NEXT WEEK...
TUESDAY, 15 APRIL
- MSHS 3-Way Conferences 10:00-18:00
  No school for Grade 6-11 Students

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL
- Speed Geeking for Parents - Parent Info session
  8:30-9:30 Library Projection Room CANCELLED

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL
- K1 Snuggle up and read 8:10-9:00
- Middle School Boys Volleyball vs. BVIS, 15:30-18:00
  BVIS

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL
- Grade 2-3 Swim Meet
- University of British Columbia Visit, 13:15, Library
  Group Study Room
- ES World Language Assembly, 14:10-15:00, Theatre
- HS Talent Show, 19:00-20:30

SATURDAY, 19 APRIL
- UNIS Invitational MS Volleyball Tournament,
  Sports Centre
  - Kaleidoscope of Culture Carnival,
  National History Museum, 19:00-23:30

COMING SOON...
MONDAY, 21 APRIL
- MSHS 3-Way Conferences 10:00-18:00
  No school for Grade 6-10 Students

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL
- MS Map Testing (Grades 6-8) 22-25 April
- SCO All parents meeting 8:30-9:30, Library Projection Room
  - Grade 4 Market Day 9:00-11:00
  - Board of Directors Meeting, Black Box, 17:30-20:00

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL
- Grade 5 PYP Exhibition 23-25 April
  Centre for the Arts

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL
- HS Athletics Day 8:10-15:25
  - Middle School Volleyball Games, 15:45-17:30
  - Grade 5 PYP Exhibition Night for parents, 18:00-20:00,
    Centre for the Arts

SATURDAY, 26 APRIL
- No Saturday Soccer and No Community Education

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I am delighted to mention the upcoming Kaleidescope of Culture Carnival which is planned for Saturday, 19 April at the grand courtyard of the Museum of Natural History. This promises to be a night of fusion – fusion of cultures, fusion of food, fusion of dress, fusion of music. The Oxford Dictionary defines fusion as “a reaction in which light atomic nuclei fuse to form a heavier nucleus, releasing much energy.” I highlight that last phrase because I predict that with all of the wonderful plans in place, it promises to be a night of community building in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment. This event is described in much more detail on page 4 in this Tin Tuc so do plan to stop by the school and buy your tickets as soon as possible. I promise that this event is the perfect antidote for the rainy, wet and overcast weather we have been having.

On another note, as we approach the last quarter of the school year, we are all working hard to make every day count which means we need students to be in school and ready to learn as much as possible. While we know that students do get sick and with the prolonged wet and humid weather, the incidents of illness remain above average. But as you are planning your vacations please make sure to schedule them so students do not miss school days. Another challenge at this time of year is that students get tired especially as it stays light later with the approach of summer. Please be sure students are getting adequate rest by getting them to bed in a timely manner. This can prevent illness and help students to be at their best for school.

Respectfully,

Dr. Barder, Head of School, hos@unishanoi.org

Welcome to UNIS Hanoi
Yuki Kusumi HR G07CN
Chiaki Goto HR G06JT

Notes from the Head of School

Board of Directors Annual General Meeting (AGM) Tuesday May 13

Members of the UNIS Hanoi community (parents, faculty, admin, staff) are warmly invited to attend the Board’s AGM next month.

Venue: Black Box, Centre for the Arts

Time: Reception with refreshments served from 6:30pm. The meeting will start at 7pm and we expect to finish by 8:45pm.

The agenda is:

1. Welcome and introduction of Board members: Sarah Garner, Board Chair
2. Role of the Board of Directors and the End of Year Report: Sarah Garner, Board Chair
3. Risk Management Matrix: Sarah Garner, Board Chair
4. Financial Update: Nguyen Van Hieu, Board Treasurer
5. Introduction of the SMP Plan for the Plan: Jean Munro, SMP 2015-2020 Planning Task Force Chair and Board member
6. Introduction to Fundraising for the Future: Bob Hughes, Advancement Committee Chair and Board member
7. Vote of appreciation to outgoing Board members and announcement of new appointments for 2014-2015: Sarah Garner, Board Chair
8. Any other community questions/comments

Please note that there will also be time for questions or comments after agenda items.

For any specific questions you would like us to address, please send them in advance of the meeting to the Board Chair at boardofdirectors@unishanoi.org.

Find out more about the Board of Directors here.

Sarah Garner, Board Chair
Let’s get this Kaleidoscope Party started!

Kaleidoscope of Culture Carnival

Entry: 800,000 VND
INCLUDES:
2 hour free flow drinks
Fusion food
2 bands
Live carnival entertainment
Free raffle with great gifts!

