



The student newspaper of IBSH Elementary School



Students enjoy the fall holiday festivities. Credit: Ashley Yeh

UNICEF Carnival

Halloween and charity make the perfect event
By Katherine Li and Maria Park

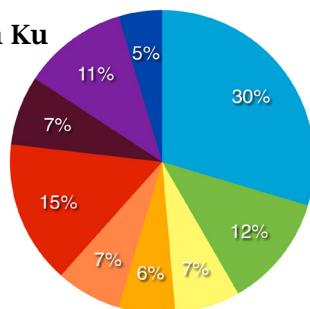
This year, in our school, a halloween carnival was held, on Oct. 30th. Everybody was dressed up and having fun. People dressed up like wizard, monster, or even movie characters! Students were very excited to join the carnival. There was booth set-up with drinks, snacks, and games. The point of having carnival was to donate money to the charity and our school! There was a lot of people in the gym, buying

all those may be useful or not, but it was fantastic! It was quite different, how? The time, the things we could have bought, or the decoration. The halloween carnival is always full of people, but not enough things for all the people to buy, the time is shorter now. This year, there wasn't an haunted house and time was short but everybody had a great fun! Let's have patience and wait for next year's carnival!

Favorite Costumes

By Ashley Yeh and Allison Ku

- Didn't Dress Up
- Members of the royal
- Creatures
- Others
- People from shows or games
- Witches/Wizards
- Animals
- Villains
- Superhero



This Issue Has:



cockroaches
roller coasters



New Staff

beethoven

and much more!

In Brief

New Campus Update By Maria Park

The construction is nearly over. There will be a new gym with two basketball courts, indoor swimming pools, an auditorium, and a new school building for 4-8th graders with teacher and administrator offices. For more information, visit the administration office or watch the construction continue.

Holiday Feast By Allison Ku

Thanksgiving is a holiday of giving your appreciation and thanks. It's a well known holiday all around the world. On November 21, Thanksgiving finally came. Students lined up with platters, eagerly eyeing the food. The students all had a huge feast of turkey with cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes with gravy dressing. It was an extraordinary holiday meal.

Island Bound: The 2013 Science Olympiad By Trinity Tremblett

Representing IBSH, and Taiwan, as one of the top students to compete in the International Mathematics and Science Olympiad: Priceless.

At the beginning of the school year, International Math and Science Olympiad (IMSO) surprised our school by giving the sixth grade class a math and science exam. The top six scores were chosen. Those students were invited to travel to the Philippines in November and compete at the 10th Annual IMSO. This year, there were 17 countries competing with over 450 participants. Of those from IBSH were Evan, Jeffrey, Yolanda, Mark and Andre from 6B class, and Andrew from 6A.

IMSO is an individual competition with two parts: math and science. Some examples of the math questions are integers, ratio, and proportions. In science, our students must know topics like anatomy, thermal properties, solar system, and many more. All questions are given in English. Evan from 6B said, "I was very excited to be in the competition. We got to do a lot of chemical reactions that were really fun." It was a great honor for our school to have these excellent students be in such a difficult and important competition. The students flew out to Philippines and competed on November 25-29.

New Teachers On the Block

By Michelle Han



Ms. Stipkovits

My name is Shauna Stipkovits and I'm teaching 3rd grade this year. I moved from Minneapolis, Minnesota with my husband and 3 kids. This is the first time all of us have been to Taiwan.

Hi y'all, my name is Michael Weng. I am from Sugar Land, Texas, which is a suburb outside of Houston. I teach 15 great and wonderful kids in room 1B. I have lived there all my life until I made the choice to move to Taiwan to teach at IBSH. In the past three years, I have taught 2nd and 3rd grade. Both of my older sisters are elementary teachers, which was part of the reason why I wanted to become a teacher. I love all things related to Taiwan except for spiders the size of your palms, roaches, and the smell of stinky tofu. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone here at IBSH.



Ms. De La O

Ms. De La O has spent the last few years in Seoul, South Korea teaching a small international school there. This year, she will be teaching 6th grade humanities, 12th grade U.S. Government, and will assume the duties of homeroom teacher for 6B. Though she has never travelled to Taiwan, she has heard wonderful things through word of mouth about this island and is very excited to be teaching at IBSH.

I came to IBSH to have my family experience a new culture, yet one that is close to their heritage. We had friends teach here before and they said it was a wonderful place to work. I work with fractals, functions and multiplying. Back home, I was the broomball king.



Mr. Thompson



Mr. Kuri

My name is Mr. Dominic Kuri and I'm teaching Humanities in grade 4 this year. I enjoy learning new things, doing yoga, and drinking green tea. I like meeting new people and learning about different cultures.



Mr. Weng

Decoding Dreams: Meanings Revealed

By Ben Chou

Dreams are very mysterious and strange. They are often based on what you have experienced during the day. Decoding dreams is when we try to find out what a dream means.

