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Middle School Orientation Day By: Anna-Joy Ong

On August 18th, 2010, Middle school had an Orientation day. That was a day of fun activities and getting to meet new friends. Do you remember all the things that we did that day? We played knock-out, SWAT, Miss Brownell's minefield, rabbit sticks, the blanket game and "Captain of the Ship" in Miss Burnett and Miss Word's station, and did a scavenger hunt with Mr. Adams. Then, we ended the day with a handbook game in our homeroom classes.



Judging by the pictures on the website, it looks like we all enjoyed it very much!

"Five years ago, middle school didn't have an Orientation Day. Orientation Day was started to help middle school-ers be comfortable with themselves and to get to know other teachers and students better!" said Mrs. Fleischmann.

It's great that we got to meet new people this year, especially because quite a few new students came to ICS this year, as well as many 6th graders who graduated from



elementary and joined us in Middle School. I'm sure there's no person that really knows and is friends with every middle school student. Here's a big thank you to all the teachers who worked to plan and organize the event of that day! Looks like this year's going to be filled with a lot of fun and learning!

Lyo and Merly (Mascots of the YOG) By: Pan Wan

Lyo and Merly are the mascots of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games. They are both very special mascots, and here is some information about them.

Lyo stands for "Lion of the Youth Olympic." He is a young adventurous lion cub who loves to explore and play sports. He loves basketball and wants to represent Singapore in the future basketball tournaments. Lyo loves having fun and wants to inspire youths around the world to keep fit and enjoy sports. His personal motto is "Never say Never." His favorite food is Chili Crabs and Chicken Rice with LOTS of Chili!! Lyo's mane represents

the Olympic flame and works well with the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic motto "Blazing the Trail." Also one cool thing about Lyo's paw is that it is shaped like the island of Singapore!!

Merly gets her name from "mer" meaning sea and "ly" meaning liveliness and youthful. She is a merlion cub who enjoys exploring the seas around Singapore and beyond. Merlions are usually omnivorous animals, but Merly prefers to stick by a vegetarian diet, to respect living creatures. Merly is friendly and is a great listener. She is especially passionate about protecting our environment. Merly's dream

is to become an environmental scientist one day. Her personal motto is, "You can achieve anything if you pour your heart into it." Merly's favorite food is ice kachang, a Singaporean desert of shaved ice with plenty of delicious colorful syrup. She enjoys singing, swimming, and collecting shells to return to the sea. One special thing about Merly is that her paw is shaped like a heart.

Both Merly and Lyo were glad to be the mascots of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games. And, they hope to build a better world through sports!!

Up-Coming Events

- On September 19, 2010, Sunday afternoon at 3 pm, there will be the Soap Box Derby event. Make sure you go and cheer for the middle school team!
- September 20th, there is a Girls Basketball game against United World College at 4:45pm @ ICS
- September 21st, there is a Boys Basketball game against Tanglin Trust at 4:30pm @ ICS
- September 22nd, we'll have See you at the Pole starting at 7:30am, either in the Middle School Basketball court or the Multi-purpose Room.
- September 23rd, there is a volleyball game against ISS at 4:30pm @ ICS



Shoeboxes For India by Louise Lee

Shoeboxes for India starts now!! You can bring them right way, the last day you can bring the shoeboxes for India is on October 1, 2010. But what exactly is Shoeboxes for India?

Shoeboxes for India, is a special program to give the orphan children in India a gift, by preparing a shoe-box. These shoeboxes go to The Shalom Home and English centers where the shoeboxes are given to the children as a Christmas presents. You can either give your gift to a girl or a boy. On your box, you

must put a sticker on top that shows the gender of whom you are giving it to. You can put school supplies, hygienic materials, or toys. When you're done with your box, bring it into Ms. Burnett's room.

You have to bring \$10 in an envelope so that we could ship the boxes to India. Mrs. Fleishmann says, "It's a fabulous opportunity because we can bless kids who do not have much. It is a chance to think about others first!"