April 19, 19.00pm-23.00pm National History Museum
BUY your tickets in the Advancement Office TODAY!
Let’s get this Kaleidoscope Party started!

The upcoming **Kaleidoscope of Culture Carnival** is FOR YOU and everyone in the UNIS Hanoi community! It’s the last big fiesta of the year! Tell your friends, grab your partner, get dressed up and be prepared to DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

(This is a parent/teacher/staff ONLY event)

**Tickets: 800,000VND per person**

**TICKETS SOLD IN THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE AND AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

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We will have **LIVE MUSIC** all night long featuring the up and coming funk/soul/jazz band “So Good Fusion” and of course the party wouldn’t be complete without our **UMA Guys Band** playing the body moving songs we LOVE to SING and just DANCE DANCE DANCE to!

**Quench Your Thirst**

with the **2 hour free flow of wine, beer and soft drinks**...eat, drink and be MERRY!

**What to Wear?**

You could put on the Chula dress you’ve been itching to wear, or take out the Kilt from Burn’s Night, Hanbok, Kimono, Dirndl, Lederhosen, Sari, or this could be an opportunity to get an Ao Dai, you get the point, really anything cultural goes! Something bright and funky or elegant and casual (we don’t want wardrobe to limit you from having a good time). Dress up if you want to dress up or come casual if you prefer.

**Why Carnival?**

Let yourself be surprised by our LIVE Carnival Entertainment... Celebrate the LAST UNIS Hanoi Community EXTRAVAGANZA of the year with us!
Today we are proud to launch a new online service for our community with the UNIS Hanoi Faculty and Staff Directory.

The Directory is on the main website (www.unishanoi.org) under the About UNIS section and can be accessed with the shortcut link: www.unishanoi.org/directory.

Not only do we hope that this will be a useful resource for our current community to recognize the many faces that are daily on our campus and to be able to contact them easily, we also believe that we have a talented team and are proud to showcase our Faculty and Staff to the wider community.

For any questions please contact advancement@unishanoi.org

Notes from the Tech Director

Speed Geeking for Parents – Parent Info Session scheduled for Wednesday April 16 has been cancelled.

Parents can communicate with other like-minded parents through our recently launched Tech Connect site. Parents may find relevant information by clicking on the Parents tab and choosing “Connect to Parents”. Paul Swanson has seeded the section with topics addressed during SCO parent sessions earlier this year. Parents can comment on posts in the existing threads or start a new thread using the “Create New Topic in ’Parents’” form at the bottom of the page.

We hope this forum will encourage discussion in support of teaching and learning at UNIS Hanoi.

Regards,
Ed Gilbreath, techdirector@unishanoi.org
UNIS Hanoi has invested significant time and resources in our 1 to 1 Tablet programme and the recent data we have gathered from the Climate Survey indicates a steady increase in the assessment of students, faculty and parents that the school’s focus on technology as a learning tool is appropriate. When students were asked whether they agreed with the statement that “Teachers use information technology to assist students in learning or understanding new topics” 62.8% agreed and 33.9% strongly agreed.

While this is good news, we want to know more. Technology is changing faster than we can keep up with and we know that we have to continue to find additional ways to solicit feedback to determine the effect of our investment on teaching and learning. In an effort to identify more clearly our return on investment (ROI), UNIS Hanoi has joined the International Research Collaborative (IRC). The IRC is a unique partnership between educational researchers, data scientists, and visionary leaders from international schools seeking to more closely examine and evaluate the role and impacts of educational technology on teaching and learning. A sample of IRC schools includes American School of Bombay, Cairo American College, Singapore American School and Zurich International School.

Through this Collaborative, UNIS Hanoi is given full access to customized research and measurement tools to systematically collect, quantify, and interpret the perspectives of students and teachers through a series of fully customizable state-of-the-art surveys. For UNIS Hanoi, and other participating schools, such results will provide a general audit of teacher and student access, beliefs, and practices (with and without technology) that support learning. To provide a broader perspective and lens, schools will also be able to compare their own results to other international schools in the Collaborative.

The Collaborative is led and managed by Dr. Damian Bebell, professor and senior researcher at Boston College in the U.S. He and his team are responsible for facilitating all of the surveys, data analysis, presentation, and maintaining the highest levels of educational research standards.

This collaborative research opportunity is intended primarily for international school communities that have made significant investments in student computing programmes (i.e. 1-to-1 computing, BYOD, etc.), or are on the verge of implementing a new technology programme to support teaching and learning. Guided by Dr. Bebell and his team, partner schools have a rich opportunity to seriously document and evaluate how educational technology is used across their school community to support teaching and learning. Common metrics, goals, and language will be developed, allowing participating schools a richer understanding of similarities and differences in their educational technology implementation models, expectations, and outcomes.

