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NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY, 23 MARCH

- JV Boys' and Girls' Soccer vs BIS @ BIS, 15:30-17:30
- Advancement Orientation Session, 17:30-19:00, Conference Room

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH

- HS Athletics Day
- Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00-8:00, Community Room
- Joint Finance Committee and Campus Development Task Force Meeting, 8:00-9:00, Community Room
- Advancement Committee Sub Group Meeting, 12:30-14:00, Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH

- University of London Visit, 12:40-13:20, Common Room
- Closed Session Board Meeting, 17:30-19:30, Conference Room

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH

- UK Universities Visit, 12:40-13:20, Common Room
- Varsity Girls' Soccer vs BISS @ UNIS, 16:00-17:00

SATURDAY, 21 MARCH

- Phoenix Cup HS Soccer Tournament, **28-29 Mar**
- Alumni Reunion in Tokyo, 14:00-16:00 (Tokyo time), Jingumae, Shibuya, Tokyo 150-8925, Japan

COMING SOON

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH

- SCO Meet the Candidates of the 2015 Board Parent Election, 8:30-9:30, Community Room

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL

- SMP 2015-2020 Task Force Meeting, 7:00-8:30, Conference Room
- Advancement Committee Meeting, 12:00-14:00, Conference Room
- ES Three Way Conferences, 15:00-18:00, **(No ASA/ Aquatics Academy for ES Students)**

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL

- MRISA HS Soccer Tournament @ HIS, **2-5 April**
- Executive Committee Meeting, 8:15-9:45, Conference Room
- MS Boys' and Girls' Volleyball vs CISH @ UNIS Hanoi, 16:00-17:30

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

- Quarter 3 Ends
- ES Three Way Conferences (No regular school or ASAs for ES students. UMA lessons continue), 8:00-16:00
- Varsity Boys' Soccer vs Hanoi ProClub @ UNIS Hanoi, 16:00-17:00

SATURDAY, 21 MARCH

- Varsity Girls' Soccer vs Hanoi International Football Club @ Xuan La, 13:00-14:00

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Notes from the Head of School



It is not very often that we have to report on the death of a former student. This past week we have received the even more tragic news that two of our former students passed away recently. As a school organisation that highly values Community, we extend our connection not only to current students, faculty, staff and families, but to former students, faculty, staff and families who have moved on from UNIS and Hanoi. The reach of UNIS Hanoi is world-wide and is increasing every day through our alumni programme, helping our alumni to maintain and build those connections with UNIS and most importantly with each other, which at these times are so important and such a comfort for the families. I invite you to please read the tributes on page 15 and 16 for Lalita Stone (Class of 2010) and Hye Lin Yoon (Class of 2015).

As a follow up to last week's announcement about our new protocols for monitoring air quality, I wanted to share with you our results from the first week. To view the record for the week of 17-20 March, please click [PDF](#) and read more about this on page 10 and 11.

The actual regulations for what actions we take at the various levels of air quality. please click [HERE](#)

This is the same link I shared with you last week.

As you can see, there is some significant various between the two AQI monitoring systems which is why we take an average. But we are not satisfied with either of these systems for the future since they are far away from UNIS Hanoi and are mounted on the tops of buildings. We hope to have in place our own professional monitoring system on our campus by the beginning of next school year. In the meantime we will continue to use this average to monitor things.

Finally, there is electricity in the air as we head into our Spring Fair tomorrow - all thanks to our amazing volunteers! This is the highlight of the year for our community to enjoy a fun-filled day together and it is all made possible by our wonderful volunteers who have given up countless hours with their families to ensure your family has fun! There is a buzz among the students and we know it will be wonderful day. See you there!

Respectfully,

Dr. Barder hos@unishanoi.org

Notes from the Admissions Office



RE-ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2015-2016

Please secure placements for your child/ren in the next school year as follows:

- Return the Tuition and Fees Agreement for each family to admissions@unishanoi.org
- Remit a tuition deposit payment for each returning student

Placements must be secured by 3 April 2015.

