



# KPIS Times

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# Happy Halloween!



## Kindergarten Updates

### The Kindergarten Crew

On behalf of the Kindergarten classes (PK-1 through K), we would all like to remind parents that Wednesday is Halloween! The Kindergarten building will be holding a costume contest in the morning. If your child would like to participate, please send him/her to school in costume. If they cannot wear the costume to school, please provide all pieces in a separate bag and teachers will assist him/her in dressing. Also, we will be having a pot-luck lunch--please bring a favorite dish to share with the Kindergarten classes. And remember your cameras! Photo opportunities will be available in the morning during the contest.

We are also excited to inform you of the very popular and effective reading program that will be utilized here at KPIS kindergarten this year. The SRA's First Reading Laboratory is a supplementary reading program providing phonics-based word games, sight word reinforcement and a number of fun short stories and passages that will help your child begin the wonderful journey of reading. This will be a very exciting time for you and your child to share and we would like to encourage all of you to get involved. Please take the time to read with your child as much as possible at home. If you need access to quality educational books feel free to visit the KPIS library or you can purchase books via the KPIS Scholastic Book Club program. If you would like specific advice on some great books please get in touch with your child's teacher. Help us give your child the ability to educate themselves.

## Grade 2

### Steven Cross

What is man's best friend? Or a woman's for that matter? Most people would say dogs! After the Fall Break, grade 2 will be learning all about the lovable animals. We'll study about dogs in some of the science, math, language arts, and social studies classes. We'll learn about the history of dogs, dog behavior, dog senses, how to take care of dogs, different breeds of dogs, and much

more. Dogs and humans work together in so many ways. We'll talk about working dogs like guide dogs, sled dogs, and search and rescue dogs. We may even talk to some people who are dog experts from the community. If you know anyone who works with dogs, please let me know.

So far this month, we have studied about how plants and animals help each other in science. We learned about food webs in grasslands and the ocean. We also learned about how an oil spill can change a food web. In math, we studied about even and odd numbers and skip counting. We also have learned how to compare numbers and find the closest ten. In language arts we have been practicing writing stories. We have learned to use pre-writing and use time-order words like first, next, then, and finally. In social studies, we have been talking about Aung San Suu Kyi because she is a leader of the Burmese people who want freedom. We have also discussed how communities are alike and different in Africa, Asia, and North America.

Stay tuned for next month's update on the exciting progress of grade 2! This is Steven Cross, your grade 2 reporter, signing off!

## Grade 3

### Mark Will

It has been a while since I last contacted you by letter. We are still doing well and learning a lot here in my Grade 3 classroom.

In science, we concluded our examination of plants, and began to look at animals. Firstly, we compared and contrasted the life systems of plants and animals. Secondly, we regarded the animals by themselves, and discovered that animals may be grouped by how they look, by where they live, or by how they act. For our purposes, we divided the animals into two major groups: animals with backbones (vertebrates), and animals without backbones (invertebrates).

In language arts, the pupils wrote their first personal narratives of two paragraphs long. They learned that a paragraph must have only one main topic (main idea). The topic is stated in the first sentence (topic sentence) of the paragraph, and all the other sentences must support this main idea. We continued on to study about nouns, possessive nouns, and capitalization. In mathematics, the students have learned how to break apart numbers, and how to use mental mathematics to find a

solution. We used techniques like "using tens" and "estimating solutions" in both addition and subtraction. Recently, we have been doing subtraction with two-digit numbers and three-digit numbers.

This is merely a brief summary of the many subjects we have been studying in Grade 3. As I have stated before, my door is always open if you have anything that you would like to discuss concerning your child.

## Getting ready for Halloween

### Junysel Mafa Maglaya

As early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October, students from PK1-G6 have been preparing for the Halloween celebration. The younger kids (PK-K) are busy making craft decorations such as jack-o-lanterns, bats, witches, Frankenstein & Dracula faces, ghosts, spiders, black cats & trick or treat bags.



The grade (1-6) school students are busy working on their Halloween posters which is also their first group project in Art class for this school year.

The students are sure having fun preparing for the school's next big event. I've taken some photos that I want to share

with you to showcase some of the activities that we've been doing so far. Enjoy ☺



Special thanks to Ms. Marilyn for providing the lovely paper bags that the students decorated which will serve as their trick or treat bags on Halloween.