UNIS Hanoi participation in the IRC will provide us with the opportunity to increase the degree to which research-informed results can be used for systemic school-wide reflection as well as the appropriate use of data to inform our school’s decision-making process. As a member of the Collaborative, UNIS Hanoi will be better able to properly address and answer a broad range of questions using our data sources, including:

- How do we show the efficacy of our school’s educational technology investments? How do we quantify the use and value of our school’s resources?
- How do we determine if our implementation model for student computing is benefiting all classes and students equally?
- How do we determine if our investments in educational technology are helping to evolve teaching and learning practices in our classrooms?
- How do we know if our school is meeting student and parent expectations for the use of educational technology in school?
- How do the practices of our teachers and students compare to teachers and students in other International schools?
- How much consensus is there in our school community towards educational technology and 21st century learning goals?

UNIS Hanoi will survey students and staff during the week of April 21st. We anticipate that we will receive survey results and comparative data by the end of June.

Regards,

Ed Gilbreath, techdirector@unishanoi.org
At UNIS Hanoi standardised testing is one way that we gather information to promote and inform student learning. A standardised test should allow students, teachers and parents to identify a student’s strengths and areas of need in the different subject areas that are tested. At the school-wide level the standardised test can help to identify areas of the curriculum that may need adapting. It will also help the school to determine how its students are performing in comparison to other students around the world and to evaluate the effectiveness of our programme.

The school currently uses two different forms of standardized tests. One of these is the Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) which are computerized tests in Reading, Language usage, and Mathematics. The MAP test at UNIS Hanoi is done twice a year so that we can check for growth in students’ development of knowledge and understanding in the areas tested. Students in Grades 3-8 took part in the MAP test in September.

The schedule for this semester is as follows:

- Grade 6-8 students: April 22 – 25, 2014
- Grade 3-5 student: May 12 – 15, 2014

MAP tests are unique - as students complete each test it adapts to be appropriate for their level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing.

Please be aware that there is no additional preparation that students can do to prepare for these tests. It is helpful for students to have a good night’s sleep and a sufficient breakfast prior to testing. If your child is anxious you can help to alleviate their worries by talking, listening and reassuring. Encourage your child to simply do their best as he or she would do with any school assignment, test or project.

Contact the homeroom teacher if you have a concern regarding your child’s reaction to the test. If you would like more information about the MAP test in general please contact Janet Field, the Director of Learning at dol@unishanoi.org

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The Global Codeathon is coming up on May 17 from 2:00-5:00pm. All Grade 3-6 students are invited!

This is your chance to learn to code and share your coding skills with students all over the world - we will be live streaming this event to other schools around the globe. This is a great opportunity to connect with other student coders and attend student-led presentations on a variety of coding programmes and skills.

Registration is now open and spaces are limited. Only the first 40 submissions from UNIS Hanoi will be guaranteed a spot in the event. Register now!

PARENTS MUST REGISTER THEIR CHILD.
This week Grade 3 went to the Goethe Institute to visit a Math exhibit and do some hands on problem solving. There were a lot of creative and interesting activities such as using tangrams to create given shapes, a mirror book to find out how many shapes you see at different angles, predicting the fastest ball from three different sloping tracks, building a bridge and keeping all the lights on in a puzzle which required students to understand a complex pattern of switches. Some were very difficult and required persistence and assistance, while others could be solved easily. Overall everyone enjoyed themselves.

Tracy Smith, Grade 3 Teacher  tsmith@unishanoi.org
Within the Transdisciplinary Theme of “How the World Works” Grade 4 students have been inquiring into the principles of demand and supply. They have been investigating just how much market forces can affect the value of goods or services. They have discovered that determining the price of a product is a complicated matter. To make this a realistic experience as possible the Grade 4 students have become entrepreneurs. They have thoughtfully constructed a business plan and have been loaned money from a financial benefactor.

On Tuesday, April 22 they will attempt to sell their products or services to an excited band of consumers, namely the students of Grade 2, 3 and 5.

Grade 4 students are asking that on that day your child will bring in a maximum of 60,000 VND to spend at the Grade 4 Market Day.

To help control the transactions (and to make it as safe as possible for the students) the children will exchange their money for vouchers, which they will then use to purchase their items. The prices range from 10,000 Vnd to 30,000 VND. Students may still decide to bring a snack to school that day, but if they intend to buy from the fantastic selection of nibbles on offer they might not need one.

The Grade 4 team of teachers and students would like to thank you in advance for your kind support in this. It is one of the highlights of the year for all involved.

