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UNIS Hanoi's Weekly Community Newsletter Volume 22, Edition 13, Friday 20 November



NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

- JV Boys' and Girls' Basketball vs OLY @ UNIS, 16.00-18.00

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

- Grade1 Exhibition, **24-27 Nov**
- COD Committee Meeting, 7.00-8.30, Conference Room
- K2 Field Trip
- MSHS Parent Conferences, 10.00-18.00
- Varsity Boys' Basketball vs Expat Team @ UNIS, 7.00-8.30, Sports Centre

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

- MSHS Parent Conferences, 10.00-18.00
- Grade 1 Performance for Parents, 18.00-19.30, Theatre

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

- CDTF Committee Meeting, 12.00-13.30, Community Room
- Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball vs BIS @ UNIS, 16.00-18.00
- Grades 3-5 Winter Party, 16.00-17.30, Black Box & Centre for the Arts Foyer

SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

- Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball vs HIS @ UNIS, 10.00-12.30

SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

- Peter Goverde Memorial Tennis Tournament

COMING SOON

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

- ASA and UMA Session 2 Begins
- Youth Sport Season 3 Begins
- JV Boys' and Girls' Basketball vs SPAS @ UNIS, 16.00-18.00

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

- Advancement Committee Meeting, 7.30-9.30, Conference Room
- IBDP Grade 10 Student and Parent Information Night, 18.00-19.00, Library

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

- Finance Committee Meeting, 7.00-8.30, Conference Room
- Varsity Boys' Basketball vs OLY @ UNIS, 16.00-18.00

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER

- **HS Autumn Musical, 3-5 DEC, 19.00-21.00, Theatre**

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER

- **Timberwolves Invitational Basketball @ Canadian International School (CDNIS), Hong Kong, 4-6 DEC**

SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER

- Community Programme Autumn Session Ends
- Saturday Soccer Autumn Tournament

From the Head of School



In the aftermath of the horrific terrorism that occurred last Friday evening in Paris, I wanted to send a message out to parents. The report from our security advisors is that the likelihood of an attack here in Hanoi and Vietnam is low. We have NOT been advised to take any extraordinary measures in the wake of this terrible event. We were asked to encourage everyone to continue to be aware of their surroundings when they are out and about.

This attack, along with the loss of civilian life across the world, whether that be in terms of the recent tragic downing of the Russian jet in the Sinai, the needless loss of life in Beirut residential areas or continuing conflicts in Syria and other places around the world, has also caused me to want to write to you.

As a UN school which espouses the principles of the United Nations, we have a major opportunity. We can help our young people to understand the

challenges that exist and come up with ways to meet these challenges in the future. Each day we think about ways to help our students live up to our objective of being a community with no bystanders. As potential future leaders in the world, we support our students in being courageous, visionary and inclusive as they develop into global citizens.

The road to peaceful outcomes in a violent and changing world will be long and arduous. The behaviors and actions we espouse represent some of the attributes of leadership that we believe will help to confront these challenges.

For us here at UNIS Hanoi, it starts with each individual student. To the world, they are only one student, but that one student can make a “world” of difference.

My thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones, wherever they may be.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Barden".

Dr. Chip Barden

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Welcome to UNIS
Hanoi

Celine Chee, G10g

From the Admissions Office

Interested in Admissions
for 2016-2017?

Please register your child directly into the school system by submitting an **Admissions Enquiry Form**.

Applications will be available to eligible applicants in **January 2016**.

For assistance, please contact admissions@unishanoi.org or telephone **37581551 ext. 8217 / 8220 / 8732 / 8739**.

From the Tech Director Helmet Safety Followup #2



I have received several requests for another informal helmet survey at Gate 5. I performed two surveys this week and I am disappointed with the results. My children and grandchildren are living in America, which means that UNIS Hanoi parents and UNIS students serve as my family in Hanoi. I worry when my substitute family fails to take simple precautions to ensure their safety when riding bicycles and motorbikes.

