

February 2017

Middle School Newsletters

From the Principal's Desk

- by Mr. Conrad Pholar

Greetings from the halls of academia at TCIS! It gives me great pleasure to inform our TCIS community that our Middle School student scholars were recognized at our February 8 morning assembly for their first and second quarter academic achievements. Both Honor Roll (Grade Point Average - 3.5 to 3.74) and High Honor Roll (GPA - 3.75 to 4.00) students were awarded certificates. Following are the photos of our honor students at the assembly. Congratulations to our students as well as their parents for their accomplishments in helping make TCIS the best international school in Thailand.

High Honor Roll

1st Semester 2016-2017

You did it!
Congratulations



Left to Right on the back row

Pias, Kati, Cindy, Mint, Kurt, Am

Left to Right on the front row

Talay, Michelle, Ploy, Jai Jai

Honor Roll

You did it!
Congratulations

1st Semester 2016-2017



Left to Right on the back row
Wan , Kris, Chanel, Dora, Pooh
Pha, Sam

Left to Right on the front row
Myra, Wern Wern, Pam ,Ping,
Som, Plam, Henry

MS Sport Day



By..... Ms. Beth Pierce

Five months ago the Middle School Student Council Officers began planning the 2017 Sports Day. Continuous discussions of and editing to the Middle School Sports Day Schedule were added to their already packed days as they coordinated over 200 students and teachers into organized chaos. The Thai Chinese International School MS Sports Day was created to celebrate the competitive nature of sports and also the collaborative spirit sports build. Collaborative work is one of the cornerstones of our school ESLRs and a key attribute to a healthy social life after leaving school. Sports Day endeavors to show students that sports are not all about winning but enjoying working together no matter the score.

Student-Teacher teams of 30-32 members took part in 30 minute games of basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, dodge ball, and two games of soccer. After two games the first break saw the Yellow team in the lead. Four games later and the Black Team had taken the lead before the lunch break. Lunch break was followed by relay events and the finale of MS Sports Day, Tug-of-War. The Blue Team were the 2017 MS Sports Day winners after pulling ahead in Tug-of-War and enjoyed free smoothie passes as a result.



Each team also picked Most Valuable Players. Narrowing it down to one per team proved to be very challenging and each team agreed that one MVP did not seem to be enough for how much team spirit was shown. The MVPs for each team were as follows: Pim from grade 7 for the White Team, Allie from grade 7 for the Black Team, Wood from grade 5 for the Blue Team, Janice from grade 6 for the Yellow Team, Pakawat from grade 7 for the Green Team, and Grace from grade 8 for the Red Team.

Student Council President Jai Jai, Vice President Ploy, Treasurer Kris, Secretary Som, and Public Relations Officer Palm are the masterminds behind the epic 2017 Sports Day. They preferred to remain behind the scenes but worked tirelessly to ensure the 2017 Sports Day was a success. Their work was supported by Mr. Conrad who encouraged the officers to create the first MS Sports Day shirt to create a tangible reminder of the 2017 Sports Day and unite all Middle Schoolers. Mr. Conrad worked through weeks of meetings to ensure the SC designed shirts were made and delivered. Ms. Ong-Sa was there to make sure no email went amiss and all necessary paperwork filled out. Mr. Craig, the entire PE and Student Services departments, and several High School volunteers made sure that each gym, field, and court was ready for participants. Ms. Beth helped ensure that the schedule was followed closely and the organized chaos stayed as organized as the SC officers had envisioned.

The 2017 MS Sports Day is sure to go down in history as one of the most successful in TCIS history.



ในวันที่ ๒๓ กุมภาพันธ์ ๒๕๖๐ นี้เวลา ๑.๓๐-๓.๑๐ น. จะมีการจัดแข่งขันตอบคำถามทางวิชาการ สารการเรขาคณิต ภาษาและวัฒนธรรมไทย (Thai Knowledge Bowl) ที่ชั้น 6 ตึก MS การแข่งขันนี้เป็นการกระตุ้นให้นักเรียนมีส่วนร่วมในการทำกิจกรรม เป็นผู้แสวงหาความรู้และสามารถนำความรู้ทักษะภาษาไทยไปใช้ได้ถูกต้อง อีกทั้งยังส่งเสริมความสัมพันธ์อันดีระหว่างนักเรียนในระดับชั้นประถมศึกษาปีที่ ๕ - ระดับชั้นมัธยมศึกษาปีที่ ๒ ทั้งนักเรียนไทยและนักเรียนชาวต่างชาติอีกด้วย

The 6th MS Thai Knowledge Bowl (TKB) is coming up on Thursday 23rd February, 2017 at 1:30-3:10 P.M. in the 6th Floor MS Building. This event is going to encourage students to gain more knowledge in Thai Language, culture and cultural activities. The knowledge gained through this competition can be applied to real life situations that students will be faced now or in the future. It will also build communication skills and collaboration between students.