The Grade Four Teachers

Any concerns or questions please feel free to contact: Heidi Kay, hkay@unishanoi.org
Elementary Swim Meet for all students from Grades 2 and 3 is scheduled on **Friday, April 18, 8:20-11:30**.

All families and friends are very welcome to attend and to support House event.
Last weekend the UNIS Hanoi High School soccer teams traveled to Vientiane, Laos to participate in the 2014 Mekong River International School Association (MRISA) Soccer Tournament, hosted by Vientiane International School (VIS).

The teams, coached by Mike McMillen (boys) and Phi Nguyen (girls) flew to Vientiane on Thursday morning, arriving in Vientiane early enough to enjoy lunch in the downtown area and a swim in the VIS pool, before being picked-up by their host families. The homestay programme, which exists in MRISA and APAC, has students staying with families of the host school. It’s a great way for students to make new friends and find out a little about the local environment from their hosts.

After all eight MRISA schools (16 teams) were officially welcomed, by the VIS student body and their Head of School, during the Opening Ceremony to the tournament, it was time to start playing matches. The format of a MRISA tournament has teams playing three games on the first day within a group of four teams. These Friday group matches determine whether teams will compete for the Championship or the Plate on Day 2. The top two teams in each group play to determine places 1st through 4th, with the others battling it out for places 5th to 8th.

Both UNIS Hanoi teams played with a lot of spirit and determination, but simply found that the opposition was a little too strong. UNIS Hanoi tends to send teams to the Senior MRISA Tournaments which are younger and less experienced than other schools, since the APAC soccer season is happening at the same time. Despite this disadvantage, the Phoenix showed the kind of characteristics that made them excellent representatives of UNIS Hanoi. It can be frustrating when match results are not going in your favor, but at no point did the UNIS Hanoi teams ever stop fighting, working hard and pushing their opponents to their limits. This positive attitude served them well and was appreciated by the other schools at the tournament.

At a MRISA tournament, team trophies are only given for 1st Place, 5th Place and Sportsmanship. Each team is involved in determining who the Sportsmanship Award is presented to, by submitting votes at the end of the event. Coaches discuss the importance of sportsmanship with their players and how it may manifest itself during the tournament. Many factors are considered – behavior on and off the field; interaction with the opposition and the officials; coach’s behavior; how players interact within their own team; the manner in which you play the game…etc. The UNIS Hanoi boys and girls should both be very proud of themselves. BOTH teams were recognized by their opponents, by being voted as the Most Sportsmanlike Teams at this year’s tournament!! Congratulations Phoenix!!
This Wednesday our APAC Boys and Girls Soccer teams boarded planes to travel to Hong Kong and Shanghai respectively, to participate in their season-ending APAC tournaments. The boys will be playing at Hong Kong International School and the girls are competing at Shanghai American School – Pudong Campus. Once every 3 years each APAC sport conducts a “Super Tournament”, which means all 12 girls teams will come together at one location and the same for the 12 boys teams at another location. 2014 is the year that soccer holds its APAC Super Tournament. This will be the first Super Soccer tournament for our UNIS teams.

You can follow how the UNIS teams are doing by going to the following websites:

**APAC Boys Soccer**


Two UNIS Hanoi players were also singled out by receiving individual recognition. **Voted to the MRISA All-Tournament Teams were Rosaria Battista and Hung Nguyen.** Well done you two!

Now it’s time to start practicing for the 2015 MRISA Senior Soccer Tournament!! HIS will be the host, so it will be just like playing at home! Good luck!!

**GO PHOENIX!!! CONGRATS on a success MRISA weekend!**

Dirk Kraetzer, Director of Activities, [da@unishanoi.org](mailto:da@unishanoi.org)

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**APAC Girls Soccer**

[http://sites.saschina.org/apacsoccer/](http://sites.saschina.org/apacsoccer/)

I’d like to wish our coaches, **Erik Cunelius and Andy Dutton** (boys team) and **Susan Kraetzer and Sofia Hellstrom** (girls team) and their players the best of luck and safe travels! Enjoy the experience!

In next weeks Tin Tuc, you’ll be able to read about how the UNIS teams fared at their first “Super Soccer” tournaments.

**GO PHOENIX!!!**

Dirk Kraetzer, Director of Activities, [da@unishanoi.org](mailto:da@unishanoi.org)
University Visit - British Columbia

The University of British Columbia will be visiting:

Friday
April 18th
1.15 pm

Library Group Study Room

Learn All About UBC
MSHS Talent Show - Get your ticket NOW!