Riding a motorbike or bicycle without a helmet puts the rider or passenger at risk for long term health issues when an accident occurs. The grandfather in me wants to scream when I see our children without helmets or with helmets on their handlebars and not properly fastened on their heads.

Some students have indicated that they either didn't wear their helmet or didn't bring a helmet because the helmet is broken. Parents, please inspect your child's helmet and make sure that they have properly fitted helmets that are not broken.

Please take time to ensure that your son or daughter is wearing a properly fitted safety certified helmet with a fastened chin strap anytime that they ride a bicycle or a motorbike. We expect helmets to remain on rider's heads until they dismount at the gate. Adults should model rules that we expect students to follow. Please note my use of the term safety certified. Most locally purchased helmets are not safe and the user may sustain more injuries wearing many of the locally produced helmets than they would without a helmet.

Cycling in Hanoi can be safe and rewarding if a few simple precautions are taken. Please provide yourself, your children and your helpers with the opportunity to enjoy safe cycling.

Please call or email me if you have any questions about cycling in Hanoi.

Ed Gilbreath

Tech Director

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Description	Monday 31 August	Monday 21 September	Monday 16 November	Wednesday 18 November
Total bicycles arriving at Gate 5	165	161	166	177
Students with helmets on handlebars or in baskets	48	29	19	33
Students with helmets on head but not fastened	N/A	7	4	2
Students with no helmets	6	5	4*	6
Adults with no helmets	20	5	4	7
Helper with no helmet	N/A	7	3	3
Helper with child and child no helmet	N/A	3	4	3
Motorbike arrival no helmets	6	2	7**	3***

*Two mothers arrived with young children on their bicycles and no one was wearing a helmet.

** In two instances the adult had a helmet and the children had no helmets.

*** Three adults and four children.

From the Elementary School Grade 5 Camp



In this week's Tin Tuc we would like to highlight our recent fifth grade camp. The fifth grade camp is the first overnight educational experience for students at UNIS Hanoi. This year, our fifth grade students and teachers spent two nights in the countryside near Hoa Binh having fun, learning, and growing.

Each moment spent at camp was intentionally planned to promote learning, to build relationships, and to further develop each student as a PYP learner. What this means is that students were provided a variety of activities and situations designed to foster their personal development as inquirers, thinkers, communicators, and risk-takers, all while being caring, open-minded, and reflective.

Stephen Lush

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In this activity, students were required to collaborate and construct.



The egg drop was one of the favorite activities. Teams of students worked together trying to design a way for an egg to survive a drop from the second story.



For many students in fifth grade, this was the first experience away from family in a setting like this. It is sure to be a lasting memory for all and is just the beginning of many more exciting educational experiences students will have while at UNIS Hanoi.

Grade 1 Performance



Grade 1 Performance Arts Celebration

Grade 1 Performance Arts Celebration is on Tuesday November 24 at 8.30 am- 9.40 am. All parents are welcome.



Our fifth grade campers had the opportunity to visit a local Vietnamese school to share in a bamboo dance and to do art activities. Students learned how much they have in common with each other and that language and culture can be different, but does not have to divide us. The students will continue building a relationship with this school as a cultural exchange throughout the school year.



Students here were learning the importance of communication and working together as a team.

A Week without Walls: Phong Nha - The Perfect Ground to Nurture Lifelong Skills

The much-loved Middle School and High School Week Without Walls initiative has become a unique opportunity for students to challenge themselves in new ways. Skills such as working as a team, critical thinking and communicating ideas in front of others are all keenly taught. But for students in Grades 11 and 12, learning how to make good decisions and forging leadership skills that will last a lifetime has become the central focus of their week away from the school campus.