WITHDRAWING FAMILIES

Please confirm the departure of your family from the school by submitting an

[Admissions Withdrawal Form.](#)

For assistance contact admissions@unishanoi.org

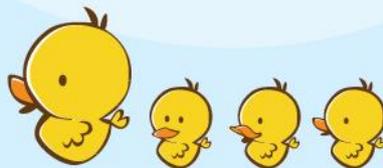
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Spring Fair 2015

 Games  FOOD  MUSIC



UNIS
HANOI

SATURDAY MARCH 21
11AM - 3PM

AT UNIS HANOI



TICKET PRICE:

80.000 VND IN ADVANCE
100.000 VND AT THE GATE



Spring Fair 2015

PONY RIDES !



Spring Fair Goes Green



In line with the UNIS Hanoi Sustainability Audit and inspired by the ES Recycling ASA the Spring Fair Organising Committee has started the efforts to GO GREEN at this event!

We are following recommendations from the United Nations Environment Programme Sustainable Events Guide.

We ask EVERYONE to bring reusable water bottles. There will be free refill stations around the fair.

Bring reusable bags for your purchases.

The SCO has invested in reusable plates for this event - PLEASE place plates in wash bins instead of trash bins.

Biodegradable trash bags will be used and the SCO is no longer ordering Styrofoam take away containers.

This event is not yet completely plastic free but this is the first step in the right direction.

We thank you in advance for helping our sustainable event initiative!



Spring Fair Mass Dance

This year at UNIS Spring Fair **Yury Rockit** will lead a dance for everyone to join. Yury is a well known professional yoga, dance and fitness instructor living in Hanoi.

Everyone is encouraged to have fun joining in !

The mass dance off will begin at 1 pm near the Main Stage.

- The first dance will be **Beyonce** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYq0zAQ3IH4>
- The second dance, involving **Zumba** steps will be Shake it out https://www.facebook.com/yury.menkovich/posts/10153058601101390?comment_id=10153058603186390¬if_t=like

Yury will demonstrate the moves and the crowd can dance too.

Yury will also present a Philoxing demonstration . This is a new fitness movement soon to be



BUBBLEOLOGISTS !



Amazing SKYWALKERS!
Bubble Petting Zoo!
You will be BLOWN AWAY!



Spring Fair
2015

MORE BUBBLES!

DR. FROTH GOES BUBBLE CRAZY SHOW !
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 6pm (Centre for the Arts Theatre)

The kids will love this international act and adults will be wowed! Hysterical, engrossing and inspirational! It's a bubble bonanza of vivacious, wacky, yet sophisticated tricks. The adore-a-bubble Dr Froth entertains ALL AGES with enticing visual spectacles involving MASSIVE doughnut bubbles, tightrope-walking bubbles, geometric-shaped bubbles and more!

Tickets 150 000 VND

The 3pm show on Sunday 22nd March is sold out.

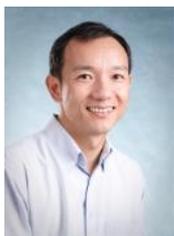
**The 6 pm tickets are available after school from 3.15 - 4.40pm in front of the Canteen
AND at The Kitchen (To Ngoc Van)**

Thank you to our sponsors and the UNIS Hanoi SCO for facilitating his visit and also the Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake for providing some of the accommodation.

For queries contact Pippa Wood at sco_mshsvic@unishanoi.org



Notes from the Board of Directors



On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to announce that **Amie Pollack** has presented her candidacy for the Parent Elect position on the UNIS Hanoi Board of Directors. As we have only received one candidacy there is no need to hold an election. By default Amie Pollack becomes

our new Parent Elect Board Member and will assume Board duties at the close of business at the last Board meeting of 2014-2015 school year on 2nd June 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amie for her willingness to put her name forward for election.