Thank you for your support
Regards,



Thai Knowledge Bowl Last year 2015-2016

Thai centered field trips 2017

Wednesday, March 8 - Grade 7 - Thai Thani Art & Culture - Pattaya

Tuesday, March 21 - Grade 8 - Wat Pho

Wednesday, March 29 - Grade 6 - Ayutthaya Historical Park

Grade 8 Over night trip

We would like to inform you that all Grade 8 students will have an overnight field trip on March 2-3, 2017. The purpose of the trip is two-fold: to be active global participants and to be collaborative members of TCIS. Every year, our MS students are given opportunities to help conserve and preserve our environment through various activities such as tree-planting and mangrove rehabilitation. This year we have added a new program which is the prevention of forest fires. On this trip, our students will help the Forest Rangers at Khao Yai to create firebreaks to prevent forest fires. We will also visit Chokchai Farm to observe and learn how milk and other milk products are processed. This is their first overnight trip for the entire grade and there will be activities for team building and independent learning.

A Taste of High School

Written By: Your Student Services Team

With course selection just around the corner, Student Services, with the support of our High School departments, hosted a new and exciting event! On February 24th students in grades 8 - 11 participated in the "Taste of High School". This was a great opportunity, prior to course selection in March, for students to learn and speak to teachers about the courses that are being offered in the 2017-2018 academic year.

This event took place in the 5th floor gymnasium and resembled the layout of a college/university fair. Each department was represented, and information about clubs, athletics, community service, peer tutoring, AP, and SAT was available.

Thank you to all who came out and helped to make this event so successful!



Grade 8 students have recently been working on a project that involves researching movies through a website called: *The Internet Movie Database*. www.imdb.com. *The students are investigating the question:*

Have Movies Been Getting Longer Over The Past Few Decades?

To accomplish this students retrieved the runtimes and release dates of numerous movies over the past few decades. They have arranged their data into both linear inequalities and scatter plots with lines of best fit to try and answer the question.

In the end different groups of students reached different conclusions. Some groups concluded that movie times are increasing and that movies may be as long as 3 hours in the near future. Other groups are not convinced that there is a long term trend and have concluded that movie times might actually decrease in the future.

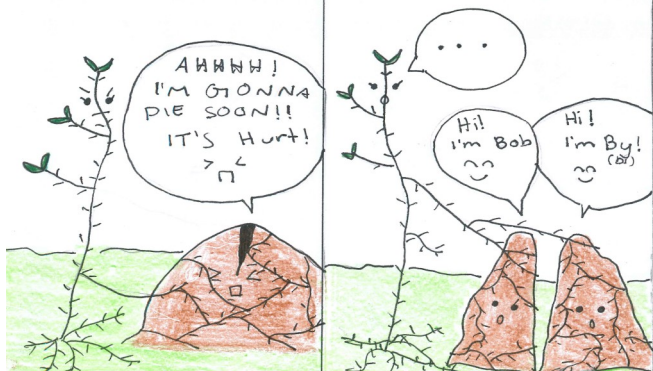
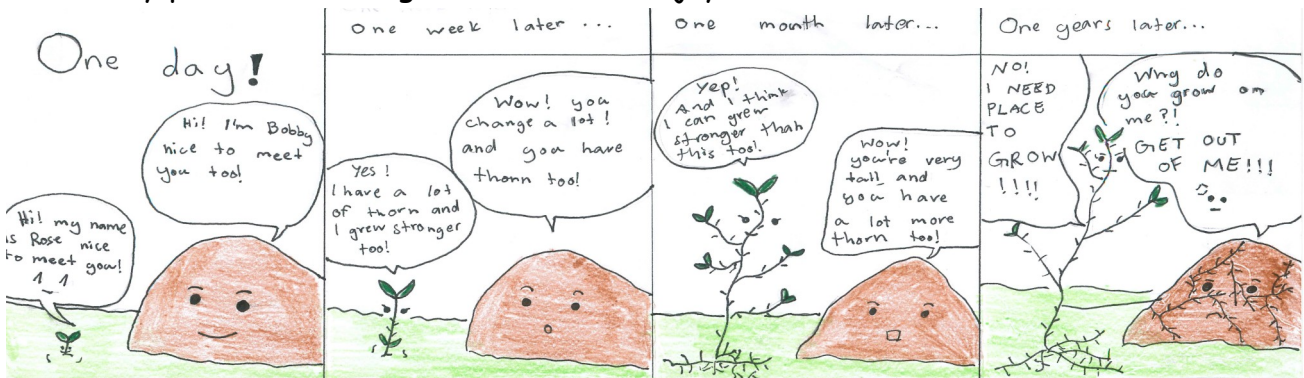
--Mr. Nelson... Math teacher --