This year, for the first time, Grade 11 students were dispatched to Phong Nha. One of the poorest areas of Vietnam, Phong Nha is stunning and is known for its intricate cave system - the largest in the world. Yet despite the enviable landscape, the area is not good for farming, creating a need for local communities to consider tourism initiatives that will help diversify their income. This complex scenario offered students the perfect opportunity to use their critical thinking skills creatively in

order to solve a real problem. But as well as being tasked to conjure up long-term ideas to attract tourists, the students were also given the chance to make an immediate difference in the lives of the local people.

"We spent a day painting the community hall" revealed 16 year-old Anh Phuong Nguyen. *"I found giving back fun and it was great to cycle past the hall the next day and see people enjoying the facility, knowing that in some small way we made a difference."*

Along with problem-solving and painting, the students also ventured into the mud caves for a group experience of a lifetime. Anh Phuong continued, *"I enjoyed the mud caves, zip-lining and tour of the temple because it gave the trip an element of adventure."*

Commenting on the new excursion for the eleventh grade students, Colin Campbell, the MSHS Service Learning Coordinator said, *"We wanted to offer variety with these trips and we realised*



that many of the trips were based in agricultural areas. This is the first time we have exposed our students to an area that's slightly different to give them an opportunity to consider other types of challenges such as how a community can encourage tourism and diversify their income. Phong Nha is also a great place for recreational activities and to get kids to practice navigation skills to see if they can successfully get from one point to another."

For Anh Phuong and her peers, the trip was a success. She concluded, *"I've been on all the Week Without Walls trips since sixth grade. I've loved every one of them and we always look forward to them. They are memorable weeks in which we get to really bond with other students and just as importantly, with our teachers. The week away also helps us better connect what we learn in our classes once we return to school. I can't wait for next year's trip!"*

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HS Talent Show - Photo Special



HS Talent Show.
Photos by Tim Barnsley.



Co-Curricular News

Middle School Season 2 - Soccer

The second Middle School athletic season of the year is fast approaching. The first official practice is **Tuesday, December 8**. Students who are interested should make their way to the bulletin boards outside the UNIS Hanoi Cafeteria and sign-up as soon as possible. Middle School sports are a two-day a week commitment. Our Middle School programmes operate as a no-cut programme. Everyone wishing to participate will have the opportunity to practice, improve, and play some competitions.

Good luck to all. **GO PHOENIX!**



After School Activities (ASA)- Session 2 Confirmation

At 16:00 on Monday 23 November all ASAs will have been confirmed for Session 2. Please login to your **CHQ** account after this time to see your or your child's confirmed ASAs for Session 2.

ISPP

Last weekend the Phoenix Swim Club traveled to ISPP to participate in the ISPP Long Course Swimvitational. 45 Middle School and High School students represented UNIS Hanoi with some excellent results. Despite not traveling with Elementary School swimmers, our team managed a strong 3rd place finish behind the home team, ISPP, and a very strong ISHCMC team. The pool at ISPP is 50 meters in length and outdoors so it is quite different from swimming in our own 25 meter pool that is protected from the sun. Our swimmers proved to be up to the challenge.

In addition to our normal huge number of best times, UNIS Hanoi swimmers brought home plenty of Gold.

Angela Villamil placed first in all of her 7 of her events and anchored our Girls 15+ 200 Freestyle Relay to a gold medal. Also on the relay were Adelaide Charlier, Hanako Hieda and Isabella Todini. The Boys 15+ 200 freestyle relay also took the gold medal with Andy Cole, Nils Jaranovs, Philip Lange and Roope Makela. Our strong 15+ Boys also featured Nils Jaranovs with gold in the 100 breast, Andy Cole with gold in the 200 breast and Philip Lange with gold in the 200 back.

Our 11+12 Boys 200 Medley Relay with Bill Nguyen, Ryan Lim, Adam Strosing and Rasmus Makela grabbed gold. Bill Nguyen also won the gold medal in the 200 free and Adam Strosing took gold in the 50 breast. For the 11+12 Girls, Grace Cenere won gold in the 200 free and the 400 free.

