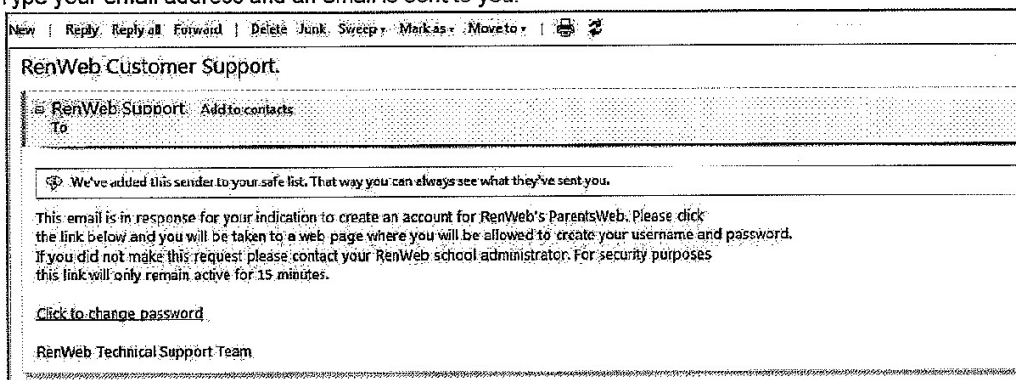
# ParentsWeb



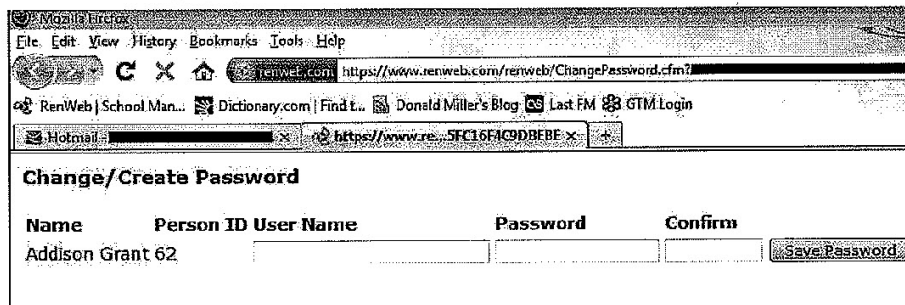
RenWeb's ParentsWeb is a private and secure parents' portal that will allow parents to view academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's information from others. You can see your child's grades, attendance, and homework, as well as other useful school information. You can also communicate with teachers and other school staff online whenever necessary. All you need is an Internet-capable computer.

Here's how to access our easy-to-use RenWeb ParentsWeb:

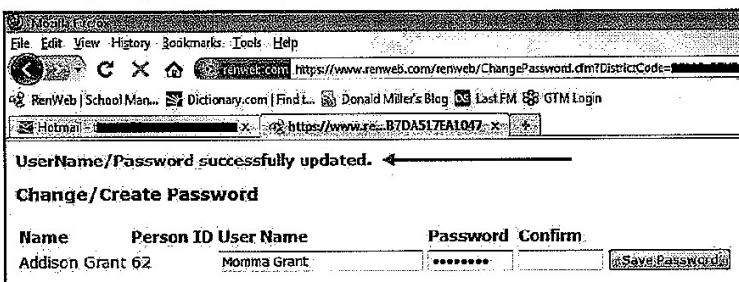
- First, you need to make sure that the school has your email address in RenWeb.
- Next, go to <http://sl.baisedu.org/renweb>
- If prompted for School District Code, type **BA-IDN**
- Click **Create New ParentsWeb Account**.
- Type your email address and an email is sent to you.



- Click the **Click to change password** link. This link is only valid for 30 minutes.
- A web browser displays your Name and RenWeb ID.



- Type a **User Name**, **Password** and **Confirm** the password.
- Click **Save Password**.  
A message displays at the top of the browser, "User Name/Password successfully updated."



- You can now log into ParentsWeb using your new User Name and Password.

We look forward to your participation. Together we can continue to improve our children's academic development as well as communication between our school and your home.

Please contact Anu Ramappa at [anur@baisedu.org](mailto:anur@baisedu.org) if you have trouble creating your username. Please mention your full name and preferred email address to be registered with RenWeb on your email.