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This Week

Saturday 6, November

- SAT Exam
- Hammerheads Swim Meet 13:00 Poolside
- Energize Pool Closed 12:00 –17:00
- KOTO Bike Ride

Monday, 8 November

- Tickets sales start for HS Musical
- Grades 6 & 7 sit for MAPS testing

Tuesday, 9 November

- Technology Parent Info Session 08:30
- Grades 6 & 7 sit for MAPS testing

Wednesday, 10 November

- Grade 2 Field Trip to Thu Le Zoo

Thursday, 11 November

- ES Walk-a-Thon 13:30
- MRISA Senior Volleyball Missions departs for ISHCMC Ho Chi Minh

Friday, 12 November

- ASA Session 1 ends
- Grades 6-12 Quarter 1 Reports sent home
- ASA Session 2 Registration Opens at 11:30

Future Dates

Monday, 15 November

- ASA Session 2 Registration Closes 15:30

Tuesday, 16 November

- Board of Directors-School Community Meeting 19:00 Drama Room

Wednesday, 17 November

- Grade 2 Field Trip to Thu Le Zoo

Thursday, 18 November

- Opening Night performance **HS Musical** 19:00

Friday, 19 November

- School closed for staff development
- Offices closed, Energize closed

Friday, 20 November

- Matinee performance **HS Musical** 14:00
- Evening performance **HS Musical** 19:00

UNIS High School students present: High School Musical

Students have been busy practicing their parts, designing and painting the set, sewing costumes and having fun as they get ready to share their musical stage production of the year: Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL on stage!

There will be three performances of the HS musical this year.

- Thursday, 18 November at 19:00, Saturday, 20 November at 14:00 and 19:00.
- Tickets for the UNIS HS Musical - High School Musical go on sale Monday morning, 8 November.
- Tickets are 150,000 vnd for everyone aged 3 and above. Kids aged 2 and below are free.
- Tickets can be purchased in the Communications Office B7-G16 and the Community Service Office B5-G17

The theatre location for this year is the Tay Ho Theatre –just north of UNIS toward Au Co Road. Parking will be available for cars and motorbikes.

Here is the plot: When Gabriella Montez (Nivedita Huys) and Troy Bolton (Carl Wingardh) meet unexpectedly on a skiing vacation, what seems like a normal Christmas holiday turns into budding romance.

But when Gabriella enrolls at UNIS, the same school as Troy, things begin to change. Troy is a basketball God and the best player on the team, and Gabriella is the smartest out of all the Brainiacs: but when they accidentally audition for the school musical, everything goes wrong.

Sharpay Evans and her sidekick/twin brother Ryan (played by Mandy Baxter and Robin Baxter) are furious at having *their* show taken away from them; Gabriella's best friend, Taylor (Phuong Tran) is scared they will lose the Science competition; Troy's best friend, Chad (Matthew Rickard) thinks that Troy will become unfocused and they will lose the biggest basketball game of the year.

Students break out of their status quo and the school starts doing things they've always wanted to do.... Which is a bad thing?

Come and find out what happens in High School Musical!!! Live by UNIS HS Students!

Written by Miss Charlie Porter, Grade 10

UNIS Hanoi Mission Statement

Our mission is to encourage students to be independent, lifelong learners who strive for excellence and become responsible stewards of our global society and natural environment, achieved within a supportive community that values diversity and through a programme reflecting the ideals and principles of the United Nations.





Head of School Notes

It was one week ago today that we had the amazing visit of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. I am sitting outside under an umbrella in front of the canteen and just taking in the activity: Students going to do a project in the library, a class of elementary students parading to Music, another group headed to a presentation from our visiting author/illustrator DyAnne DeSalvo, the grade 3 students heading off on their field trip with the teachers and parent chaperones, some other parents bringing in goodies for the SCO snack sale, a couple of faculty going in to the canteen to set up for the assembly, middle school students hard at work in the science lab, high school students quietly in their classrooms working independently or collaborating on their tablets, and in the background the sound of major construction as the workers have now reached level two of the building.

This is one of the main reasons why it was easy for me to accept the offer to extend my contract to June 2013. It is such a pleasure to be a part of this school, and I feel quite fortunate to come to work each day. I would be happy to send my own children to this school. In fact, there are many times when I wish I were a student at this school. It is important to occasionally stop and just pay attention to the activity here. It is an amazing place.

Dr. Chip Barder



UNIS Model MUN students and advisors with Mr and Mrs Ban

Community Board Meeting—Tuesday, 16 November

All parents are encouraged to attend the upcoming Board-Community meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 16 November at 19:00 in the Drama Room (upstairs in the administration building). The board holds two of these meetings a year, one now and the AGM in the spring, and the intent with these meetings is to keep the community informed of board actions and activities, and to give parents a chance to ask questions of the board. A formal agenda will be forthcoming shortly, but we hope to present updates on the building, the budget and the Strategic Management Plan, and to introduce the idea of Advancement which the board has been working on for over a year. At this meeting we also plan to distribute the first copies of the school's Annual Report for 2009-2010.

Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. Being a part of a community means being involved. Take advantage of this opportunity to become informed, ask questions, and contribute input to make our school the best it can be.

SCO Funding Process Begins...Deadline 18 November

The SCO Executive committee is very pleased to announce the commencement of the Funding Application Process for 2010/2011.

The SCO Constitution developed and adopted in the 2008-09 AY (and available on Portal and Website) stipulates that funds raised by the SCO through activities (book & bake, Spring Fair etc.) be distributed in a process that is FAIR, TRANSPARENT and COMMUNITY BASED.

Funding requests will be accepted only once during this academic year, through an open application process.

Application forms, instructions, and criteria for selection are available on the [Portal](#) home page under school information.

The amount available for this year's funding is \$10,000.

Please think about this wonderful SCO incentive and apply.

FINAL DATE FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS: 18 NOVEMBER 2010

Soon to be released...photos and video

The Communications office is working on a gallery of photos for faculty, staff, parents and students to download from the UN Secretary-General's visit and it should be completed sometime next week. There is also a video that is being edited and will be available in the next couple of weeks. We appreciate your patience.

Time to prepare for the ES Walk-a-thon

blue dragon



CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION



On **November the 11th** there will be a **walkathon** for the Elementary and ECC students. The walk-a-thon is a fundraiser, which happens every year at UNIS. The students find sponsors (parents, relatives, friends, neighbours), which will give them a certain amount of money, for each lap they run. The money raised, is going towards **Blue Dragon**, and **Heart Operations** for children. The walk-a-thon will take place on the big oval field in UNIS from **13:30-15:00**.

<http://www.eastmeetswest.org/Page.aspx?pid=490> (operation healthy heart link)

<http://www.bdcf.org/> (Blue dragon link)



October floods in Viet Nam...UNIS contributions to the region

Proud to wear your shirt

On Friday, October 15th, I joined a mix of UNIS staff and Thousand Paper Crane volunteers in taking a 24-hour bus journey into the rural area of the Quang Binh province to distribute the generous donations collected from the UNIS community. Every year, this area is severely affected by floods, and despite their efforts to minimise the impact, the community struggles to deal with the long-term consequences. It is particularly challenging for the oldest and youngest members of the community to cope without access to clean drinking water and limited resources in terms of food and hygiene.

As the flooding was more severe than expected, only a small group of volunteers was able to accompany the donations the entire way to the Cao Quang Commune. This strenuous journey included travel by boat, a slow truck drive over a mountain pass, and wading through water at waist height. Upon our arrival, we were greeted at the village with great feelings of relief, and the local authorities helped with the organisation of the distribution among the inhabitants. The following day, we made several house visits, where we were able to personally donate basic necessities to the worst-affected homes. We found the same situation in each house; the families had temporarily moved their belongings and living space to a platform above the water level. Many of the local people were emotional when receiving their donations, as they were overwhelmed that people would travel so far to support them.

What struck me most about this experience was the strength and selflessness of the Vietnamese volunteers, who remained positive and looked out for each other throughout the challenging journey. This experience has given me true insight into the local culture and the caring way in which Vietnamese people treat other.

The combination of the direct impact of our help and the teamwork amongst the volunteers showed clearly that we can accomplish much as a cohesive group, and the importance of helping others as well as each other. In sharing what we have, whether it is time or money, we, as a community, can make an incredible difference to others in difficult circumstances.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to those who made the donations and to those who were a part of the trip. We really did make a difference.



Written by Ben Ward, who has been working with the Community & Service program at UNIS and is currently establishing The Next Explorers – a non-profit organisation inspiring young people to take positive action toward real, sustainable change in the world. For more information visit www.thenextexplorers.com.

Managing and Evaluating Digital Information for Parents

Managing and Evaluating Information in the Digital Age

The advent of search engines, wikis and social networking sites like Youtube gave us instant access to massive amounts of information . But how do we filter and use all these data that we have at our fingertips? In this session, we will share some of the ways students at UNIS learn to collect, manage and evaluate digital information. We will also explore the school's Destiny program and other online resources that you can use with your child.

To register, please send an email to mmatias@unishanoi.org with your name and your child's grade level.