Best regards,

Nguyen Van Hieu, Board Chair

Name: Amie Alley Pollack, PhD

Nationality: American

Grade of children: Son – Grade 2 and Daughter – preschool

Arrived in Hanoi: August 2009

Expects in Hanoi: 2017 or beyond

Personal Statement:

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. I am from the US and have lived in Vietnam for 5.5 years with my husband, Todd, and children, Oliver (UNIS Hanoi Grade 2) and Julia (preschool). I am a clinical developmental psychologist on the faculty of Vanderbilt University, USA. For the past 5.5 years my work has focused on mental health research and training capacity building in Vietnam and Cambodia. I work with universities to develop post-graduate training programs in clinical psychology, support the development of hospital and community-based mental health care, and lead a number of research projects. Prior to moving to Vietnam I held post-doctoral appointments at Harvard Medical School and Boston University in the areas of trauma and community-based mental health care.

I believe that my work experiences have prepared me well for being an effective member of the UNIS Hanoi Board. As a researcher, I am an objective, data-driven decision maker with a love of learning. As an educator, I strongly believe that a peaceful, prosperous world begins with quality childhood education. As a psychologist, I know that growth of any kind is dependent on listening, understanding and respect. Furthermore, I hope that my expertise in child cognitive, social and emotional development will provide a valuable perspective to the board. In my three years as a UNIS Hanoi parent I have gained a great respect for the UNIS Hanoi faculty, values and vision. It would be a pleasure and an honor to serve this school and community.



Welcome to UNIS Hanoi
Jericho Ronnehl Eusebio, G08b PG
Jarred Rhon Eusebio, G10D

We wish all the best to
Natsumi Utsumi, G06a JQ
Ayumu Saita, G06b LH
Ami Kadono, 1JH
who left UNIS Hanoi this week

Họ và tên: TS. Amie Alley Pollack

Quốc tịch: Mỹ

Các con: Con trai học lớp 2 và Con gái học Mẫu giáo

Ngày đến Hà Nội: tháng 8/2009

Thời gian ở Hà Nội dự kiến: 2017 hoặc lâu hơn

Thông tin tự giới thiệu:

Tôi rất hân hạnh được tự giới thiệu bản thân mình. Tôi đến từ Mỹ và đã sống ở Việt Nam 5 năm cùng chồng (Todd), con tôi Oliver (lớp 2) và Julia (mẫu giáo). Tôi là nhà tâm lý giáo dục Đại học Vanderbilt, Mỹ. Hơn 5 năm qua, tôi tập trung nghiên cứu về tâm lý học và nâng cao năng lực cho Việt Nam và Campuchia. Tôi phối hợp với các trường đại học phát triển các chương trình đào tạo cao học về tâm lý, hỗ trợ phát triển các chương trình chăm sóc sức khỏe tâm lý cho các bệnh viện, phụ trách một số dự án.

Trước khi sang Việt Nam, tôi đã hoàn thành chương trình sau tiến sĩ tại Trường Y khoa Harvard và Trường Đại học Boston về chăm sóc sức khỏe cộng đồng và chuyên ngành chấn thương.

Tôi tin rằng kinh nghiệm làm việc của tôi sẽ giúp tôi trở thành một thành viên tích cực cho Hội đồng quản trị trường UNIS Hanoi. Là một nhà nghiên cứu, tôi là một người luôn ra những quyết định khách quan, có cơ sở và say mê học hỏi. Là một nhà giáo dục, tôi tin rằng một quốc gia thịnh vượng, hòa bình phụ thuộc rất nhiều vào nền giáo dục cho trẻ. Là một nhà nghiên cứu, tôi hiểu rõ sự lớn mạnh của bất cứ lĩnh vực gì đều phụ thuộc vào việc lắng nghe, thấu hiểu và tôn trọng lẫn nhau. Hơn thế nữa, tôi hy vọng rằng chuyên môn về phát triển cảm xúc, trí tuệ và xã hội cho trẻ mà tôi đã trải nghiệm sẽ mang lại những triển vọng giá trị cho Hội đồng quản trị nhà trường. Với 3 năm làm phụ huynh nhà trường, tôi thực sự tôn trọng tập thể giáo viên cùng những giá trị và tầm nhìn của trường. Tôi thực sự hân hạnh được góp phần công sức của mình đối với nhà trường và cộng đồng UNIS Hanoi.