## Note from Mr. Adam

Please bring cardboard and any other materials for building gravestones to Mr. Adam (Art Room) by Monday October 29, 2007



## Secondary School

### Patrick Gaunt

Hello. Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Patrick Gaunt and I have recently returned to the KPIS "family" as the Secondary School Coordinator and Counselor. Some of you may remember me from the last school year when I was teaching IES for secondary school.

Even in the brief time that I have been away I have seen many changes to KPIS. KPIS opened this year with grade 11 classes and next year we will graduate our first students. So this year is a very important year for all secondary school students. This is especially true for grade 11 as they begin to determine their future, both in their performances in core subjects and their choices of electives. This semester we have been able to offer a wide range of elective subjects; from Chinese to Business and IT. Next semester we expect to expand that choice.

With this in mind the Secondary School will start the finalize schedules next month and students and parents should be prepared to start making elective choices for the second semester soon afterwards.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Secondary Students who performed at the USA Fair at Siam Paragon this month. KPIS was the only school to perform on stage and also have a booth at the fair. I believe we may have some future AF (Academy Fantasia) stars in our student body judging by their performances.

I am pleased to say that the grade results for the Secondary School for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter demonstrate that students are working hard. Grade 11 should get special congratulations as their average GPA was 3.09. But we should not forget that there is still a long way to go for this school year and students should continue to work hard to keep their GPA up and continue to strive to improve on this good start.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the Parent Teachers Conference on October 26, 2007.

# KPIS



## KPIS Movie Jam

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you about a new and exciting tradition we are starting here at KPIS: The KPIS Movie Jam! Once a month the students of Keera-Pat International School will organize, promote, and host a movie night in the KPIS Theater. Teachers and students at KPIS have worked together to open our doors to the community and provide a comfortable, convenient, and affordable environment for families to come and spend an evening together. Everyone is welcome!

The goal of Movie Jam is to teach the students in the individual KPIS houses how to organize a public event to fund special activities while simultaneously giving back to the community. 20% of all proceeds earned on Movie Jam night will be donated to a charity of the host house's choice. The rest is deposited into an account, private to each house and maintained by the KPIS financial department, to be used towards interests specific to that house as selected by house representatives (house trips, games, special lunches, etc.) All income by each house will be posted at school on the Monday following the Movie Jam night for all to see.

The House of Peace has been selected to host the momentous inaugural Movie Jam! night. House representatives have been chosen and given specific tasks make the night a huge success. House leader Mr. Matthew will oversee details of operation, coordinate with Activities Coordinator Khun Duke... and donating homemade cookies! Nae in grade 8 will design unique tickets especially for this historic occasion. Jean and Namoun in grade 7 will act as the film committee to select a movie based on entertainment and family values. Mine and Tud Too in Grade 11 will oversee food and beverage collection and sales. Hall and Nin in Grade 11 will plan and coordinate with grades 1-10 to make decorations and help with setup.

We would like to encourage parents and guardians to participate in any way possible - be it through donating time, food, or any other services. We would like to thank you in advance for all your help in making KPIS a place where we can grow together as a family and as a community.

We hope to Jam with you!

### KPIS Movie Show Presents by House P

**"The Nightmare Before Christmas"**

**Date: November 9, 2007**  
**Show Time: 6:00 pm**  
**Ticket price: 40 baht**



## Message from the Principal Parents Letter

Dear Parents,

Your children and you are the backbone of what Keera - Pat International School is built upon. We are working as a family and community to be the best school both in curriculum, student success, student activities, technology, and a school where we adhere to our Mission Statement: **"To Provide students with the educational foundation that will equip them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for harmonious living in a culturally diverse society"** We are working together as a "Family" that supports each other through communication, dedication to our children, and the knowledge that we have will permeate the entire atmosphere that is positive and English speaking. With just being accepted as candidate for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation, we are working to be the very best in what our school KPIS is working at and achieving in small bits. As you know everything takes time. Think about this as you view KPIS:

***"Yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope."*** From the Sanskrit.

We have a vision and our vision is to make our family a strong and cohesive unit. A family that works and believes what we are working for. We are working and we will all succeed in our quest for each and every child that we have in our care.

