

# LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Thai Chinese International School

## Upcoming Events!

\*Jan. 19th Monthly Assembly  
Independent Lifelong Learners  
in 360 at 7:15 (performances by  
PK4)

\*Jan. 19th 4th grade Thai field  
trip

\*Jan. 22nd MS/HS Band/Strings  
Concert at 7pm in 360

\*Jan. 27th 2nd grade Thai field  
trip

\*Feb. 3rd Chinese New Year  
Celebration at school

\*Feb. 6-14 Chinese New Year  
holiday- - No school Feb.8-12

## Next Parent Workshop

**Our next parent workshop will  
be held after the Chinese New  
Year Holiday. Feb. 17th 7:30**

## Expectations

**We expect academic  
excellence at TCIS.**

As part of our guarantee for learning we need to have quality assessment. Last week grade 1-4 took part in a Winter MAP testing but we are excited to now offer in MS the SAT testing for select students. This is a wonderful accomplishment for students and for our school.



## January = Independent Life Long Learners

**What does it mean to be an independent life long learner?**

Here at TCIS we are curious and we like to learn new things! That means we set goals and work to achieve them. We practice things to get better and grow.

The ESLR assembly and awards will be in the 360 theater on Jan. 19th at 7:30-8:00 with awards and special presentations from PK4 A and PK4 B.

## Quarter Two Report Cards

**Report cards were mailed home this week!**



As you sit down and look at the second quarter report for your child. Talk with them about their learning. Find out what are they proud of and what they are still working on improving. Ask them to share some goals they have for the rest of their year. It is important to celebrate your child's hard work they put into the reporting period but also to use this time to set goals to continue to grow and learn. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the teacher they are always happy to meet and share our child's progress and learning plan with you.

## Reminders

### Pick up and Drop offs

School begins 7:10 campus open at 6:45

School ends 3:10 campus closes for LS students who are not in activity by 4:00

Students should be collected in early childhood from their classrooms or after 3:20 in the LS office or designated waiting spot after 4:00 in the waiting area in the parking garage.

Students in KG-grade 4 should be collected in the canteen or the waiting area in the garage from 3:20-4:00.

We appreciate your help and support in keeping the campus safe for all and honoring our drop off and pick up times

### Parking Garage

The third floor to the parking garage is reserved for teachers. Parents should not be parking there or in the spiral driveway.

... Thank you for your support!

## Announcement!

LS playground improvements are coming soon! We are reviewing and looking to purchase some new equipment.



## TCIS Strategic Plan and Links



Here at TCIS we want to be the best international school in Thailand and to do that takes a plan and some thoughtful steps.

Here is the link to the TCIS strategic plan that can be located on the website.

<https://sites.google.com/a/tcis.ac.th/15-16-tcis-strategic-plan/>

Here is the Link to the LS strategic plan and the 2015-2016 objectives. These are some of the major accomplishments to help assure that we are the best international school in Thailand. Please take a look on our website. Your feedback and thoughts are always welcomed and encouraged.

We are a team!

<https://sites.google.com/a/tcis.ac.th/15-16-tcis-strategic-plan/senior-administration-s-strategic-plans/head-of-lower-school>

## Upcoming Campus Projects

We are very excited to announce some changes to our facility at TCIS in the coming years.

- We are going to be adding air conditioning to the canteen.
- We are going to renovate the LS second floor gym to become a music performing hall.
- We will make improvements to the gymnasium on the top floor of the parking garage and look at air-conditioning it and providing a walkway from building 4 for improved access and safety.
- We want to renovate and improve Building 4 on floor 4 where the art and music rooms are.
- We would like to provide a sun cover for the main turf soccer field to help keep it cooler.

## Teachers we APPRECIATE YOU!



**Special Congratulations  
to: Mr. Val. Ms. Shanesz, and  
Ms. Rung**

The Ministry of Education of Samut Prakan has recognized our teachers with THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. Well done!

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**We live in a digital age. Here are some links and resources to help your child.**

### **Reading Resources** (help your child grow as a reader at home)

**Sight words:** [http://www.westbranch.k12.oh.us/userfiles/167/fry\\_complete\\_1000.pdf](http://www.westbranch.k12.oh.us/userfiles/167/fry_complete_1000.pdf)

**Consonant Clusters:** <http://chatt.hdsb.ca/~mcalisterc/S181DE59E.1/Consonant%20Cluster%20Lettering%20Chart%20Pgi.pdf>

**Alphabet Linking Chart:** <http://www.springboro.org/userfiles/32/alphabet%20linking%20chart.pdf>

**Reading Tips in English:** <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-II-languages#english>

**Reading Tips in Chinese:** [http://www.readingrockets.org/content/pdfs/tips/cc\\_tips\\_chinese.pdf](http://www.readingrockets.org/content/pdfs/tips/cc_tips_chinese.pdf)

### **MAP Testing Vocabulary Practice**

**Quizlet Lists:** <http://www.portage.k12.wi.us/ms/maptestvocabularypractice.cfm> (Find your range and begin practicing)

**Don't forget to turn the technology off and to spend quality time with your family!**

