

Date: February 20th 2020

Important Notices

MYIS Air Quality Policy	MYIS Air Pollution Policy and Procedures
Outdoor Air Quality Readings (GAMS)	After School Clubs Registration
	Parent Partnership Policy

Topics Covered This Week:

- Coronavirus update
- Parent Partnership Workshops
- MYIS Sports Day
- MYIS Triathlon
- MYIS Musical and Celebration of Arts
- Voice of the week is from Grade 2

Updates and Announcements:

March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 Parent Working Group Meeting	6
9	10	11	12 Assembly: C&S	13
Book Week				
16	17	18	19 Parent Teacher Conferences (T&C J&C) 3-Way Conferences (P&U - G4/5)	20
MYIS no students				
23	24 Parent Partnership Morning: PYP Self Study	25	26	27 Sports Day

February Break

Next week MYIS is closed for our February Break. With the world currently in alert with the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) we urge all families to show strict caution with where you visit, both locally and outside of Thailand. Currently schools in regions around the world have closed and we continue to be advised by the International School Association of Thailand (ISAT) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), on the current situation in Thailand and its impact on MYIS. For families who are traveling with friends and family from regions heavily affected by the virus (such as China, Hong Kong, and Singapore) we require students to remain home for a 14 day quarantine. This is for the health and safety of all students in the school. Please be aware that Thai health authorities have in place screening procedures for passengers coming from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan. Passengers showing symptoms may be taken to hospital for quarantine, treatment and further testing.

Currently, we are not aware that school closure will be necessary, but teachers are prepared for distance learning should this be necessary. This would mean that students will undertake their classes from home via applications such as Seesaw, Skype and Google Drive to ensure learning continues. We are positive and hopeful that this will not be necessary. Please see below for advice from the World Health Organisation:



Parent Partnership Meeting

This week's Parent Partnership Meeting was a big success with parents from both Grades 4/5 and other classes coming and hearing about the fantastic process that Grade 4/5 are undertaking for this year's PYPX (exhibition). If you are interested in seeing the presentation and the information shared have a look at this [link](#).

The next Parent Partnership Meeting will be on **March the 24th at 8.30am**. The focus of this meeting will be on the IBPYP Evaluation Self-Study. During this session you will be introduced to the Standards and Practices that MYIS need to abide by as a PYP school. You will be shown the work that the teachers and staff have been doing throughout the year and the evidence that has been collected to send into the IB. This evidence will support us as we write a 5-Year Action Plan that will guide MYIS in the future. The evidence will also be used to write a self-study report, that will explain to the IB evaluation team the areas that we believe are our strengths as well as the areas that we believe we need to focus on in the future.

Having the parent community's voice represented in the report is an important part of the self-study process and we urge you to consider joining us for this important meeting!

Triathlon

Creativity & Service and Excellence class will participate in the annual MYIS Triathlon. The objective of the Triathlon event is to provide a supportive, family environment that celebrates individual achievement through the great sport of Triathlon.

The event will take place on **THURSDAY 2nd of April** and everyone is invited to come and support the C&S and Excellence students! More details to come.

Sports Day

As the air quality seems to have cleared we feel confident in announcing a date for Sports Day that was postponed from December. Sports Day will now be on **Friday, March the 27th at 9am**. The day will be an early dismal day, with school closed for all students at 12.30 (After School Club activities will not be running). More details will come in the week after break.

MYIS Musical

After the February Break the students will start working hard on this year's musical. This year's musical is an adaptation of the Thai folk tale, look out for details on the storyline in the next newsletter! ALL students, from Trust and Caring to Grade 4/5 will be involved and will be working on it during specialist classes. In March Grade 2 and 3 students will have a field trip to a local Puppet Foundation where they will watch a puppet show and have an opportunity to participate in a puppet making workshop. This will serve as the provocation for the musical where puppets will play a large part in their role in the show.

The dates are confirmed for the performances and we are excited to add a third performance this year.

- Thursday 21st of May at 11am
- Friday 22nd of May at 11am
- Saturday 23rd of May at 11am

In order to meet the needs of students with siblings at other schools and parents who work during the school day, we are excited to offer a performance on a Saturday this year. If you don't believe your child will be available to perform in the Saturday performance please let me know as this will impact the casting of roles before rehearsals begin.

We are looking forward to an entertaining, whole school, collaboration!

MYIS Voice

This week Grade 2 are the "Voice of MYIS". Their issue demonstrates their learning journey through their unit on How the World Works and is an example of a "Transdisciplinary Unit" as was shared in last weeks newsletter.

How does Grade 2 make units truly transdisciplinary?

HOW THE WORLD WORKS


Integrating Art, STEM and Earth Science

Central Idea: Earth's surface changes over time due to human activity.

Lines of inquiry:

- Factors that change earth's surface
- Human impact on the earth's surface
- Characteristics of earth's surface

Project Feature: Play Dough Layers of the Earth



Project Feature: 3D Tornadoes

Students created 3D tornadoes using recycled materials. Students began to draw items that they thought could possibly get caught in a tornado. They used great creativity to free draw the items and carefully cut them out.



Next, students began constructing their 3D models using recycled beverage holders from coffee shops and recycled paper.



Students spray painted with grey paint to create debris on their tornado. Finished products!

