Read all about what's been happening at the Wells Kindergarten this past month.

K2 Visits the Supermarket

September 11, 2014

The K2 classes enjoyed learning more about their community by taking a short trip to the supermarket. On the way to the supermarket, we pointed out various parts of our community --schools, restaurants, convenience stores, apartment buildings and gas stations.





At the supermarket, each class strolled the aisles discussing the various items we found. For food, the children talked about where it comes from and if it is healthy or not. We started off in the very healthy fruit and vegetable section. As we walked by the eggs, the children from Penguin Class informed Teacher Clinton that eggs come from cows, something he did not know previously. The children pointed out their favorite cereals as well as their most liked candy, and we discussed how breakfast is important, but that candy is not healthy. We also identified food products which come from different countries that students may not have tried before.









We also identified the various other items and their uses in the supermarkets, such as shampoo, dog food, baby diapers and more. The teachers wanted the children to understand that a supermarket offers more than just the necessary food items. The supermarket trip culminated in each of the children buying a fruit or vegetable and some milk. They were very proud of themselves for each going through the checkout lane for their own purchase, although some were extremely impatient with how slowly the lines were moving. The supermarket trip was a fun and educational learning experience for all the children.

More pictures here...

Health & Safety Awareness

September 15-19, 2014

It's been a great week to learn about health and safety at the Thong Lor campus. The faculty, staff, and administration got together to present the best way for students to play with each other and take care of themselves. Wells International Kindergarten takes pride in being at the forefront of health and safety issues and the week-long presentation was no exception.







On Monday, the Nursery and K1 teachers demonstrated how to exercise and keep your body hydrated. They performed various stretches and moves to help keep the students bodies active and energetic. They also displayed the importance of having water on hand in case the students get thirsty.









On Tuesday, the K2 and K3 teachers showed the students the importance of playing on the slides and other playground equipment safely. Mr. Tony asked the students questions about proper playground behavior and led the students in yelling "Stop!" to Mr. John and Mr. Charles when they ran the wrong way up the slides. Students were also given a health check by staff from Samitvej Hospital. They checked the students weight, heartbeat, and eyesight.









On Wednesday, the K2 and K3 teachers presented the correct way to travel along the hallways, how to play on the swings, and on the monkey bars. The teachers also demonstrated the wrong way to play with toys on the playground by throwing dozens of small toys at Mr. Tony, which everyone enjoyed.





On Thursday, teachers from grades 1 and 2 discussed the need of washing hands in the morning, before eating food, and after using the bathroom. Using a large pair of hands and soap, they showed how to wash hands to get rid of the germs. At the end of the presentation, they led the school in a short song that taught them how to wash their hands with soap correctly.











On Friday, the students were shown a video of how to brush their teeth properly and were given a dental check up.

All in all, it was a good week to remind students how to be safe and healthy. Everyone in the school will help keep students aware of the presentations and how they can keep themselves free from harm and illness.

More pictures here...

K2 Culture Day

September 18, 2014



We had such a great time learning about the different countries that everybody came from. We had great support from the parents, who brought a variety of their traditional dishes for everybody to taste:

- Bread Pakora and veggie bites from India
- Tortillas from Spain
- Thai desserts
- Japanese vegetables
- Puto (sweet cakes) from the Phillipines

We spoke about the different types of traditional dress that we could see in our diverse classes and we also learnt how to say hello and goodbye in 6 different languages! We finished off our culture day by looking at Japanese story books that were brought in by Maruto's mum.

-K2A Dolphin Class











The Kangaroo class had a wonderful time and is very grateful for all of the parents that participated by either sending in a dish or presenting for the children. We had a great variety of items for the children and I'm very happy that the parents had a chance to join in on the fun. There was plenty of cool snacks from all over the world. We had samosa's from India, assorted Thai jellies, a scrumptious Swedish pancake cake with blueberries and strawberries, homemade dumplings from China, Dorayaki, pickles, green tea & rice crackers from Japan, and delicious European waffles. Parents also showed us how to make Rangoli art from India, walk in wooden shoes from the Netherlands, learn about panda's in China, and put on a Japanese kimono and Sumo wrestle. We hope that the parents had a great time and enjoyed sharing amazing things from your cultures because I know the class had a blast!

-K2B Kangaroo Class











K2C was fortunate to have a lot of food to share from different countries.

- Filipino style Spaghetti
- 2 types of Onigiri--one even looked like Totoro
- Korean Kimbap and chicken pieces
- Vegetarian Samosa from India
- Sweet mango and sticky rice--a famous Thai dessert
- Thai snacks and treats and agar agar

Hiaya's mom showed the class how to make a kaleidoscope using stuff she brought from home and recycled materials. The mothers that came were a big help in assisting all the children in making their kaleidoscopes.









More pictures here...

Nursery & K1 Teddy Bear Picnic

September 26, 2014

On the morning of the 26th September, Nursery and Kindergarten 1 students and teachers had a Teddy Bear Picnic. Children came to school dressed in their colorful play outfits and brought along their favorite Teddy Bear or soft toy.

It was exciting to see a variety of bears. We laid out the picnic mats and had everyone ready for the picnic. We sang songs together and played games. Our favorite game is Musical Bear, children had to pass the bear around the circle and when music stops, children holding the bear got a stamp on their hand.

We then took a Class Pictures with all our bears. Children were really happy to share and show off their favorite toy.







Fire Drill

October 02, 2014

The Thong Lor campus had its first fire drill of the year on Thursday, October 2nd. The primary goal was to get students comfortable with getting out of the door and into the safe area as quickly as possible. The students handled the evacuation wonderfully, exiting their classrooms with haste, but without any pushing or shoving. The teachers and assistants organized the students by class in lines and checked to make sure that each student was present and accounted for. After the all-clear signal was given, students returned to their classrooms to continue their studies.









Visit to the Mercy Center

October 03, 2014

K2 and the community

The theme for the first 6 weeks of K2 was "All About Me." This included learning about our place in the community and different ways of how we can be helpful to the people in our community.

We decided that a great way to learn this would be to actually take part in a community project that would benefit others and give back to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Mercy Center proved to be the perfect place to focus our community project on.



The Mercy Center, Khlong Toei

The Mercy Center is a charity organization based in the slums of Khlong Toei.

The Mercy Center's main focus is to provide a safe haven to the children of the Bangkok slums. The entire organization consists of over 23 kindergartens all around Bangkok, over 3000 children who are fed and educated everyday, feeding schemes to the families of the community, health care, and a home to street children in the area.





Our Project

The project to end off our theme was to make the learners aware of, and empathetic to, those that are less fortunate. Over a period of 3 weeks, we collected a variety of donations from the K2 groups at both the Thong Lor and Bang Na Campus. Rice is the staple diet of many families, and is always in need at the Mercy center. On average they use 4 metric tons of rice in one month.

Between our two campuses, we managed to collect a huge amount of rice and foods, as well as other useful items such as stationery, toys and clothes.





It was an amazing experience to visit the Mercy Center. It is so wonderful to see people doing great things and working hard to give back to their community. A huge Thank you to

everybody who made a donation to the project and to the Mercy Center, every little bit helps.

REMINDERS & UP COMING EVENTS

October 20-24 - Mid Term Break (Holiday)
October 27 - Classes Resume
October 31 - Halloween Costume party
November 06 - Loy Krathong Assembly



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