Rock Story

- Language Arts and Science Cross-curricular Activity

Understanding a science concept can be challenging and more so if you are learning it in a second language. The first step to understanding is being able to translate the meaning into pictures or stories. In Grade 7 class, we are studying how rocks can be turned into sand.

Students use a technique in writing called Storyboard using eight frames to tell a story of a rock that changed by processes such as rockfall, abrasion by water, wind and gravity, plant and animal actions. Storyboard is a wonderful medium for ESL learners because they can use pictures to supplement their sentences. It also provides a venue for creativity for students who are already proficient in English. Read and enjoy the stories below.



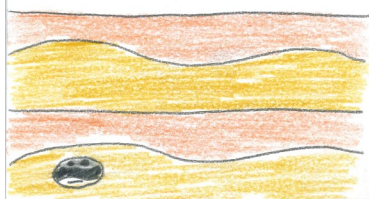
The End.

BY: WAWA

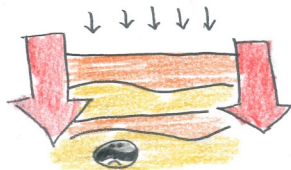




Long ago there was a metamorphic rock living deep underground, it was called Gneiss.



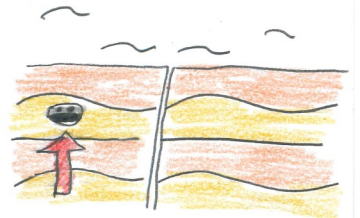
Gneiss hated all the pressure he was getting from the land above.



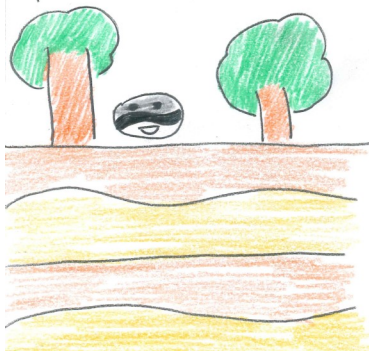
Gneiss wanted to catch the next uplift to escape the pressure and see the world above.



One day a massive tectonic plate hit. There was a huge uplift which Gneiss caught.



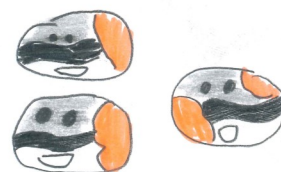
Gneiss finally escaped the pressure!



But suddenly something unexpected happened - Gneiss's skin peeled off.