Next up for our UNIS Hanoi swimmers is the APAC Championship Meet at the end of January. Over 30 HS swimmers are training hard to have the honor of representing UNIS Hanoi.



Hairspray

Synopsis

In 1960s Baltimore, Tracy Turnblad, an overweight teenager with all the right moves, is obsessed with the Kitty Collins Show. Every day after school, Tracy and her best friend, Penny run home to watch the show and drool over the hot Link Larkin, much to Tracy's mother Edna's dismay. After one of the stars of the show leaves, Kitty Collins holds auditions to see who will be the next person on the Kitty Collins show. With the help of her friend Seaweed, Tracy makes it on the show. She becomes an overnight celebrity, a trendsetter in dance, fun and fashion, angering the evil dance Amber Von Tussle and her mother Velma.

Tracy then decides that it's not fair that the beatnik kids can only dance on the Kitty Collins Show once a month, and with the help of Seaweed, Link, Penny, Motormouth Maybelle, Wilbur, Tracy's father and Edna, she's going to integrate the show.....without denting her 'do!'

The students in the high school have been working hard on this year's production. Students have taken roles onstage as performers, in the pit orchestra and backstage on crews, including: set, props, costumes, hair and makeup, sound, lights, publicity and box office.

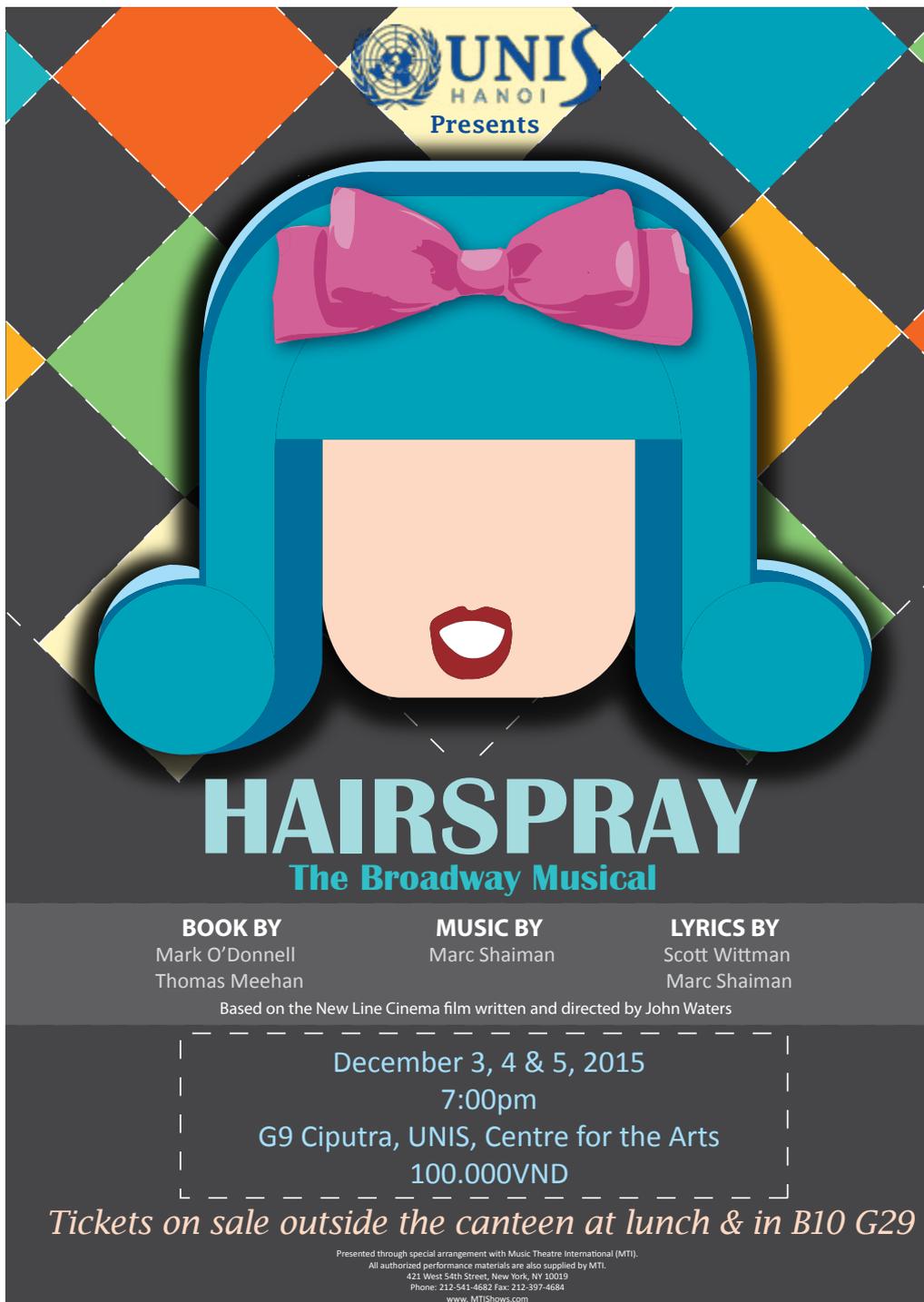
**Come and see the show on
December 3,4 & 5, 2015**