It is hard to believe that we have already had so many successes this year. Communication and involvement by students, parents, teachers, staff, and administration is at the highest point we have witnessed. All of these groups have looked at our Mission and come up with a very simple acronym that we can use to know that we are all working for the same outcome. The phrase is: **"Knowledge Plus Insight is Strength."** This also fits with our House system of Knowledge, Peace, Integrity, and Spirituality forming the basis of a whole, well-adjusted contributor to Thailand and the World's societies.

### The School

Our school is student centered. The teachers, administration, and staff understand that as we grow there will be difficult situations to face. We look at our students as part of our family. A family is united, and tries to understand and work with each member to make it possible for everyone to succeed. Our facility is one of the very best in Bangkok and it is a facility to be proud of. It is the beginning of so very many other facilities that we will require to continue to support our family in a fashion that will allow our children to achieve all of their aspirations. It is only through our free and honest communications that we can do

this. Our understanding of your needs and your wishes will help make us one of the pre-eminent schools in Bangkok. A school that listens and trusts wise advice.

Our facility also has a swimming pool that is open to the families or our students, and the public on the weekends. We also are the only International School in Bangkok that has a planetarium that is working within our school now, and going to open to the public and other schools in Bangkok to share what we feel is important in education. We are working on our "Planetarium Society" as I am typing this now.

### **The Students**

Our family of students, parents, and faculty are increasing. Each year as we grow, we are giving more to all areas that give us the best potential for educating your daughter or son. We now have students from China, Germany, Korea, Russia, United Kingdom, and the United States, and many other areas of the world. We have made special arrangements to make sure that the curriculum meets their needs. We are student centered, and we want everyone in our "Family" to succeed and do their very best.

### **The Faculty**

Our faculty is primarily from native English speaking countries. The majority of faculty members that we have are certified educationally and have degrees from a Bachelors of Arts or Science, to Doctorates. Our faculty as we have hired for this year are qualified and certified specialists in their specific area(s) and they were hired because of their desire to help our students. They have a caring and love of all that we as administrators feel is the best for each and everyone one of our students. They are a faculty of caring individuals that know what and how to work with your child. We are doing the best that we can in scrutinizing all aspects of your child's education. We want only the best for your children and we hire only the best that we can find.

We have increased our staff twice fold to support the differences that we have amongst our students in their English Language ability, their ability level in every subject, and their special needs. We again are looking to make every member of our family self-sufficient and a life long learner who progresses at her or his own rate.

### **Curriculum**

We are an Advanced Placement School. Our curriculum is as powerful as an IB (International Baccalaureate Curriculum). We promote the same standards, yet we work to allow students to test in grades nine to grade 12 their specific areas of expertise. We want to allow students to do the best in any area, as the AP does, so that colleges and universities in the U.S. and other countries will see that your daughter or son is receiving the best education that they can get to receive AP credit.

Our teachers now have been working to align our curriculum not only vertically

from Pre-K to 12, but also horizontally at any specific grade level. We are integrating art with mathematics, we are working at making connections that will allow you and your child to see the relevance of a curriculum that works. In developing our own KPIS curriculum based upon the California Curriculum we are aligning the curriculum both vertically and horizontally. Vertically so that what a student learns at the Pre-Kindergarten level will be useful and directly in line with what the 12<sup>th</sup> grade will need as we move toward Advanced Placement courses. Aligning our curriculum horizontally will take advantage of the use of teachers in different subject areas that have relations work together so the students see a topic in more than one light. An example would be in teaching Greek Culture, the art teacher would have a different focus on the same material, or the mathematics teacher would have a slightly different approach as the physics teacher. This will broaden our students outlook in living in a world that is culturally diverse. We are planning to schedule for several AP classes, ie: AP Calculus, AP Literature, AP Physics, and either AP Psychology, Economics, or Sociology. There are plans for AP Chinese, Biology, and Chemistry in the future as our student population grows.

### **Subject Requirements and Grades**

The current students will have to attain 24 Carnegie credits to graduate in 2009. This will be made up of 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Thai, 3 Credits of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, 2 Credits of Health and Physical Education, 1 Credit of Entrepreneurialship and Information Technology, with the balance of the 24 credits in Electives made up of Music (Vocal and Instrumental), Art, Chinese, Business.

### **Activities**

We have several after school activities for our students to participate in. These activities range from book making, clay modeling, and Tae Kwon Do. On the weekends we offer such courses as Muai Thai, karate and swimming.

