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**“The man who can make hard things easy is the educator.”**  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## ALL SCHOOL

### Whole-School Summer Bazaar

The Summer Bazaar proved to be a fun morning for members of the ISH Community. The streets and corridors in the Secondary School were bustling with activities including the setting up of game & food stalls and the decorating of the stalls with posters. The teachers, parents and students enjoyed organizing, popping popcorn, making posters, serving samosas, .... The PTA generously provided snacks free of charge. Thanks very much to the PTA. Indeed, thanks to everyone who helped to make the Summer Bazaar such a rewarding experience.

### Farewell

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to some ISH colleagues: Mrs. Usha Bhargava, Mrs. Margaret Hewitt, Mrs. Renee Crawley, Mr. Michael Crawley, Ms. Padma Adanki,, Mr. Chetan Prasad, Mr. Jonathan Hewitt, and Mrs. Martha Carol Pitta. ISH wishes them a wonderful future.

### Good Wishes for the Summer from ISH

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the school year. It has been a fun, rewarding, and challenging year. We hope that we greet each challenge as a learning opportunity.

Thank you for the support and encouragement. Your trust allows the school and the students to succeed.

To those who will continue with ISH, the school will be there for you. Together let us make an exciting place for learning.

For those of you who will be leaving us for the four corners of the globe, thank you for being part of the ISH community. Best wishes from the whole community.

At the start of the next school year, ISH will welcome many new students. There are already 29 new confirmed enrolments in the Elementary School and 19 new confirmed students in the Secondary School. ISH experienced a large increase in middle school enrolment and a strong IB Diploma cohort. There will be many additional students joining ISH as admissions continue through the summer. ISH is confident that the new students and their families will settle in quickly and will find their time with ISH a stimulating and exciting experience.

### **Yearbook 2009-10**

All ISH students should have received a copy of the 2009-10 ISH Yearbook and an ISH Bag. The ISH Bag is a gift from the PTA. The Yearbook provides some visual reminders of the school year.

The Yearbook invites teachers, students, and their families to reflect on the events and achievements of the past year.

Additional copies of the Yearbook for friends or relatives are available at the school office for 300 Rs. per yearbook.

### **Transport Arrangement for 16th August 2010**

Parents and guardians should check their e-mail in the first week of August for the bus schedules for next year.

### **IACD goes Global**

ISH has partnered with the ICRISAT Association for Community Development (IACD) for many years. That partnership has provided service & leadership opportunities for ISH students and has enhanced the programmes at IACD. Over those years, IACD has expanded their programmes and their outreach. One of IACD's newest achievements is the launch of a new website. The website will help keep members of the ISH and ICRISAT communities informed about past, present, and future activities of IACD.

The project to develop the website involved participation from a team of dedicated volunteers. The website is the product of the IACD Website Committee, (Janet Hoisington, Sweta Agrawal, Franka Gallinger, Smitha Sitaraman), IACD staff members (Surekha Babu, Venkata Lakshmi, Naga Lakshmi), and an ISH teacher (Rama Kumar). A special thanks needs to go to Swapna Gogineni, who translated ideas into action and made them come to life on the website.

IACD's mission is to give a helping hand to those who are seeking to better their lives. The IACD website shows how IACD is fulfilling that mission. The website may be visited at <http://iacd.icrisat.org>

### **Dates to Remember**

16 August	First Day of the New School Year for Students
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### **ISH is on the Web**

Past issues of ISH News are available at [www.ishyd.org](http://www.ishyd.org)

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **Third Annual Peace Tree Day**

The Student Council (STUCO) hosted its Third Annual Peace Tree Day celebration. Peace Tree Day offered an opportunity for students and teachers to work together to further the causes of peace. Through the planting of trees, making of peace symbols, and various other fun and purposeful activities, participants hoped to make the world a better place.