High School Volleyball by Remy Hellstern

Volleyball by definition means: a game were two teams in which the object is to keep a ball in motion, from side to side over a high net, by striking it with the hands before it touches the ground. "Volleyball is a really amazing sport and a lot of exciting fun. I like playing it

"Volleyball is such a fun sport and is a great way to meet new people. It is also a place that you learn to be aggressive and not let the ball touch the ground!"
-Taylor Matthews 9th grade

because it helps to be in shape!"- Christine Winkler 9th grade

Come support the Girls High School Volleyball team September 23, 2010! The girls will be playing against ISS at

4:45pm right here at ICS. Come show the Volleyball team as they play a sure to be great game!

The middle school students will have their chance to play this great sport during the second semester of the school. It will be an intramural team, but it's going to be great practice and sure to be fun! If you have any questions, feel free to ask Coach Bandy about it.

Singapore Youth Olympic Games by: Subin Hur

2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games [YOG] was an international sport event for youth. It was held from 14 to 26 August, 2010. This was the first summer Youth Olympic Games; there was a hot competition between Singapore and Moscow to hold this big event. Finally International Olympic Committee [IOC] declared that Singapore had won the right to hold the 2010 Summer Youth Olympic Games. Favorable factors including its high connectivity with the world, youthfulness as an independent country, and positive reputation for excellence and multiracial harmony contributed to

the choice of Singapore. YOG is similar to the Summer Olympic Games but the difference is that all participants should be between 14 and 18 years of age. This year, 3,500 athletes from more than 200 countries participated in 184 events of 26 sports. Among the

various sport events, track and field, gymnastics, taekwondo, weightlifting, and swimming were the most popular sport events.



Soap Box Derby by: Ashleigh Tipton, Christina Jade Rajagulasingam

WHO'S READY TO SEE THE SOAP BOX DERBY RACE!!

The contestants are... THE AMAZING Austin Flemming, Quentin Rohl, Kyle Dunham, Thizbe Balzer, Jordan Mazik.

Ms. Den Hartog gave us all the information so you can go to her to get more information if you want.

It will be at the Marina Float .You can get there by train (MRT) the green line to city hall, to Dhoby Ghaut. You can either circle the line, or you can catch the bus 97 from the school to

Marina Bay.

Also you can walk to marina float from the City Hall Station. It is about 15 to 20 min. walk.

For more information about the up

incoming event check out this website:

www.singaporeg1/events.html.

There will be 29 other schools going up against ICS. If you are going to the Soap Box Derby, here is a list of things you should do!

1. Wear your ICS School shirt to support our school.
2. Make a poster for our ICS school.
3. You can bring some snacks or eat before you come.

Location or Destination is 20 Raffles Ave, Singapore! (MARINA FLOAT)

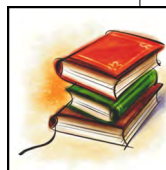
Don't miss the Soap Box Derby



Middle School Readathon by Pan Wan

What is the Middle School Readathon for? It encourages students to read more books! It starts on Monday, October 4, and ends on Monday, October 25. This year's readathon will probably be similar to last years. When the Readathon started, everyone was given a sheet of paper with columns in which you can write the name of the book, how

long you read from it and a parent's signature. Every week, the homeroom teacher collected the sheets with the records of what you read. Last year, the theme was space and the prizes included things like Mars bars. If you are wondering what is this year's theme it is a "CIRCUS



THEME." One student said, "I am looking forward to the readathon, because it's a perfect chance that I can practice my reading skills." The readathon is a time that you can prove yourself to be an excellent book worm. So pile up your books and get ready for the MIDDLE SCHOOL READATHON!!

Open House by Anna Kim

The Open House was held on August 14. Open House is when you go to school to get your schedules, meet your teachers, and practice



opening your new locker. It was a great time to have some time to talk with your new teachers and learn more about them, and with the returning teachers that are new to you.

In each class, the teachers gave us a page of letter that goes to our parents and a page that goes to us about that class. In the

canteen, people sold our school uniforms and the high school student council sold our new shirt for this year, which said "got heart?" and the robot picture on it, and

some sweat shirts. Some students could not come to the Open House. For those people, Mrs. Fleischmann, our principal, kept those schedules during the weekend and gave it to students who came on Monday to school. It was also time to meet some new friends who will be in your homeroom classrooms or know who will be in your homeroom class. They might be same ones as last year, or they might be new!

