



# KPIS Times

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## Welcome Back To School!

### Message from the Principal

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Warm regards,

Phil Lampi,  
Principal KPIS



### Wai Kru Ceremony

On August 23, 2007 was the school Wai Kru Ceremony. During the Wai Kru Ceremony all Teacher's gave Pledge to the students. "We, the teachers of Keera-Pat International School, will teach, guide, and advise you to the best of our knowledge. We will take care of and protect you as you are our own."

Ms. Dew also gave a speech to the students. This is what she said, "On behalf of the KPIS faculty and staff, I accept these children to become my students. We are joined here today on this auspicious occasion in what promises to be the beginning of an excellent academic year.

The flowers that we receive today each have meanings within itself.

*Dok Ma Khue* (eggplant flower) represents respect because when the tree is blooming its branches bend down in the same way a student pays respect to their teacher.

*Ya Praek* (Bermuda grass) symbolizes patience or perseverance because it die-hards (like in the movie).

*Khao Tok* (popped rice) stands for discipline.

The *Dok Kem* means the student will be sharp-witted.

As we accept these flowers, we expect that you will be respectful, grateful, and responsible students. And you will stay true to yourself.

These plants each draw nutrients from their surroundings; regardless of where they are planted, they absorb nutrients from the sun, soil and water to become the perfect plant while still remaining the plant that they are. And when grown, they enrich the land by providing shade or food or beauty.

Dok kem whether growing in Thailand, the United States, or Australia, will always be a Dok kem, but it absorbs the best nutrients of that particular place to become the most beautiful Dok kem it can be.

Like these plants, you will absorb knowledge and wisdom from us, your teachers, your family and friends. Everyone you meet and everywhere you go will help you become the perfect you.

You will have the opportunity to absorb from all cultures you are exposed to and become the best that you can be. Then, hopefully, you will return the fruit of your knowledge and wisdom to your land.

This is our blessing to you on this day. Live your lives with respect, gratitude and responsibility. Stay true to yourself; be the best that you can. You are the growing plant; the hope of our new world."



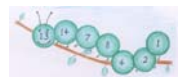
### Grade 1

(Tom Benjamin)

Wow! What an exciting time we are having in grade 1.

We are learning how to add numbers from 0 to 9. The students are given bottle caps and we ask them to hold up 3 in one hand and 2 in the other hand. This way they can actually see and feel what 5 objects looks and feels like. Most boys and girls like this form of learning. We began the year off learning how to recognize a sentence form a group of words. Now the boys and girls are ready to decide if the sentence is a statement, question or an exclamation. I am so pleased with their progress so far this year.

Sincerely,



### Grade 2

(Steven Cross)

This is Steven with a message about grade 2. I am so excited about this year! Grade 2 is starting the year strong! In science we have been learning about plants.

This week we are growing mung beans in jars that the students brought. In language arts we have



been learning about different kinds of sentences. Students know

statements, questions, commands, and exclamations. In math we have learned about adding and subtracting. We also practiced writing math stories. In social studies class we have talked about community. We will learn about different communities around the world like Belfast, Mexico City and more. Students are also learning how to work as a team. We have played some team building games in PE. We are on our way to a successful year in grade 2!



## Grade 3

(Mark Wills)

Dear parents of the KPIS Grade 3 students,

It has been a very busy two weeks for me here at the Keera-Pat International School. It has been a challenge for me to adjust to my new teaching job, but I feel I have made the adjustment well. I enjoy teaching all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and I enjoy their enthusiasm and love of learning. I believe the pupils have a lot of fun learning about the many subjects that we study in my class.

Very briefly stated, some of the things that we have learned about are the different parts and functions of plants. We have even compared plants to animals to see how similar they are in some respects, and how different they are in other respects. The pupils have looked at the various types of sentences there are in the English language, and the different methods of punctuation we use.

The students have studied the function of subjects and predicates in sentences. The class has worked with numbers in the hundreds and even numbers in the millions. We have examined the globe and maps, and have looked at the numerous continents, countries, and oceans of the world.

This is only a brief summary of the many things which we have examined and talked about during our first two weeks in grade three. I truly enjoy teaching your children, and I hope they similarly enjoy having me as their instructor. As I have stated before, my door is always open, and you can come and visit me anytime to discuss the academic progress of your son or daughter, or any other concerns you may have about your child.

## Grade 4

(Joe Huffman)

Grade 4 has gotten off to a great start this year! In the first week, we worked together to get to know each, to establish class rules, and to set class jobs. Everyday each group has certain jobs to do such as cleaning their area, or being responsible for turning off the air conditioning. Groups compete to see who does their jobs the best! We started off the year learning about cells in science, numbers in math, map skills in social studies, sentence structures in language arts, and how to be healthy in all three ways in health. Things are going well and we look forward to the year!



## Grade 5

(Lance Anderson)

The fifth grade started the year by creating their silhouette portraits. They have done some imaginative writing through turning the image of a pair of scissors into a magical creature. In science they have learned about the cell and its structure.

If you have any concerns, my door is always open.



## Grade 6

(Matt Harper)

Ooga Booga! 6th Grade has been very busy studying the lives and ways of prehistoric man. We've read about scientist-invetigators who use clues from the past to teach us about the way people looked and behaved millions of years ago. We have even invited some of our prehistoric ancestors to join us in class next week! In health class we have been discussing how our parents, friends, and teachers, help to teach us values. 6th grade knows it is very important that we have the right kind of values and surround ourselves with people that affect us positively if we want to lead fun and happy lives. In science we are learning all about cells, how they work, and what we can do to

help keep the cells in our body healthy. The motto for the week is: "You are what you eat!" So eat HEALTHY. No one wants to look like a giant pizza!



## Polite Reminders!

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

From the Editing Team:

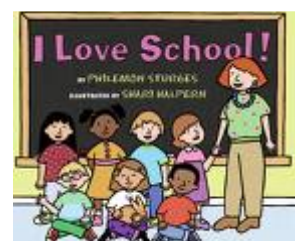
I hope this newsletter finds you well. Please look forward to receiving a newsletter every last Friday of the month. We will be publishing a newsletter to inform the KPIS community of events that have happened in that month as well ones that are tentatively scheduled to happen in the following month.

We welcome articles, announcements from everyone; teachers, students, parents. Please feel free to submit your writings by the last Monday of each month

Should you have any suggestions, announcements, please feel free to contact us at [info@keera-pat.com](mailto:info@keera-pat.com)

## Upcoming Events in September:

- \*\* September 10, 2007
  - Parent Tea Time
- \*\* September 10, 2007
  - Clubs Start
- \*\* September 14, 2007
  - ½ day –
  - (Students leave after lunch)
- \*\* September 17, 2007
  - Teacher Accreditation Wk
  - (No School for Students)



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