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This week, we completed our second week of hybrid learning. The campus is starting to feel like it is getting back to normal. It is great to see all of the students enjoying their daily lives in school!

We also celebrated Loy Krathong to the extent that we can under the circumstances. All of the students in Thai classes participated by making their krothongs and floating them in the water in front of the Fine Arts Center. The next few weeks will be busy with the first semester winding down and the break and holidays fast approaching.



**ISE Team** 

## Important dates

Nov 19th Loy Krathong Celebration Nov 22nd **HS Student Council Election** 

Nov 24th NHS Induction Ceremony, HS Students

**UNIS. MUN Virtual Conference** Nov 27th

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#### What

Loy Krathong is one of the most popular festivals in Thailand. It takes place on the full moon day in the twelfth Lunar month which is around November. Thais float the Krathong to worship god of the water "Mae Pra-Kong ka" for her providing the water to the world and to apologize for polluting water. It is also believed that the Krathong carries away the sin and bad luck.



## **History of Loy Krathong**

The Loy Krathong festival dates back to the time of the Sukhothai Kingdom, about 700 years ago. It marks the end of the rainy season and the main rice harvest. It is based on a Hindu tradition of thanking the water god for the water.

Thai farmers of Sukhothai used to hold a festival of floating candles to thank to the dod of water. One year, a beautiful woman called Noppamas, who was a chief royal consort, made some special lanterns for the festival. She made them from banana leaves and shaped them like lotus flowers. The king was impressed with what he saw, so he announced that Krathongs would be floated on the water every year from then on.







### How:

This year, Loy Krathong day is on **November 19**, **2021.** To understand and preserve one of the most beautiful festivals of Thailand, ISE students (ES, MS & HS Thai and Non Thai) will learn about the Loy Krathong festival in Thai class. They will make a Krathong in a group of 2-3 students. Then take the krathong to float at the open area in front of FAC to learn the proper way of floating the Krathong. Students can take the Krathong home to celebrate the festival with their family, if they wish.

The MS and HS students are arranging a few games and activities in the style of temple fair for the younger students to have fun.











ES had a "Welcome Back to School" assembly last Friday! It was great to see everyone in person! We will have our next assembly on the last Friday of the month. It is a community building event where we get to learn from each other, sing and dance together, share our learnings, and simply have a fun time as a community. Even our friends who are doing online learning from home were able to join us through Zoom!

The middle school led by Ms. Marcet came to share how we can help the Earth by collecting bottle caps that can be made into something more useful. We also discussed proper ways of wearing our masks for everyone's safety and ended the assembly playing a quick but fun game together.

Middle School Visual Art

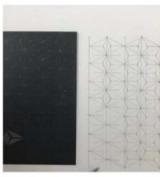
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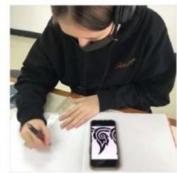
# **MS VISUAL ARTS CORNER**

















LINOLEUM PRINTING

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade art class is seen here learning about the process of printing. We are currently covering repetition, pattern and rhythm as a principle of design. They are working on drawing precise patterns and creating linoleum prints from them. The students are learning about what it means to have a steady hand, to work carefully and accurately in order to create patterns.

G8

Grade 8 Non-Thai all of them are onsite, we are learning how to cook an easy Thai dish using a short amount of time. They decided to make fried noodles. (Pad-see-ew) They helped each other in washing, slicing, frying, tasting and enjoying













Middle School Japanese

G8

"Zoom and onsite hybrid learning in MS Japanese B class. They are learning key **phrases for shopping** in Japanese."



**G9** 

The Grade 9 Science class has been studying **Forces and Pressure** these past few weeks. One of the activities helps students understand the concept of center of mass. Each student steps back from the wall 2 steps and bends over to touch the wall with their head. Then, they pick up a chair and attempt to stand up. Students with a low center of mass can do this easily, and students with a higher center of mass cannot do this no matter how hard they try! They enjoy this activity! They learn that boys tend to have a higher center of mass because of their bigger shoulders. It's quite fun to see them struggle to stand! In the first photo, everyone is getting set. In the second photo, two students were able to stand up! We also did experiments to understand

- a) the effect of force on a spring
- b) properties of pressure in liquids
- c) the effect of force on a gas

