

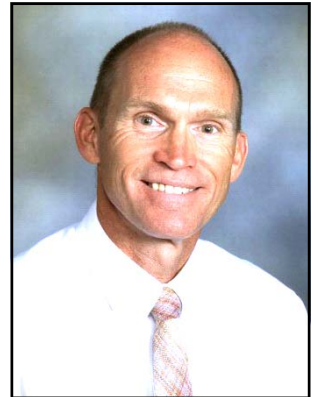
## A Message From Roy G. Crawford, School Head

Please visit our website at [niscambodia.com](http://niscambodia.com). Mr. Jim Cuthill is working diligently to keep it updated with the current news, Mekong Messengers, lunch menus, photos, school calendar, ASA offerings and registration form, the athletic schedule, and so on. In addition, we are updating many of the school description pages and grade level pages. I encourage you to use the site often and to send the link to family, friends and colleagues around the world.

Much to the benefit of our overall program and to all of our children, our enrollment now stands at 308 students, up significantly from what we were experiencing at the beginning of this past summer. I thank all of you new parents for bringing your children to NISC, and I thank all of you returning parents for continuing to trust us with educating your children. As parents who know NISC best, you are the best marketing tool we have, so please continue to speak well of NISC to family, friends and colleagues!

Finally, we are making great strides in upgrading our school technology capability. The next issue of the Mekong Messenger will highlight some of those wonderful improvements which will enhance the educational opportunities for your child.

As always, thank you for sending your children to NISC!



## Special Talk Given to NISC's Biology Classes

On Thursday October 1, the Grade 10 Biology and AP Biology students heard a presentation given by Dr. Michael Moreton, the International Medical Coordinator for the Bangkok Hospital. Dr. Moreton spoke about infectious diseases from the microbe point of view. He included explanations of virulence, infectivity, immunity, and treatment. He spoke about a wide variety of diseases that affect Asians in particular, like dengue fever and malaria. Dr. Moreton also cautioned about the improper use of antibiotics to treat virus-caused conditions, e.g. the common cold. He spoke in an easy-to-understand way and the students learned a lot.

At the conclusion of the talk, students were actively engaged in a question and answer session where they voiced some of their concerns about AIDS and the swine flu. The students will also follow up this talk with their preparation for this year's Science Forum – Health and Safety Issues in Cambodia and its Near Asian Neighbors.

A special thank you again to Dr. Moreton for visiting NISC during his stay in Phnom Penh.

*Peggy Benton - NISC Science Coordinator and teacher*



## Student Council donates to KIVA

The 2008-09 NISC High School Student Council made the decision to allocate some of the funds they raised last year to make a microloan to a small business entrepreneur. The idea behind microloans is to provide loan money to underprivileged individuals who normally would not be served by traditional banks. They do not have enough to start a savings account, are seeking a loan amount too small or have very little to offer as collateral for a loan. While not a quick fix to poverty, providing credit to underprivileged people allows them to be more economically resilient during difficult economic times and may help them move from every day survival to planning for a future.

An organization called Kiva ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)) has become a major force in collecting and allocating microloan funds from across the world. Kiva is a non-profit organization that started in San Francisco, California. They have designed a website that allows lenders to select who they would like to loan to including the country, type of business and gender of the clients. The lender then receives a monthly disbursement into their Kiva account, which can be cashed out or lent to another person. The interest payments do not get paid to the Kiva lender but go to the microfinance institution disbursing the loan in order for them to pay their staff and operate their business. Kiva partners with local microfinance institutions around the world and loans out more than a million dollars weekly and, thus far, the default rates on Kiva loans is less than two percent!

A female Cambodian farmer is selected to receive the loan. According to the Kiva website, she will use the funds to purchase a water pump for irrigation, fertilizer and rice seed. A woman was chosen as the recipient under the idea that women are disproportionately impoverished and are often the sole provider for their families. The NISC HS Student Council hopes to maintain an ongoing relationship with Kiva and we encourage you to visit their website yourselves at [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org).

## NISC Students Participate in Math Competition

NISC students are competing in the annual American Scholastic Mathematics Association (ASMA) math contest. ASMA organizes an enrichment mathematics service in the form of a contest. This activity provides our students with an opportunity to compete internationally with other gifted mathematical students around the world. There are a number of schools who participate from around the globe. The first contest was held last week, on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and it was an intense 35 minutes of solving seven challenging math problems. The following students were the ones chosen to represent the NISC team in the high school division: Jake Park, Nin Men, Yu Geun Chang, Tzu Ho Lin, Jack Chen, Laura Im, Nick Hwang, Roxy Kim, Daniel Lee, Hye Li Jang, Justin Lee, Insung Peak, Hohan Hwang, David Sok and Rattanak Tara.

The next ASMA will be held on the second week of November. Our students are enjoying the challenge and have learned a lot.



**We like to recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments of our students by sometimes placing pictures of them in NISC publications or on the Web. If you do not want the picture of your child to be included in the school web site or publications, please contact the school office immediately. Thank you.**

## Dean of Admissions from Wesleyan University to speak with HS students and parents

On Monday, 26 October, Nancy Hargrave Meislahn, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Wesleyan University, CT USA will be speaking with NISC High school students. She will speak on the process of applying for admissions and financial aid to U.S. universities, and particularly how the process works for international students. She will also give students meaningful guidance on writing college admissions essays that will capitalize on their strengths as international students.

