

# NEWSLETTER

January 2020

## Principal's Message: Keeping standards high

Dear Parents,

During the past year and a half, the teachers and staff of Singapore International School have worked hard to provide a secure and intellectually challenging environment for students to become innovative scholars, resourceful problem solvers and enthused learners ready to blossom in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our resolution for this New Year: keep the standards high.

At SIS, we set strong goals and expectations for each student in regards to academic performance and co-curricular participation. We hold these high standards closely in our teaching and curricula and press each of our students to maintain a good record of achievement and contribution. Full involvement in academic and co-curricular programs and ability to act sensibly as an individual within our educational environment are factors that allow everyone to have a fruitful, enjoyable school year.



Below are our principles regarding teaching and learning that we established as part of this process. We believe that efficient and successful teachers can do the following:

- Establish opportunities for intellectual risk-taking, collaboration, problem-solving, and application of classroom learning to real-life situations;
- Create and apply strategies that aid students with learning comprehension;
- Design instruction to integrate various innovative technological tools and resources to boost learning;
- Unite with teaching colleagues to share and discuss model practices, decipher student performance data, and construct assessments that boost twenty-first century skills.

By doing this, we believe that our students will be affected by the following:

- Communicate in a significant way for various purposes and audiences;
- Show understanding to the accuracy and distinctions of written, visual, and aural medium through comprehension, interpretation, and evaluation;
- Employ critical and creative thinking skills to solve problems; and
- Pose questions, examine possibilities, and apply skills to find solutions to authentic issues.
- Make positive choices related to physical and mental wellness; and

The second semester is about to begin. We are looking forward to seeing your children participate fully in our academic and co-curricular programs. Chúc Mừng Năm Mới

Sincerely yours,  
**Larry Synclair**  
Principal

## Water Bottle Rocket Contest Returns



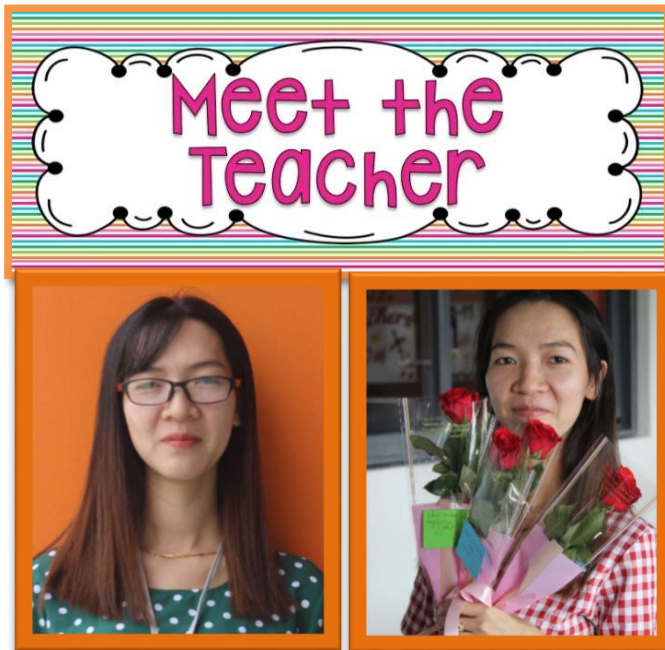


The second annual Water Bottle Rocket contest was a blast on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Each grade from primary and secondary gathered on school grounds to display and fire off their inventions with hopes to win first-place honors. Indeed, ingenuity was prominent as there were a variety of unique rocket designs. The most incredible part of the event were the rockets flying across school grounds. Of course, there were also cheers, whistles, and some wet contestants. Winners of the water rocket competition were Year 1, 1st Place; Year 7, 2nd place; Years 5 & 6, tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



*Year 10: Rocket Champions*

Each month, we will introduce a teacher and briefly provide some interesting facts about this person.



## Phung Thi Kim Anh

Year 10 Homeroom Teacher/Literature Teacher

Kim Anh is a native of Can Tho. She graduated with a Master's degree in Principals and Methods in Vietnamese Linguistics and Literature Education from Can Tho University. She has been teaching for five years and admits that she loves her job at SIS. Kim Anh is a careful and hard-working person who is eager to learn new things and willing to work as a team player. She adds that she can easily adapt to a new working environment and take initiative in work. Kim Anh says her true inspiration to be a teacher came from her high school assistant principal. She claims his ability to guide students, his fairness to others, and his "sense of justice" aspires her to apply the same into her classroom. When she's is not at work, she loves to read books and cook with her mother.





Congratulations to our K1 student, **Nguyễn Đăng Khải Huy**. He is a very nice student who not only remembers vocabularies but is also good at fine and gross motor skills. He even studies well in Chinese and English with his expat teachers. He is sociable with friends and behaves well with all teachers. Huy is very giving. He always shares toys, chairs, and food with his friends.



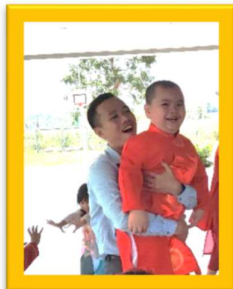
## Welcome University Interns

Singapore International School has as its central focus a concern of the quality of education for its students. Additionally, the quality of teachers is always in the forefront as well. To assist in producing quality teachers, SIS has joined Can Tho University's Department of Education to facilitate the transition from academic study for interns by providing that final learning experience -- the internship. The five interns, assigned to primary grades Year 1 to Year 5, learn to practice their skills, apply knowledge, and test theories and concepts under the guidance and supervision of experienced professionals who work at SIS.



## Tet holiday

Students participated in numerous activities to celebrate the upcoming Tet holidays. KIK students gathered to show off their Ao Dai fashions while decorating their rooms. SIS students joined in the celebration with the traditional fruit decoration competition.





# January Jubilee

