



Special Edition December 14

Whole School Announcements:

Dear ISE Students and Parents,

Hope this letter finds everyone doing well and mentally prepared for these last three weeks of school prior to the "Winter Break". Before making a few points about ISE and it's direction, I first would like to thank the PTA for the outstanding job they did on organizing, planning, and setting up the Family Fun Fair. It was fantastic and a great success in bringing the community together! I also want to thank the school staff for their support, the students who volunteered, as well as the Board and all the community partnerships, who also gave donations for the event and raffle. By the way, if parents are interested in joining the PTA for future activities, please feel free to contact the school. The more participation from parents, the stronger the working relationship between school and home.

I also wanted to bring everyone up to date to some of the successes the school has accomplished during the past four months. I know many people have been waiting for something different. Our focus at the school first and foremost has been to rebuild trust, confidence, and the reputation of ISE, as truly being a school that is unique and the strongest academic/activity enriched school on the Eastern Seaboard. Many of our successes this year have been focused on bringing change inside the classroom, improved marketing and communication, and bring technology to the classrooms. Below are just a few items completed:

- Toddler program three days a week
- Thai-Language in Pre-K
- All day Pre-K classes
- School communication improvement with the BLAST
- Teacher Blogs and Google Classroom
- Better usage of Facebook and the ISE website
- All-school spirit assemblies
- Robotics and coding in both the elementary and secondary
- 3D projects in the secondary
- Innovation Labs in both elementary and secondary
- Successful MRISA tournaments
- Professional Community Partnerships
- Power Lunch for the secondary school



These are just a few of the changes that have taken place. With that said, and because of more aggressive marketing strategies, I am happy to say that enrollment has increased, and with more students also starting this January 2018.

Finally, with continued success within the classroom, the next step has been the forming of a development committee, with the goal of future planning, specifically focused on structural items and support materials needed to support the classroom and academic program, as well as prepare for future growth.

On behalf of the Board and the entire school staff, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy time with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Mr. Alexander Bennett
Superintendent

ATTENTION: FYI - Starting December 12, the 'unofficial' exits off of motorway 7 will be closing.

- **Giving Tree:** Please don't forget last day is December 15 for the Giving Tree. Gift cards are on the trees in the front office, cafeteria and elementary office. Please take a card and replace with the item on the card. All proceeds go to Hand to Hand. Last day is December 15.
- **December 15** - ½ day - dismissal at 1:00 pm.
- **Mae Baan Appreciation** - Thank you to everyone who donated to our Mae Baan appreciation baskets. We had an amazing selection of items to give to these special members of our school.

Elementary School

- **December 15 - Elementary School Christmas Performance** - 8:15 am in the FAC.
- **Report cards** will be emailed on December 15th. Hard copies will be sent home on January 12.



- **School Provided Accident Insurance:** Insurance cards and details of the school provided accident insurance will be sent home with students on Friday, December 15.
- **Happy Holidays:** May you and your family have a relaxing and joyful holiday together! We are looking forward to an amazing 2nd semester!
- **Toddler Eagles Playgroup:** Toddlers playgroup will start again on Monday, January 8.
- **Classroom Blogs:** Please remember to check your child's classroom blog every week. You can find the blogs [here](#).

Secondary School Announcements:

- **Report Cards** - A summary of Semester 1 grades will be sent via email on December 15. Official report cards will be distributed to students the week of January 8.
- **Schedule Changes:** There will be some schedule changes next semester that will result in a slightly longer lunch/shorter home base and a few teacher/class changes. New student schedules will be distributed during home base on January 8.

Eagles Athletics:

- **January 11:** Jr. Football home match
- **January 18:** Sr. Basketball ISE VS Wells JV
- Safe and Happy Holidays from the athletic department.

PTA Announcements:

- **Eagles shirts for sale:** PTA will be selling the new blue/pink eagles shirts immediately following the Christmas performance outside the FAC (Price: 350 baht) (Note: if the size they need is sold out, we will be placing another order in the New Year!)



- **Ice Pops** will be for sale during lunch for 20 Bht!

Happy holidays to everyone in our ISE Family. Be safe and we'll see you all in the New Year!