Nancy Meislahn joined the Wesleyan staff as Dean of Admission and Financial Aid on January 1, 2000. A 1975 graduate of Cornell University, she worked for her alma mater for twenty years, serving as Director of Undergraduate Admissions from 1986 to 2000. Nancy's first admission position was at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where she began a career-long interest in encouraging young women to pursue all pathways and especially to consider careers and interests in math and science. A former President of the New York State Association of College Admission Counseling and TOEFL Board member, Nancy Meislahn is also a frequent contributor to College Board initiatives. She serves as a consultant for the Overseas Schools Project, traveling extensively and coordinating visits for the schools in Asia.

Parents of high school students are invited to attend either of the presentations, which will be held in the NISC Library.

1:00-1:45pm – Grade 9 & 10

2:00-3:00pm – Grade 11 & 12

We look forward to seeing you there.



**Raksmei Chan Reed**

*Born on*  
**13 September 2009**

*To*  
**Aaron Reed and Annette Chan**



### New Arrivals to the NISC Family



**Vicent Visoth Ry**

*Born on*  
**19 May 2009**

*To*  
**Samnang Mao and Pinit Lors**



**Chanphissara Him**

*Born on*  
**4 August 2009**

*To*  
**Sophy Him and Chantou Ma**



**Sopheap Isabella Johnston**

*Born on*  
**2 September 2009**

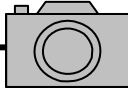
*To*  
**Matt Johnson and Srey Mam**



**Sa Vanh Talia Madalinski**

*Born on*  
**19 September 2009**

*To*  
**Junlah and Nik Madalinski**



## “Smile!” - SCHOOL PHOTOS

Yes, it’s that time of the year when choruses of “Cheese” float above the campus grounds.

### Individual Student and Class Photos October 26 and 27

Monday, October 26      Elementary and Middle School  
Tuesday, October 27      High School

**For the best shots**, please wear solid colors as opposed to multi-colored/pattern outfits. Avoid shirts with large logos, advertisements, and messages. Students who have P.E. that day should bring a change of clothing.

**Photo packets** will be offered for sale in time for the holidays. Those interested in having other photographs (friend shots, individual portraits; family photos) will have the opportunity to do so in the afternoon.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Bolzenius, Yearbook Coordinator.

## Dates to Remember

### October 17 - Saturday

Middle School Basketball Tournament

### October 20 - Tuesday

Board of Trustees Meeting #2

### October 21 - Wednesday

Early Release day; half day of school (11:30)

### October 21, 22—Wednesday, Thursday

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Upper School

### October 23 - Friday

United Nations Day Celebration at NISC

### October 24 - Saturday

Volleyball Tournament at ISPP

### October 26 - Monday

Wesleyan College Dean of Admissions visits NISC

### October 26, 27 - Monday, Tuesday

Yearbook Photos

### October 30 - Friday

King Father’s Birthday; no school

### November 2 to 6 - Monday to Friday

Water Festival; no school

### November 12 to 15 - Thursday to Sunday

MRISA HS Volleyball at UNIS, Hanoi

### November 18 to 20 - Wednesday to Friday

Cambodia Studies Trip (Grades 5-12)

### November 26 to 29 - Thursday to Sunday

MRISA MS Basketball at NISC

## Lunch Menu

### Monday, October 19

*mixed green salad with dressing, onion soup, egg sandwich, mini chicken steak, vegetables in oyster sauce, onion fried rice, mashed potatoes, sticky rice in syrup*

### Tuesday, October 20

*chicken and cabbage salad, minced pork stuffed bitter melon soup, jelly sandwich, Hungarian beef goulash, fried tofu in oyster sauce, steamed rice, fries, bread pudding*

### Wednesday, October 21

*pizza, barbecued chicken, prawn fried rice, taro chips, chocolate cake*

### Thursday, October 22

*pizza, roasted pork loin, pineapple fried rice, sweet potatoes, banana*

### Friday, October 23

*pork and taro spring rolls, breaded chicken wings, beef fried rice, mini pizza, potato chips, mixed nuts tart*

### Monday, October 26

*Japanese potato salad, chicken and lime pickle soup, bread, beef stew, stir fried vegetables with pork, steamed rice, fries, ice cream*

### Tuesday, October 27

*duck claw salad, chap chai soup, egg sandwiches, pork fillets, stewed pork and tofu with vegetables, steamed rice, potatoes, fruit*

### Wednesday, October 28

*mixed green salad with dressing, beetroot soup, bread, fish in mango sauce, fried rice noodles with pork, Khmer fried rice, potato wedges, passion fruit mousse*

### Thursday, October 29

*mixed green salad, noodle soup with meatballs, mini pizza, sausage with mustard sauce, baked pasta, egg fried rice, potato croquettes, coconut mousse*

### Friday, October 30

*no school; no lunch*



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