Facilitators: Clint Hamada, Michelle Matias, Julie Conroy

When: November 9, Tuesday, 19:00 - 20:00

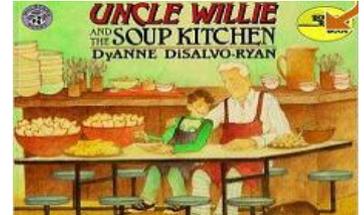
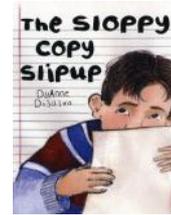
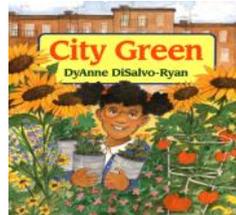
Where: B9-104, ES Computer Lab (upstairs in the ES quad)

Visiting Author – DyAnne DiSalvo created community

DyAnne DiSalvo was a hit on campus this week, inspirational to students

Ms. DiSalvo is an American author, illustrator and artist presented to grades 1 through 6 this past week. Many of Ms. DiSalvo's works are community oriented with a focus on what you can do in your neighborhood as a Service Learning.

Several of DyAnne DiSalvo's books are on sale in the library. All books are paperback and produced by Scholastic USA. Each book costs 100.000 VND



These books make wonderful holiday gifts.

Grades 1 through 5 students were excited to meet author and illustrator Ms. DyAnne DiSalvo and were inspired by her Service Learning themed stories. The contest for a service learning community outreach activity brought in more than 35 entries. Many of the entries were thoughtful and well planned and the decision making committee had to make difficult choices among many excellent submissions.



Congratulations to winners:

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| Jonah Ballard | Books on Bikes to those without books |
| Coco Miller | Neighbors working together to clean up their community |
| Han Na Jeong | Share a smile with your neighbor—make them happy all day long |
| Ani Pham | 1000 different ways to help |
| Adeeti Khatri | Box of Love: fill a box with useful items to give as a special present |

They enjoyed lunch in the Elementary school Reading Corner with DyAnne DiSalvo



Foreign Language explores then and now



Hanoi está cambiando rápidamente pero aún se puede ver algunos recuerdos del pasado. Cuando me paseo por las calles, veo a los inmuebles modernos y altísimos pero justo al lado también veo iglesias o templos antiguos con casitas estrechas.
¡Esto es Hanoi hoy!

Rebca grade 8F3MMN

Host Families Needed for MRISA Jr. Basketball Tournament

One month from now (November 25-28), UNIS-Hanoi plays host to the annual MRISA (Mekong River International School Association) Jr. Boys and Girls Basketball tournament. This exciting two day event will take place on the UNIS courts on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27.

As part of this event, UNIS is responsible for hosting over 120 visiting student athletes from six visiting international schools. As of today, ***we still need host families for 80 of our visiting student athletes.*** Host families provide lodging, some meals and transportation to and from school from Thursday, November 25 through Sunday morning, November 28. If you are able to help or would like further information, please contact Rick Nelson, UNIS Director of Activities at rnelson@unishanoi.org

ASA Session 2 Registration requires new application

UNIS Hanoi offers a wide variety of After School Activities (ASAs) for children in grades K-12. Each ASA session, over 80 activities are offered ranging from athletics to the arts; from swimming to choir; from football to ballet. Each session, students have the opportunity to sign-up for activities through our ISIS online registration system for a new nine week ASA period.

The second session of ASAs will begin the week of November 22 and run for nine school weeks. ***Registration for ASA Session 2, will start on Friday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m. and close on Monday, November 15 at 15:30 (3:30 pm).*** All registration will take place on the ISIS Family online system.

Here is the link to the [ISIS Family application](http://isis.unishanoi.org/publish/family/isisfamily.htm) which is <http://isis.unishanoi.org/publish/family/isisfamily.htm>. If you have saved your user name and password from previous use, i.e. ASA registration 1 and/or Parent/Teacher conference scheduling this is what you will use. It is the same user name and password used to access the UNIS portal except you do not put **@unishanoi.org** which is required for portal access after your username.

FYI: If you are a Macintosh user or an operating system that is over ten years old, the ISIS Family application is not compatible with system/computer.

You can click on the SIGNUPS tab and select ACTIVITY SIGNUPS in the dropdown menu to see what your child is currently enrolled in and what activities will be available to your child for ASA session 2.

The Activity sign-up section will not be active until registration begins. The Co-curricular office will send you an email on Monday with your username and password to assist you with installing the ISIS Family application.

As mentioned, next week you can find the descriptions of ASA Session 2 activities for all grades on the UNIS Hanoi website (www.unishanoi.org) or by going to the UNIS Portal Homepage under School Information.

SCO Book and Bake Sale...start sorting your books

Book sale donations still needed! Please check your book shelves and toy baskets and see if you have any old books or toys that you can donate to the sale.