Get Ready For The Next Big Star
COME TO THE TALENT SHOW TO FIND OUT

Date: April 18th, 2014
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Venue: Auditorium B10
Price: 60K VND in advance, 80K VND at door

For more information contact:
jgarland@unishanoi.org
mmckellar@unishanoi.org
ndduong@unishanoi.org

Buy your ticket any day at lunch between now and next Friday!
(Seating at the event is open - first come, first served!)
On Monday 31 March the Grade 12 Graduating exhibition was opened at the UNIS Hanoi Centre for the Arts. The 13 graduating students celebrated their achievements with a supportive crowd of family, friends and faculty. The exhibition concludes Friday 11 April. The students final examination material has now been uploaded to the IB website for assessment. Good Luck students!

Because informed, united action stops head lice from circulating endlessly. Combing wet, conditioned hair with a fine tooth comb (available in the School Health Centre), and is a reliable detection method even when very few lice are present. Thoroughly wet lice stay still; dry or damp lice move quickly away from disturbance evading detection. All you have to do is apply conditioner to your child’s head, wet comb with a fine tooth comb, and remove any live lice. Our goal is informed self-care, given that head lice affect most families from the time the first child begins to socialize with other children. Let’s all get on board and bug bust on Friday the 11th April.

“Public education is, indeed, a most effective insecticide” (Donaldson, 1979)

Friday, 11 April 2014 is Bug Busting Day

Please go to the UNIS Hanoi link here.
School Health Centre, nurse@unishanoi.org
UNIS Hanoi Summer Programme 2014

June 16 – 27 - Monday to Friday
Registration opens NOW!

Full day programme (8:30-3:00) for current ECC, Grades 1-7

These programmes include a balance of FUN and EDUCATIONAL Activities.

ECC STUDENTS:
- ECC students will work with their own Coordinator and assigned ECC Assistants
- The camp day will start and end at the same time as the other age groups, but ECC students will have their own space
- Students will be working in groups throughout the camp and participating in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, movement, free choice time, and sessions in the pool

GRADE 1 – 7 STUDENTS:
- Students will be scheduled into age-group rotations
- Groups will be scheduled to rotate though two different areas in the morning and afternoon including time in the pool
- Sports will aimed at fun and participation with games and activities
- Performance will be a combination of movement and music activities
- “Hands On” Science will be experiment and investigation based
- Create will be creating arts and crafts
- “Math Games and Investigations” will build skills and knowledge while having fun
- Digital will be working with technology in fun and creative ways

Half day programme (8:30-11:30 and 12:00-15:00) offered for Grades 8-11

GRADE 8 – 11 STUDENTS:
Students select one morning session (8:30 – 11:30) and/or one afternoon session (12:00-3:00)
- Extended Essay Support (current Gr 11s only) – get a great start on your Extended Essay working toward the completion of a rough draft during the program.
  Participants will have an opportunity to work in a small group with an experienced Extended Essay supervisor to plan, prepare, and set yourself up for a successful Extended Essay. Work now and then enjoy the rest of your summer!
- Writing Skills Development and Extension – develop academic writing skills to use in high school and beyond. This program is suitable for writers of all abilities looking for improve their skills.
- Sports and Fitness – practice individual and team skills while developing personal fitness. The sport focus will in part depend on program participants, including skills sessions for volleyball, soccer, and basketball.
- Rock Band – Team up with like-minded students to create a full blown band. Go through the process of playing a gig starting with ideas and concepts, and moving through stages such as personal practice, rehearsing as a group, covering songs, writing your own songs, production and stage management. Any instrumentation is welcome however at least one year experience on your instrument is required. Stage, Light, and Tech people are also needed – after you sign up you’ll be contacted to identify you preferred role.
- STOMP - Inspired by the Broadway Production, STOMP gives students an opportunity to take everyday scenes/scenarios and find ways to make music with tools that wouldn’t normally be associated with music. No musical skills or talent are required just a beginner's mindset, and an open and creative attitude. Clink here to get an idea of STOMP in action.
- Academic Reading Skills - get a head start on that summer reading list while developing reading and comprehension skills

Enrollment Fees:
- $600 USD for the two-week full day programmes
- $325 USD for HS half-day programmes or one-week of the full day programme

Programmes include lunch and snacks. Bus transportation is available with an extra fee of $50 USD.

Enrollment will be restricted to current UNIS students until April 18 and some programs will have limited places so make plans to attend now.

To register for Summer Programme 2014 click here. If you are unable to access this link, please email summerprogram@unishanoi.org to receive the link directly.

Come Join Us for a Great Start to Your Summer!
Jason Caruana, Summer Programme Principal
summerprogram@unishanoi.org