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Welcome

Message from (Sukhumvit) Principal



Dear ASB Parents and students,

A new and exciting school year awaits us for 2009-2010. The staff and I would like to welcome new and returning students and parents to the exciting opportunities that a comprehensive education presents. We have many returning staff members who made last year such a success. Now that they are rested after summer break they are being joined by well-qualified new and experienced staff members who will deliver an exceptional learning environment for all.

As this year begins we are each given an opportunity to build on past successes and work on areas that we wish to improve upon. The skills that have made you successful in the past; courtesy, responsibility, punctuality, integrity and attention to details like homework will be the building blocks upon which you as learners will continue your growth in becoming good citizens.

The staff and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year. I encourage each of you to read the student and parent handbook which outlines many details about our school, its philosophy, activities and expectations. Many of the past events which have been so popular will continue in the upcoming year. We look forward to working with you in your child's educational journey.

It is with great joy and excitement that I look forward to continuing my educational journey here in my first year as part of the American School of Bangkok Sukhumvit Campus community.

Respectfully,



Mr. John McGrath
Principal
(Sukhumvit Campus)

What's new at ASB

Kindergarten manager's message



Dear ASB Community Members,

First and foremost, welcome back from the school holidays. We are all energized and well rested to make this year even brighter than last with aspirations to excel in all areas of the school life. I would like to formally introduce myself as the new Kindergarten Manager for the 2009-2010 school year. I'm delighted to be associated with the prestigious American School of Bangkok. It was easy to assimilate into my new role here as the people are very welcoming. I look forward to working closely with staff members and parents to ensure that this year the Kindergarten Department will operate seamlessly whilst maintaining the overall strategic vision, goals and objectives. I would like the Kindergarten Office to be an open door policy where parents and staff members are welcomed at anytime.

Respectfully,



Jojina Goodman
Kindergarten manager
(Sukhumvit Campus)

Welcome

Message from (Bangna) Principal



Dear Parents:

We at the American School of Bangkok are delighted that we have been granted a three year accreditation period from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC, our accreditation agency, which works out of California sent a team of educators to visit ASB this past March. They were very impressed with all the changes that we have made at ASB. WASC accreditation means that the school has met standards for:

1. Defining appropriate educational goals and providing educational programs to achieve them;
2. Maintaining a qualified staff and effective school organization;
3. Assessing outcomes of school experiences and controlling the quality of educational programs;
4. Responding to the concerns of all stakeholders;
5. Providing for the continuity of its programs and planning for their future;
6. Describing with accuracy the content of its services and programs;
7. Providing for a sound financial base to fulfill the mission of the school now and into the future;
8. Reporting relationships among the policy making authority and the administration of the school;
9. The use of data in making educational decision to improve student achievement.

In particular, WASC was pleased to see that our curriculum incorporated our Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRs) and that we had designed a new strategic action plan. The action plan illustrates our commitment to moving both campuses forward in a consistent manner, and our team of professionals will continue to work hard at achieving the goals that we have established for ASB.

I would like to welcome students, parents, and guardians to a new, and what I know will be, a very exciting school year. The faculty, staff and I sincerely hope that this will be the best year ever for the children in our care as they continue their journey in learning at ASB.

Yours in education,



Dr. Bonnie Larson-Knight
B.Ed., M.Ed., Ed.D.
Principal
(Bangna Campus)

What happened last summer school 2009

Independence Day, July 4th 2009

The American School of Bangkok is proud to announce that the school hosted the AMCHAM (American Chamber of Commerce) Independence Day on the past 4th July 2009. From the event, AMCHAM raised over 1,000,000 Baht in profit, which is being donated to the AMCHAM Thailand Charitable Foundation. The Foundation has two programs, The Adopt - A - School Program, which donates time and money to help the facilities of underfunded schools, and The Student Scholarship Program, which provides financial support to needy school children. The event was a great success, both for the fun and for the financial aid it will provide to improving education in Thailand. Thanks everyone who joined us on that day.



Junior Achievement Program



Junior Achievement (JA) Thailand held their first Thai national entrepreneurship conference / competition at the American School of Bangkok (Sukhumvit Campus) on Saturday 20th July 2009.

The American School of Bangkok's very own Mr. Wayne Bowring ran the day's agenda. The event was attended by sixty teenagers from over thirty schools country-wide. Thanks Junior Achievement and thank you Mr. Wayne!

Did you know?

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Hot News

LET'S GO "GREEN", Sukhumvit Fair 2010. We're so excited to announce our theme for this year's event, SK Fair 2010 which is now in it's 10th year. Let's go "green"! This year, ASB community members want to communicate and raise awareness of the pressing issue of global warming, and the call for ways to combat this matter. A portion from this year's SK fair 2010 will be forwarded to environment conservation related organizations.

For additional information about the fair, please check www.asb.ac.th/skfair. For booth sponsorship, please contact Ms. Sunan at Tel: 02-620-8600 ext: 166 or sunan.keawounruan@asb.ac.th



Admission is Free!



Annual international fun fair organized by The American School of Bangkok. Net proceeds forwarded to environment-preservation related organizations. Also drop empty aluminum soft drink cans to be used for making prosthetic legs.



Sawaddi Villa A self-contained community of 14 townhouses in Sukhumvit Soi 31. All units are fully furnished with:

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Coming up

We are proud to announce that the fund we raised from the last Sukhumvit Fair 2009 were donated to the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) Adopt - a - School program. This program provides an excellent way for funds to be utilized in a secure and effective way at needy or underfunded schools in Thailand. ASB has used the funds to support three very needy schools in Ayutthaya. The funds we donated will provide these schools with library resources, water filtration units and playgrounds. As part of the process, AMCHAM sets up a "Dedication Day"

This day allows us to visit the schools and for all to celebrate the donation. The American Chamber of Commerce is organizing our dedication day to be on Saturday 12th September 2009. The event is open to all our administration, staff, students and families.

If you are interested to join us on this trip, please contact: Ms. Pear Maranphal at Tel: 02 620-8600 Ext 125 or buranit.maranphal@asb.ac.th



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