We are now only 4 weeks from the sale and still need a lot more books. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time to sort the books. On Wednesday, 10 November in the afternoon from 1pm until 3:30pm we will sort books

ECC and Elementary donations should be placed in their classrooms. MS/HS should place their donations in the crate outside the library and the crate in the MS/HS office.

Since this is also a bake sale we will be needing those healthy baked goods to sell on the day.

Any time you can spare during those hours to assist with collecting and sorting the books will be greatly appreciated. As we receive a large number of non-English books we value multilingual volunteers who can assist in sorting these correctly.

Please contact Mhairi at 01216191272 if you are interested in volunteering.



Highlights from HS Volleyball Tournament

The UNIS Hanoi High School Volleyball Invitational Tournament was held on Saturday, 30 October. Eight boys and girls teams participated in the tournament. The participating schools were Lomonoxop, HIS and UNIS Hanoi.

It was an action packed day, and the players showed great improvement as the day progressed. Both UNIS boys and girls teams advanced to the championship matches. The girls A-team placed second after Lomonoxop in a well-played match which went the full 3 sets. The boys A and B-teams also played a closely contested match with the B-team triumphing in the end. The girls B-team displayed a lot of effort and hard work as they came together for the first time in a game setting, finishing in fourth place.

All players gained valuable court experience and the traveling squads are looking forward to MRISA next weekend in HCM. We wish them the best of luck.

Coaches Febrey, Gay, and Popiolek



Energize News

Energize is a membership to the UNIS fitness gym and swimming pool. UNIS families can purchase a membership to use these facilities when school is not in session. You can learn more about Energize on the [UNIS website](#).

- **New morning hours for the fitness room.** Starting Monday, November 1st, the Energize Fitness Room will be open in the mornings (Monday – Friday) from 06:15 – 08:00 for Energize members only.
- **Hours of Energize Program** – Below are the program hours for Energize program members for the period of November 1 – December 17. Special hours will be posted in early December for the December holiday break period.
- **Pool Closed for Energize use on Saturday, November 6** from 12:00-17:00 for Hammerhead Swim Meet.

Energize Program Schedule October 28 – December 17, 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Pool Hours</u> 06:15–07:45 17:30– 20:00	<u>Pool Hours</u> 06:15 – 07:45 17:30– 20:00	<u>Pool Hours</u> 06:15-07:45 18:00-20:00	<u>Pool Hours</u> 06:15 – 07:45 17:30– 20:00	<u>Pool Hours</u> 06:15 – 07:45 17:30– 20:00	<u>Pool Hours</u> 08:00–18:00	<u>Pool Hours</u> 08:00-18:00
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Lunch Menu for the week



•If your child has any food allergy or dietary restrictions, please let us know.
J.juniscanteen@gmail.com

Milk Product : Green Color

Pork : Red Color Seafood : Blue Color



Main dish contains egg

ES and MSHS Western Set Menu November 8 to 12

8 Chicken A la King Grilled Potatoes Spinach Salad Orange Cake Fruit / Milk	9 Oven Roast Pork w/ Apple gravy Steamed Rice Sauteed Vegetables Soft Roll Fruit / Milk	10 Beef Stroganoff Multi grain Rice Pasta Salad Apple Cake Fruit / Milk	11 Chicken Quesdilla w/ Salsa Potato Wedge Mexican Salad Butter Cookie Fruit / Milk	12 (Beef & Pork) Home Made Burger Potato Chips Green Salad Raisin Cookie Fruit / Milk 
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ES and MSHS Asian Set Menu November 8 to 12

8 Crispy Pork (VN) Multi grain Rice Stir Fried VN Kimchi Orange Cake Fruit / Milk	9 Fried Rice w/ Beef Sauteed Vegetables Vegetable Stick Soft Roll Fruit / Milk 	10 Tempura Noodle Steamed Rice (only ES) Mixed Vegetable Apple Cake Fruit / Milk 	11 Stir Fried Pork (KR) Multi grain Rice Mexican Salad Butter Cookie Fruit / Milk	12 Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Rice Green Salad Raisin Cookie Fruit / Milk
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ECC Set Menu November 8 to 12

8 Crispy Pork (VN) Multi grain Rice Stir Fried VN Kimchi Orange Cake Fruit / Milk	9 Fried Rice w/ Beef Sauteed Vegetables Vegetable Stick Soft Roll Fruit / Milk 	10 Beef Stroganoff Multi grain Rice Pasta Salad Apple Cake Fruit / Milk	11 Chicken Quesdilla w/ Salsa Potato Wedge Mexican Salad Butter Cookie Fruit / Milk	12 (Beef & Pork) Home Made Burger Potato Chips Green Salad Raisin Cookie Fruit / Milk 
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