7:00 pm

Centre for the Arts

**Tickets are on sale outside the
canteen at lunch & in B10 G29**

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



UNIS HANOI Presents



HAIRSPRAY
The Broadway Musical

BOOK BY Mark O'Donnell Thomas Meehan	MUSIC BY Marc Shaiman	LYRICS BY Scott Wittman Marc Shaiman
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Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

December 3, 4 & 5, 2015
7:00pm
G9 Ciputra, UNIS, Centre for the Arts
100.000VND

Tickets on sale outside the canteen at lunch & in B10 G29

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
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Calling on All UNIS Tennis Players!!

The 8th Annual Peter Goverde Memorial Tennis Tournament

Sunday, November 29, 2015

This isn't the US Open. It's not Wimbledon. It's better than that!! And if you're a tennis player, you don't want to miss out!! The UNIS Tennis Courts will be full of tennis enthusiasts on Sunday, November 29th as players from the UNIS community gather to remember a former staff member, Mr. Peter Goverde. Peter brought the passion of tennis to the students of UNIS Hanoi and loved to play the game of tennis with everyone and anyone! He is missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him and this event is held in his memory.

The 2015 Peter Goverde Memorial Tennis Tournament will be divided into 2 portions:

- Morning Session (08:00–12:00) for students
- Afternoon Session (13:00–17:00) for adults

All play will be doubles (with mixed doubles being the aim).

UNIS community members are encouraged to come out to enjoy a fun day of tennis. If there are heavy rains on Sunday, the tournament will be re-scheduled.

The plan is for all play to be in a mixed-doubles format. Students will play in 3 separate divisions:

- Elementary School (Gr. 4-5)
- Middle School (Gr. 6-8)
- High School (Gr. 9-12)

Adults will also play with a variety of different players throughout the afternoon in mixed doubles.

Registration for the tournament will be through Google this year. You can register here: <http://goo.gl/forms/XA7RnXNgI7>

A limited number of places will be available in each of the divisions. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be established and if openings do become available and we will contact those who are next in line. **Closing date for registration is end of the day on Tuesday, November 24.**

This tournament is organized specifically for the UNIS community, so registration will be limited to UNIS students, parents and faculty/staff.

We look forward to your participation and an enjoyable day of tennis! That's what Peter would have wanted!