Notes from MSHS Principal



Dear UNIS Families,

It is hard to believe that the last quarter of the school year is just around the corner. Grade 12 students are fully engaged in IB Diploma exam preparations. They are currently sitting their “Mock” exams which will be used for predicted scores and as a preparation for the official IBDP testing period which is set to begin on May 4. Good luck grade 12s!

Three Way Parent Conferences

All MSHS parents/guardians are cordially invited to attend Mid Semester 2 Student Led Conferences. Conferences will be held on April 16 and 21. Sign-ups open at 07:00 on April 3 via ISIS Family. More details will be sent to MSHS families in the very near future.

UNIS New York is coming to Hanoi!

The MSHS is eagerly looking forward to hosting four students and one faculty member from our sister school UNIS New York. As part of our annual school to school exchange programme students from UNIS NY will spend a week in March touring Vietnam. UNIS NY students will be hosted in “homestays” with UNIS Hanoi families. While in Vietnam they will visit our campus, build bonds with UNIS Hanoi students and take in the sights and sounds of Hanoi and Vietnam. We have put together a very busy schedule for the “NYers”. They will attend classes, participate in a HS Morning Meeting, take part in an “Amazing Race” through the Old Quarter, enjoy(?) the overnight train to Sa Pa, trek through the rice terraces, cruise Ha Long Bay and eat their way through Hanoi on a Food Street Walking Tour. It goes without saying that it will be a busy trip!

Warm regards,

Pete Kennedy, mshsprincipal@unishanoi.org

University Visits



The UK universities will be visiting this week:

Wednesday, March 25 12:40 – 13:20 Common Room B5 G29	School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Thursday, March 26 13:20 – 14:00 Common Room B5 G29	<u>University of East Anglia</u> <u>University of Leeds</u> <u>Newcastle University</u> <u>Royal Holloway, University of London</u>
Friday, March 27 13:20 – 14:00 Common Room B5 G29	<u>Cardiff University</u> <u>University of Chester</u> <u>Queen Mary, University of London</u>



Grade 4 Slice of ICE Evening - Thursday 19 March

Thursday evening, parents and friends were treated to an energy filled evening of Dance, Song, Music, Media, Drama and Fine Art. Hosted by the students themselves, and focussed around the **Unit of Inquiry - Heritage**. What a great celebration of student learning and achievement.

The evening began with two original Dances choreographed by the students in 4HK and 4PB. Then it was time to explore the

galleries containing the Art exhibition, Class work, Drama films and Media displays. Once the bell was rung twice, it was time to go back into the theatre and be treated to music performances of African and Celtic music. The night was completed with a beautiful song sung by 4LL and 4BM.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this wonderful showcase of student learning.



Photos by Tim Barnsley

Air Quality Index (AQI) : The Air We Breathe

AQI colors

Air Quality Index	Who Needs to Be Concerned?	What Should I Do?
Good (0-50)	No one. Air quality is good for everyone.	It's a great day to be active outside!
Moderate (51-100)	Some people may be unusually sensitive to particle pollution and may need to take precautions.	Unusually sensitive people: Consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. Watch for symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath. These are signs to take it a little easier. Everyone else: It's a good day to be active outside!
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101-150)	Sensitive groups include people with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and teenagers.	Sensitive groups: Reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. It's OK to be active outside, but take more breaks and do less intense activities. Watch for symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath. People with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep quick relief medicine handy. If you have heart disease: Symptoms such as palpitations, shortness of breath, or unusual fatigue may indicate a serious problem. If you have any of these, contact your health care provider.
Unhealthy (151-200)	Everyone can be affected.	Sensitive groups: Avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Consider moving activities indoors or rescheduling. Everyone else: Reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. Take more breaks during all outdoor activities.
Very Unhealthy (201-300)	Everyone	Sensitive groups: Avoid all physical activity outdoors. Move activities indoors or reschedule to a time when air quality is better. Everyone else: Avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Consider moving activities indoors or rescheduling to a time when air quality is better.
Hazardous (301-500)	Everyone	Everyone: Avoid all physical activity outdoors. Sensitive groups: Remain indoors and keep activity levels low. Follow tips for keeping particle levels low indoors.

http://www.epa.gov/airnow/air-quality-guide_pm_2013.pdf

Specific color has been assigned to each AQI category to make it easier for people to quickly understand whether air pollution is reaching unhealthy levels and to take appropriate action.