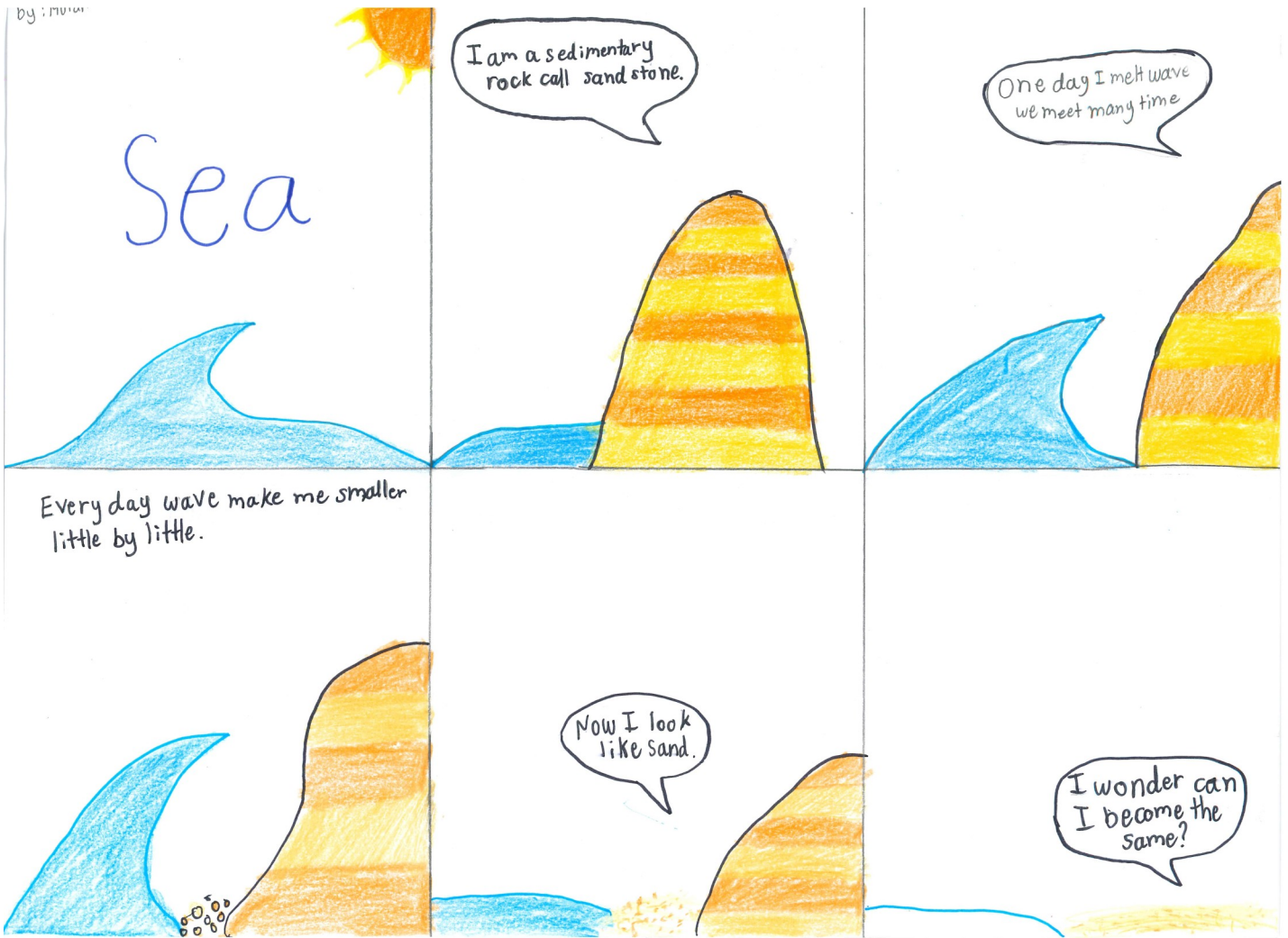


Luckily Gneiss found its underground friends, and the same thing happened to them.



Gneiss and his friend lived happily ever after





Every day wave make me smaller little by little.

<p>Setting</p> <p>Near Volcano</p>  <p>Syberia</p>	<p>Character</p> <p>One rock named Rocky</p>  <p>One girl named Olive</p> 		
<p>The Setting take place near the volcano where Rocky lived.</p> <p>Another Setting take Place to Syberia where Olive bring Rocky with her.</p>	<p>One rock named Rocky. He is Olive's Rock.</p> <p>One girl named Olive. She went near volcano and keep Rocky as her rock.</p>	<p>Rocky have been an Igneous Rock because he form from lava and he lived near volcano.</p>	<p>Olive and her family come to the Volcano and Olive think that Rocky is the rock that so beautiful so she bring him back home too.</p>
			
<p>Rome</p>  <p>Syberia.</p>		<p>-15°C</p> 	
<p>Olive love Rocky. She bring him from Rome to Syberia</p>	<p>One day Olive drop him and have crack on Rocky.</p>	<p>There was raining in the Syberia and the water went into the crack of Rocky. The temperature was changed to -15°C. The water in the crack become ice.</p>	<p>Rocky was broke because ice grow in the crack and push so rock broke into two parts.</p>