## SECONDARY SCHOOL

### **ISH IB Diploma Graduation**

The International School of Hyderabad (ISH), the first school in Andhra Pradesh to introduce the IB Diploma Program, graduated its fourth group of IB Students at the new Westin Hotel. ISH Principal Helge Gallinger welcomed Mr. Verghese, the Guest Speaker, and the Guest of Honour, Dr. Dar, Director-General of ICRISAT. Mr. Verghese reflected on his own experiences in school, business, and philanthropy and asked the students to similarly reflect on what they want and why. Follow Gandhi's principles and "Be the change that you want to see in the world" was Dr. Dar's sage advice. The vision and optimism of ICRISAT and the continued support from Dr. Dar help ensure that ISH students enjoy the highest quality education.

As part of the graduation ceremony, Dr. Dar presented ISH Diplomas to each of the graduates. He also presented the prestigious Council of International Schools Award to one of the students, Chaitanya. The award recognises contributions to the development and advancement of internationalism. Mr. Gallinger then announced the recipient of the Principal's Award, Nishan, for being a good representative of his own country, with the ability to bring differing people together, thus furthering the cause of international understanding."

Nishan, representing the graduates, then spoke warmly about his class' experiences at ISH and most especially about the supportive and challenging teachers. He thanked the school for nurturing him and his classmates. Dr. Newmark toasted the students, encouraging them "not to count the cards", shorthand meaning that the students should make sound ethical choices. Ms. Nair, the IB Coordinator, provided an eloquent and playful profile of each of the graduating seniors. The Grade 11 students presented a nicely produced video about each graduate. The ceremony culminated in a touching musical performance by three Grade 11 students, Valmik, Anoushka, and Ajay.

Although the IB results will not be out for another couple of months, students and their families had reason to celebrate: students graduate with the ISH High School Diploma (equivalent of a U.S. High School Diploma) which allows them acceptance to universities in

the west. Indeed, all the graduates seem to be headed to North America or Britain for university next year.

After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a beautiful buffet and the Westin hospitality.



**Chocolate Day**

**Chocolate Day was fun!!**



Grade 7 Students:  
Chocolate Day was fun. It was interesting to learn how to make chocolate. This was a good break from our regular schedule.



Grade 6 Students:  
Chocolate Day was a real treat! We learned a lot about chocolate and its history, and the chocolate we made tasted great!

Grade 8 Students:  
Our class had tons of fun on Chocolate Day. We learnt something new about chocolate and its history. We're glad we had this experience.

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, ISH celebrated Chocolate Day for Middle School students. Representatives from Lotus Chocolates came to ISH and gave a presentation on the history, economics and chemistry of chocolates and cocoa. This presentation was followed by a hands-on chocolate making session, for the Middle School students, All students participated in the chocolate-making with enthusiasm and got to eat chocolates they had made.

ISH thanks Ms. Ashwini, Mr. Hari Vinnakota and Mr. Naresh of Lotus Chocolates for this tasteful workshop. ISH looks forward to similar events with Elementary School students and High School students next year. Thanks too to Mrs. Kumar, Ms. Rahmat, and Dr. Newmark for arranging & organizing Chocolate Day.



### **Helping Departing Middle School Students**

Mrs. Gibbons, the Secondary School Counselor, has been working with students leaving ISH to ease their transition. As part of that work, Mrs. Gibbons arranged for Anoushka (Grade 11) to meet with students about her Middle School experience in the U.S. The meeting took the form of an informal student-led discussion about the transition to come. Students embraced the opportunity and asked lots of questions about issues of concern to them. Students found the conversation informative and said that the session helped them to feel more at ease about starting in a new school.

### **End-of-Year Assembly Secondary School Awards**

As part of its End-of-Year Assembly, the Secondary School presented awards on the last day of school. An Academic Excellence award was presented to one student in each grade. A General Distinction Award was also offered to one student in each grade. The General Distinction Award recognises students with outstanding effort, improvement, and/or citizenship. Ms. Meera, the CAS Coordinator, announced the recipients of a third type of award: The Secondary School Service Award. Congratulations to the recipients of these three types of awards.

During the assembly, students were invited to reflect on the highlights of the year and to share those highlights. Highlights noted included math games, the Swimming Gala, the trip to Lahari Resort, Sports Day, friendly teachers, table tennis at lunch, ... Dr. Newmark encouraged students to build on topics that interested them during the school and to read more on those topics, or others, over the summer.