### **Sports**

Keera-Pat International School is a member of the TISAC league and we participate in sports such as soccer, basketball (boys and girls), badminton, golf, and are currently looking for competition for wrestling, tennis, and swimming.

### **School Events**

We have a variety of field trips, after school activities and outside excursions planned for our students. These range from field trips to hospitals, businesses, and interesting places such as Ayutthaya, the rivers in the area to do water testing for the science classes. Our qualified teachers will be using these trips to ensure that not only is the field trip or excursion a fun activity for your children, but, also an educational one that can be applied to many of your child's classes.

As your child grows in the KPIS family, we will be looking at taking them to meet and see other cultures that speak English such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United

Kingdom, and the United States. As our mission statement says we want to have our children life long learners and members of a global society. This happens only when a child is allowed to visit and see other cultures.

Along with this, each of the grades in the High School will begin spending time doing Community Service. We will be helping those in need as a class and in our houses as our children grow and learn that being a part of society and a culture is that of contributing to the best interests of everyone in the culture.

### **Expenditures**

Keera-Pat International School is spending money on developing a fully technological school. Each class room currently has a minimum of one computer and several have more. We have two labs of 20 computers that students are able to use during their free time, before school, after school, and during the breaks during the day.

We currently have LCD display panels in the classrooms and are in the process of purchasing additional units so that all classes will eventually have these units installed overhead, so that the teachers will have access to the internet to display current and up to date material as it happens.

We will continue purchasing books that will increase student growth along with making our Library a center of Learning where everyone can come to find the ways to fulfill their own individual needs.

### **The Library**

The KPIS Library is expanding to get more books, films, and items that are both classroom orientated and pleasurable. We currently have well over 9,000 volumes and are looking to purchase each year more volumes so that we will have an average of a minimum of 15 different books per student Pre-K to Grade 12. As a member of our community, Keera-Pat is also planning to open our library to the families of our students. We are looking at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and a collection of well over 500 movies on CD's and DVD's that will be able to be checked out by students, students families, and members of our immediate community.

We are part of the community and want to add and have the community know that we are there to help and support everything that we can possibly do for it.

This is Keera-Pat International School. We are concerned about the education and the welfare of each and everyone of our "Family." We are also sharing partners with our community to bring what we can to the education of everyone around us. We share and know that what KPIS gives is the element that brings people of many different cultures together. Bringing them closer in understanding and trust. We welcome each of you to take part in this and want only the best for each and everyone that we serve as a local community school, but a school that is international and has an English base as its language. Overall, we continue to

work, evaluate, and reevaluate where we are and how we can best help our diverse student population in academics and their growth as a contributing individuals to society.

Warm Regards,

Phillip A. Lampi  
Principal, Keera – Pat International School

### From the Editing Team:

Please feel free to submit your articles, announcements to us by the last Monday of each month.

Should you have any suggestions please feel free to contact us at

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### Polite Reminders!

Keera – Pat International School is an English speaking environment. We expect our students to speak English at all times while on campus.



## Halloween (ES + SEC events)

08:00 – 08:30	-	Individual Classroom Costume Contest
08:30 – 10:30	-	Whole School Costumes Contest
10:30 – 11:30	-	Booth Activities Trick or treating Fun activity Haunted House

### H.M.K. Bhumibol Adulyadej's Musical Compositions Singing Contest

The Royal Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom  
Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra  
Championship Cup

The Celebrations on Auspicious Occasion of  
His Majesty the King's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Anniversary and Royal Princess Galyani  
Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas  
Rajanagarindra's 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary at  
Keera-Pat International School

#### Selection:

- 1<sup>st</sup> round Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Final round Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

#### Awards:

- The Royal Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra Championship Cup
- Kangsadam Kaew Award by Music Creation Association of Thailand
- Scholarship and cash rewards
- The first prize winner receives 10,000 ฿
- The second prize winner receives 5,000 ฿
- The third prize winner receives 3,000 ฿
- Ten certificates for the last ten places.

For more information, please contact the information office.



### Upcoming Events in November 2007:

- November 9: Movie Show
- November 23: Loy Kratong Day & International and Thai Culture week (1/2 day)
- November 30: Teacher Accreditation Wk (No School for student)