Prolonged exertion. This means any outdoor activity that you'll be doing intermittently for several hours and that makes you breathe slightly harder than normal. A good example of this is working in the yard for part of a day. When air quality is unhealthy, you can protect your health by reducing how much time you spend on this type of activity.

Heavy exertion. This means intense outdoor activities that cause you to breathe hard. When air quality is unhealthy, you can protect your health by reducing how much time you spend on this type of activity, or by substituting a less intense activity—for example, go for a walk instead of a jog. Be sure to reduce your activity level if you experience any unusual coughing, chest discomfort, wheezing, breathing difficulty, or unusual fatigue.

For more on AQI, read <http://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi>

School Health Centre

PHOTO COMPETITION

Theme: La France à Hanoi

Join with us and present your photographic interpretations of France in Ha Noi with a short explanation of your ideas in French.

Send us your original picture, no copy from the Internet please, with a short description in French and win a wonderful prize.

PRIZE FOR EACH CATEGORY
(Grades, UNIS community and Staff)

Deadline: 30 March 2015

*Please PDF your picture and text separately and send to :
mnahoum@unishanoi.org*



International Day of Happiness Celebration



ES Assembly

Workshops for Kids Next Week with visiting Bublologists

BUBBLEOLOGISTS !

After seeing the Sky walker at Spring Fair, or the Dr Froth Show Goes Bubble Crazy Show on Sunday the students can also enroll to come and learn some fabulous bubble tricks from International Bubbleologist Andrew Suttar.

The Bubble Academy is a very special hands-on experience where kids can learn about homemade bubble mix, bubble blowers and learn an amazing assortment of incredibly cool bubble tricks. (Suitable for Elementary and Middle School kids , 8 - 12 years old, as a guide)

Each Bubble Academy session runs for approximately 60 minutes . Enrol now, and pay on Saturday at the Bubble Table at Spring Fair

[ENROLL NOW FOR BUBBLE WORKSHOP](#)

For further enquires contact sco_mshsvice@unishanoi.org



UNIS Hanoi Summer Programme



OUR SUMMER PROGRAMME IS BACK !!!

Will start **JUNE 15 for ALL Grade Levels**

Save the Date! More information coming soon

The Shop News

Shop is open this Saturday.

11:00-15:00, during Spring Fair

Big SALE on last years stock!

Special for the day

The new blue Sweat Pants in all sizes **200,000 VND.**

Don't miss out!

See you all Saturday



Celebrating the life of Hye Lin Yoon (Class of 2015)



We have been saddened by the news of the recent passing of Hye Lin Yoon, an alumnae who attended UNIS Hanoi from Grade 7 to Grade 10. She was attending Western Academy of Beijing. Following a memorial service at WAB at which tributes from UNIS Hanoi were read, our own students and teachers paid tribute to Hye Lin in a

special assembly this week.

Our deepest sympathies are with her parents Youngmo Yoon and Sun Sook Choi at this time of devastating loss.

When I first met Hye Lin, she was a quiet ninth grader at UNIS. In fact, I barely heard her speak in the first month of school. But as time went on, I felt privileged to get to know her – as an excellent problem solver and investigator in our honors math class, as well as a budding designer in IT. More importantly, she was a young woman with a beautiful smile and sweet laugh. As shy around others as Hye Lin could be at times, she was never shy in sharing a smile.

She was always incredibly patient in teaching others how to solve a problem, and more impressively, could laugh at her own mistakes, open to guidance from others. Her work was always thoughtful and personal; some of the logo designs she created in IT for an umbrella company are still vivid in my memory three years later.