Regards,

Tarique AL-lesa

Director of Activities

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Community Programmes



Community Programmes is in the process of planning offerings and securing instructors for the Spring 2016 Session. The session runs from February to May 2016, and is coordinated through the UNIS Activities Office. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a class or workshop please contact the Community Programmes Officer at communityprogrammes@unishanoi.org before Friday, 27 November 2015 with the following details:

1. Class Name
2. Class Description
3. Age Ranges
4. Maximum of Participants:
Minimum of Participants
5. Preferred Day Options
6. Preferred Time Options
7. How many lessons
8. How many hours per each lesson
9. Location
10. Estimated Material cost
11. Equipment/ Set up required for your activity
12. Identify your expectations about the achievement of the participants after attending your class

Please feel free to pass this information on to individuals you may know who may be willing to offer opportunities in their areas of expertise.

Your contribution to UNIS Hanoi Community Programmes is greatly appreciated.

Service Learning News



KOTO Bikeride

UNIS Hanoi was well represented at the KOTO fundraising ride this year with many teachers and high school students participating. However, this year was the first ever for a UNIS Hanoi Middle School Team entry! Congratulations to the enthusiasm, support and outstanding effort that was made by our student riders; **Matias Belete, Joshua Scott, Ruben Maerivoet, and Melih Hamalosmanoglu** and the teacher support group of **Daid Buckner,**

Medeha Zahid, Adam Robinson, Shira Fisher and Donna Bracewell. The team finished the ride in under 4 hours. A great ride for a great cause!

Donna Bracewell
dbracewell@unishanoi.org

Hanoi Pet Rescue

Many people are concerned about animal welfare in Vietnam. Hanoi Pet Rescue is a charity organisation that rescues and re-homes neglected and abandoned pets. They are always looking for donations and people to foster or adopt rescued cats and dogs. Each month, Tin Tuc will profile a Pet of the Month that is looking for a new home. www.facebook.com/hn.pet.rescue/



Rosie: 12-24 month old bulldog

Rosie was found on the street in poor health after being neglected and abandoned by her owners. She is presently being fostered by a UNIS couple and is now happy and healthy. Rosie is well behaved, and has a playful and friendly personality. She loves chasing balls and being around people. Rosie is looking for a forever home with a caring family.

For questions or information about Hanoi Pet Rescue or Rosie, please contact Hanoi Pet Rescue Service Learning teacher, **Megan O'Connor:** moconnor@unishanoi.org

School Community Organisation News



Share your project ideas with us...And help to make UNIS Hanoi a little bit better!

Each year, our community –through the School Community Organisation (SCO) - raises funds in course of implementing activities, the main activity being the organization and administration of the Spring Fair. Some of those funds are available each year to carry out project ideas proposed by members of the community. The funding process is designed to be fair, transparent, and community-based.

Application for funding may now be prepared and submitted for consideration. Please feel free to email us regarding any questions you may have in the process. The closing date for applications will be December 3.

Who can apply?

Any member of our community, including teaching staff, administration, faculty, students of all ages and student groups and parents.

Types of projects applicable

Community members can submit applications for projects that directly support the UNIS Hanoi Community. Criteria for selection include consistency with the UNIS Hanoi Mission and SCO Core Values, a demonstrated need, appropriate timetable and duration, a practical implementation plan, and justification of costs.



Projects range from:

- School equipment
- Extra Furniture outside the UNIS Hanoi Administration budget
- Fees/wages for a teaching specialist
- Entertainment/Production costs for community building initiatives
- Workshop provider
- Publications

Please note regarding funds sought for charity: The charity must be connected to the UNIS Hanoi Service Learning Programme and students/supervisors are encouraged to discuss proposals with the Service Learning Coordinator before submitting an application.

Examples of projects that have been funded in the past are:

- Phoenix Mascot
- Compost bins for the Community Garden
- Outdoor picnic seating
- Big Red Drum (Trống) and Gong (Cồng) for the Centre for the Arts
- Cameras for the ECC
- Bedding/supplies for a Service Learning Group



- Production funding for the Operation Smile Charity concert
- Timing system for the swimming pool

All applications must be submitted using the forms and templates which are available on the UNIS Hanoi website.

