



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Thai Chinese International School

Upcoming Events!

Free Dental Cleaning for LS Students April 20th



We are excited to announce - LS students will get a **FREE** dental screening by Dr. Santana on April 20th. She will also offer a discount for all TCIS students if you show your ID card.

4th Grade Parent Transition Meeting
Tuesday
April 4, 2017
Middle School
6th Floor
7:30 am

Dear Parents,

The Thai Department has organized a **Songkran Fair on Thursday April 6, 2017** with the theme “ม่วนคักคัก มนต์รักสงกรานต์” (Fun Songkran Thai Northeastern). The activities will be held from 7.25–3.10 as follows:

Time	Activities	Location
7.30 am - 7.55 am	Offering food to the monks (9 monks)	Soccer field
7.55 am - 8.30 am	“Rod Nam Dum Hua” (Pouring water on the teachers’ palms)	
8.30 am - 9.05 am	Performances LS/MS/HS	360 theater
9.25 am- 11.00 am	Monk Preaching grade1- grade 8	
9.25 am -3.10 pm	Visit the exhibition “Thai wisdom” Creative handcraft Have fun with the games Food fair	2 nd floor gym 2 nd floor gym Soccer field Basketball court

The Thai Department would like to invite you to celebrate our Songkran festival with us. Please join the Buddhist ceremony in the morning by offering dried and canned food to the monks. **Students are encouraged to wear a Thai Northeast traditional dress.** Appropriate dress for male students includes a Songkran floral printed shirt, school pants and pa kao ma. Appropriate attire for female students includes Thai blouse and Thai skirt.

If your child would like to participate in the water splashing, please have them bring a dark color T-shirt and pants to wear during the activity. Students may bring a container of water about the size of their hand or a small bottle to use while they are playing with the water. All water guns are prohibited. After the water playing, the students will wear their regional Thai costume, Songkran T-shirt, or school uniform.

In addition, students will be manning booths promoting Thai culture. The profits from the booths will go to a Thai charity and future events. We would appreciate your support for our activities by purchasing the coupon in advance or by providing money to your children so they may enjoy the activities. The coupons form for food and games will be sent out soon.

The Thai department and students in charge would like to thank you for your support and cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,
 Dr. Khanchit Juthapornmanee
 Director



The Lower School and the Early Childhood PE classes will begin their 4 week swimming unit after the Songkran Holiday (April 18th- May 12th). Please make sure that on your child’s PE day he/she has a swimsuit, towel, hair elastic, goggles, and their P.E or regular uniform. Ms. Momy and I will both be in the pool during each class to ensure the safety of your child. We are thrilled to be able to offer such an exciting unit that teaches your child a valuable life skill! If your child is excused from **one day** of swimming due to illness or injury, please send a note with them. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me any time. Thank you! Ms. Krista ☺ krista.wilson@tcis.ac.th



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Kindergarten English Language Learners

At TCIS, English Language Learning (ELL) support begins in grade one. As part of the transition from Kindergarten to grade one our students are given an English language proficiency test to help determine who would benefit from this support. This test assesses all areas of English language including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The results of this assessment, along with the academic progress of your child in the classroom, will help determine if your child will be requiring English language support in grade one.

TCIS is currently using an assessment from an organization called WIDA. WIDA runs out of the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. WIDA provides multiple resources including assessments and a standards framework to help meet the needs of students who are learning English as an additional language.

TCIS became a member of the the WIDA International School's Consortium in March 2016. Our school is currently using the W-APT test as a screener to determine eligibility for ELL support. The W-APT is a test composed of Listening/Speaking, Reading and Writing inventories. The assessment is scripted and guides the student through a set of specific questions geared towards English language proficiency. The data shows proficiency in listening and speaking as well as diagnostic skill descriptors for reading and writing.

The assessment will take place from April 24th - 28th, 2017. The assessment will be administered by Mr. Joseph, our Lower School ELL teacher.

It is our belief that the TCIS community is responsible for the growth of each student by providing a comprehensive educational program that meets their individual needs and sets them up for academic success.

If you have any questions about the assessment, please contact Student Services at 02-751-1201 ext. 227 to arrange an appointment.

School is closed for Songkran Break - April 7 through 17. School resumes April 18.