She was one a special group of students who made a conscious, collective effort to care for others, including their teachers. (For example, she helped throw me a surprise birthday party one year, and a surprise baby shower the next!) Hye Lin will always be remembered here in Hanoi, in Beijing, in Seoul, and beyond, as she touched the lives of those around her with that incredibly sweet and contagious smile; a smile we will all truly miss.

Samantha Trebesch, UNIS Hanoi Mathematics and Computer Science Teacher



Hye Lin Yoon teaching Hae Ji Nob and Hui Won Kang, Math 09 Ext 2012

"Thank you for your kind words and also the messages from the teachers on behalf of all at the UNIS. It is always important to include UNIS in thinking about Hye Lin. Her first years of living and studying outside Korea were at the UNIS, it was at UNIS that she began her love of arts, which she chose as her future path, especially in deciding on the university. You may have heard that she was accepted at Maryland Institute College of Arts. It was at the beautiful scenes of UNIS that she became to enjoy studying – engaging with teachers and learning to be part of and build community, and enjoying the life with friends. The nearly-4 years she was at UNIS were important formative years.

In remembering Hye Lin, UNIS will have a special part. And it is good to learn through the kind thoughts and words you have sent that Hye Lin has a place in UNIS and in memories of the UNIS people and community."

Youngmo Yoon, Hye Lin Yoon's father

The entire UNIS community is deeply saddened by the passing of Hye Lin Yoon. She will always be remembered for the kindness she expressed toward others, her quiet sense of grace and her wonderful smile. I prefer to remember Hye Lin through the reflection she authored on her self-portrait, "I wanted to express my identity through a self-portrait. I think I am similar to a ball or yarn, in the way that I am yet just a student but I hold the choices to be anything in the future."

Pete Kennedy, MSHS Principal

Our Time

Her call a faint reminder when

As youthful sirens we began

To seize the world, to make our mark

Our schemes together we'd embark

--

As faintness dims, her life a song

That we must sing for everlong

In our lives as we press on,

Resident our dreams, she's not forgotten.

Phil Sanchez, Homeroom advisor in Grade 8

Celebrating the life of Lalita Stone (class of 2010)



The Class of 2010 has been remembering and celebrating a shining life that recently passed away. Lalita Stone was a student at UNIS Hanoi from Grade 3 to Grade 12 and after graduating in 2010 went to study at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Lalita and her family are well known and well loved by an alumni community which stays connected and we share just a few of the scores of tributes that have poured out with their love for their best friend.

Our sincerest sympathies are with Lalita's parents, Ursheila and Wayne Stone at this time of heartbreak.

Find out more about Lalita from this tribute that was published in the UCSB newspaper [The Daily Nexus](#).



To many of us, Lalita, or rather more endearingly known as Lita, was our first impression of UNIS and quite possibly the reason why we hold UNIS so dear to our hearts regardless of how long it has been since leaving or graduation. She was unique - granted, she was unique in every way possible - in that she never moved for 10 years in a school system where nothing stayed constant, especially friends. It's tremendous to think about how many good byes she had to say while in UNIS. And it's even more tremendous to realize how resilient she was to bring herself back together after all the good byes and befriend all the new kids.

She made a mission to be the best at being a friend and she was really good at it. She is our first friend at UNIS, our best friend, a friend we shared secrets with, and a friend that we could trust and be ourselves around. She is a friend who made us laugh with her dances, made us smile with her drawings, and inspired us with her creativity in writing and music. As the initial shock of the news started wearing off, all we could think about were all the fond memories of our silly adventures and inside jokes along with the immense sadness of realizing that we cannot give back all the love she had given us since the day we entered through the gates of UNIS as awkward pre-teen or teenagers.

However, we also soon realized how much of Lita we saw in ourselves and in each other. Little traces of Lita were found in our mannerisms, our personalities, our music tastes, and our relationships with one another that was only exists because Lita was there to befriend all of us on our first days at UNIS. She truly had transformative and empathetic powers and has left a beautiful, shining legacy at UNIS and beyond.

Her life was, as she would probably put it, epic and we are so happy to celebrate her life in every way possible.

Lita's Friends