Any questions about the process or the forms should be directed to sco@unishanoi.org

We look forward to reviewing your applications.

Regards,

SCO Executive Grant Committee

Snack Sale



A big THANK YOU to all the parents in the contributing classes K2JM, K2CO, 2RJ, 3TS, 3VdC, 3BM and 3CG that have created delicious healthy snacks to the ES Snack Sale! Today we had an impressive array of homemade jelly snacks, cheese burekas, mango/vanilla/chocolate pudding, coconut and chocolate balls, fruits salad and so much more!

Another big THANK YOU to the over 20 parent volunteers that stopped by today to help sell the snacks to our young ones. The joy on the kids faces were reflected in the faces of the parent volunteers as well! We hope to see you all at the next snack sale!

A total of 9,680,000VND from today's sales. All the money will go towards community projects that the UNIS Hanoi students, parents, faculty and staff can apply for. For more information about the SCO Project Funding process [click here](#).

Contributing Class List:

In case you are wondering when it's your turn to donate snacks, below is the list of Snack Sale dates and contributing classes. Looking forward to seeing more delicious treats!

January 22 : DTU, DSS, K1KM, 2TL, 1JH, 1SF, 1TA, 1RB

March 11 : K1DV, K1AP, 2MA, 5MN, 5JH, 5TC, 5DL

Your Snack Sale Coordinators:

**Makiko Matsumoto
Akiko Nakano
Seung Shin Lee
Bo Young Hwang**



HIWC Annual Charity Bazaar

28 November 2015, 10am - 4pm

Tickets on sale at UNIS Hanoi, MONDAY 23 - FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 8AM-9AM and 3PM-4PM in front of the Canteen

HIWC are pleased to inform the UNIS Hanoi community about our free shuttle buses to the Bazaar. You must have purchased a ticket before boarding the bus to go to the Bazaar. Tickets will NOT be available on the bus, and it will not be possible to ride the bus and buy a ticket at the event - there may not be any left! Please see the following schedule.

ROUTE 1 - Ciputra - St Paul - Ciputra
Buses leave from E4/E5 every 15 minutes, starting from 5.30am. Last bus leaves St Paul at 5.30pm.

ROUTE 2 - Syrena Centre - St Paul - Syrena Centre
Buses leave every 15 minutes, starting from at 5.30am. Last bus back from St Paul at 5.30pm.

ROUTE 3 - Lotte Tower - St Paul - Lotte Tower
Buses leave every 30 minutes, starting at 9.00am. Last bus back from St Paul at 5.00pm

ROUTE 4 - Landmark 72 - St Paul - Landmark 72
Buses leave every 15 minutes, starting at 9.00am. Last bus back from St Paul at 5.30pm

For any questions, contact the Bazaar Coordinator, Nada Offner, at bazaarcoordinator@hanoi-iwc.com

Annual Charity Bazaar 2015

Saturday 28th November
10 am to 4 pm
St. Paul American School, Splendora, Hoài Đức, Hanoi

Tickets available from:
The Moose&Roo | UMA | Oasis | Kitchen | Dalcheeni
Republic | Wanna Waffle | Jafas | Metiseko
St Paul Hanoi | Emporium | Concordia | Starfish | HIS

Adults: 150.000 VND Presale or 180.000 VND at the gate
Children: 50.000 VND (ages 3-12, under 3 free)

www.hanoi-iwc.com | www.facebook.com/hanoi-iwc | bazaarcoordinator@hanoi-iwc.com

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KIDS, GO HAVE FUN AT THE HIWC BAZAAR 2015!

10am-4pm, Saturday, Nov 28th, 2015
St. Paul American School Hanoi
New Urban City - North An Khanh (Splendora)
An 10+600, Thăng Long Avenue
An Khanh Commune, Hoai Duc Dist., Hanoi, Vietnam