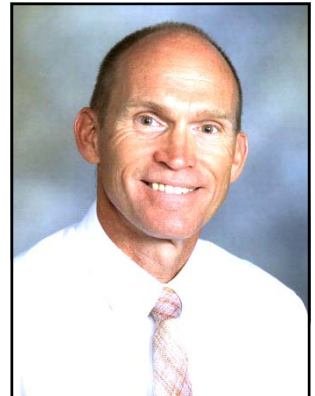


A Message From Roy G. Crawford, School Head

Just that quickly, the first semester of the 2010 school year has come to a close. I am proud and excited about the wonderful opportunities which have been provided to our children, families and staff. At this time of year, it is good to reflect upon the past summer and autumn. Following are just a few of the key events which celebrated and honored our school community:



- The exciting first day of school on 5 August.
- The Open School Evening on 27 August.
- Our Community Picnic on 5 September.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences in mid October.
- October 23 UN Day.
- The November Cambodia Studies Trips.
- Two November MRISA athletic event
- The December MUN trip to Paris.
- Our Winter Festival on 9 December

These significant events are cornerstones to the “whole child” education we at NISC provide our children: recreation, the arts, strong academics, Cambodian culture and international understanding and travel. I thank all of our teachers, children and parents for embracing this philosophy.

I wish you a restful and refreshing winter break, and I look forward to seeing your children on 12 January. For those of you who are leaving our community, please accept my sincere thanks for your contributions to NISC and my best wishes as you move on to other international adventures.

For the vast majority who will be returning for the second semester, I look forward to seeing you at the drop off area at the front of the building on 12 January! Be prepared to greet your new classmates who will be joining us.

As always, many thanks for trusting us with the important job of educating your children!

Dates to Remember

- December 19 to January 11**
Holiday Break; no school
- January 12 - Tuesday**
Quarter 3, Semester 2 begins
- January 20 to 24 - Wednesday to Sunday**
MRISA Cultural Exchange in Hanoi, Vietnam
- January 20 - Wednesday**
Early Release Day
- January 22 - Friday**
Elementary Assembly
- January 25 - Monday**
After School Activities #3 starts
- January 28 to 31 - Thursday to Sunday**
MRISA HS Soccer

Parents:

If there is a possibility that your child may not be returning to NISC for the second semester beginning 12 January 2010, please contact Ms. Margie or Ms. Bopha at your earliest convenience. This information will help us manage class sizes as new families apply for second semester admission, and will also help us give a proper farewell.

Thank you for your help.



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Model United Nations - Paris

Nine students have recently returned from a week-long journey to Paris, France to participate in the 9th annual Paris Model United Nations (PAMUN) simulation hosted by the American School of Paris. The group included 9th graders Sentosa Mam and Titus Payne; 11th graders Nicky Bijayananda, Reach Cha, Sungpil Lee, Insung Peak, Tommy Lee and Justin Lee; 12th grader Menghong Tang; and French teacher Mme. Linda Ung and MUN advisor Matt Campeau as chaperones. The simulation was hosted at UNESCO headquarters in central Paris with over 850 students from more than 60 schools and five continents participating.

With a central theme of "A World In Crisis", students represented the nations of Singapore and Ukraine as mock UN delegates and debated several timely issues such as proposals regarding the review of the Kyoto Protocol on the eve of world leaders coming together in Copenhagen, Denmark to do the same; how to address the issue of oceanic dead zones; a possible renegotiation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty; worker's rights in Least Economically Developed Countries (LEDCs); and how to deal with potential future conflicts that may arise from global climate change.



Beyond the simulation, we were able to visit many cultural and historic sites around Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, Versailles, Notre Dame, Sacré-Coeur, Champs-Élysées, and Le Louvre among others. A good time was had by all and many students are already discussing their desire to possibly attend a Model United Nations simulation in the future.