Neuroscientist Yukiyasu Kamitani and colleagues at the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International in Kyoto, Japan monitored three young men as they tried to get some sleep inside an fMRI scanner while the machine monitored their brain activity. They found some very remarkable things. They could predict that a man had dreamt about a car. Other people use websites and post a lot of information on what this means.

Some people don't believe in that kind of stuff. Does flying in the bathroom always have to mean freedom? Some people prefer psychiatrists instead, such as Dr. Sigmund Freud. In his book *The Interpretation of Dreams*, Freud suggested that the content of dreams is related to wish fulfillment. Freud believed that the manifested content of a dream, or the actual imagery and events of the dream, served to disguise the unconscious wishes of the dreamer. This basically means that dreaming is a time where you see what you wish to happen or to see what happened to you lately.

Darth Vader

To see Darth Vader in your dream implies that you are struggling between good and evil. Alternatively, the Darth Vader represents your shadow aspect. There is a negative influence or force pulling you toward the dark side. To dream that someone you know is Darth Vader implies that there is some good in everyone.



Singing

To sing in your dream represents happiness, harmony and joy in some situation or relationship. You are uplifting others with your positive attitude and cheerful disposition. Singing is a way to celebrate, communicate, embrace and express your feelings. To hear someone sing in your dream signifies emotional and spiritual fulfillment. Your mood is changing for the positive as your outlook in life is looking up.

Yeti

To see a yeti in your dream suggests that you need to learn to find balance between your reasonable, rational side and your emotional, instinctual nature

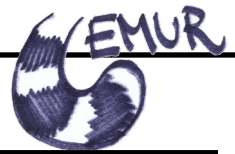
Flying

To dream that you are flying signifies a sense of freedom where you had initially felt restricted and limited. To dream that you are flying with black wings signifies bitter disappointments.

Bomb

To see a bomb in your dream indicates that you are going through a potentially explosive situation in your waking life. The bomb could represent repressed desires and unexpressed emotions that are on the verge of exploding or bursting if not dealt with soon. To dream that you are unable to disarm a bomb suggests that your anger is out of control. To dream of a bomb threat suggests that you are experiencing some inner anger and/or pressures which are on the verge of exploding into violence.





Hot Topic

By Ashley Yeh
Allison Ku

"What was your most memorable dream?"



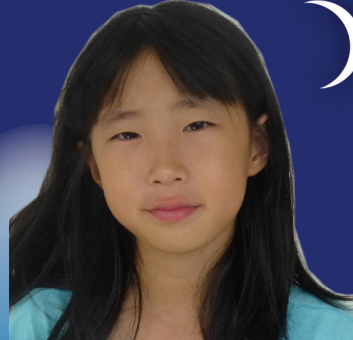
1st: Dong

I would never die. I sang and danced and ruled the world.



2nd: Teddy

My friend turned into a large and green alien. Then I turned into an alien. We were alone and I was very scared.



3rd: Nao

My mom, dad, and I went to Taipei to ice skate. I fell down three times. At the end I learned how to skate.



4th: Michelle

I was alone, standing on a tree with nothing around me. I leaned forward and fell down from the tree and woke up.



5th: Vivian

A hungry T-Rex tried to get me. I hid under the covers and I could see the shape of the T-Rex. I woke up startled thinking it was real.



6th: Samuel

My family and I were asleep in an RV. A stranger came in and slapped me in the face. I woke up with a headache.

THE LEMUR

The Lemur is a publication produced through a weekly after school journalism program, consisting of 12 sixth graders, operated by parents of IBSH students and taught by Mr. Stephen Cravak. The Lemur is funded by the parents and community sponsors, and is not officially affiliated with the International Bilingual School at Hsinchu-Science-Park and its staff.

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Meet the 2013-2014 Staff: The Newest Lemurs

Although the student newspaper has the same name, The Lemur is excitedly different this year. The Lemur was lucky in 'hiring' twelve energetic and creative sixth graders. Each of whom is thrilled to be on the staff meeting for an hour every Thursday afterschool. The goal is to produce two issues this year, one arriving towards the end of each semester.

Under the guidance of the imaginative Mr. Cravak, students are challenged to take their ideas to the

'next level' of professional and stylish journalism. Most importantly, he doesn't judge them by their age, and instead respects them

for their unlimited potential. The staff works together to create entertaining and educational articles and features that are sim-

ple yet understandable. It's an eclectic mix of artists, poets, and aspiring reporters. Seven of the staff bring their experience from last year's program, while five new students bring a fresh perspective and attitude.

The parent founded IBSH Journalism program has evolved into two courses, including the Lemur newspaper workshop and a class of twelve fifth graders who are currently practicing their journalistic skills. Next year they will 'graduate' and make up next year's Lemur staff.



Dreamy Come

The official daily news publication

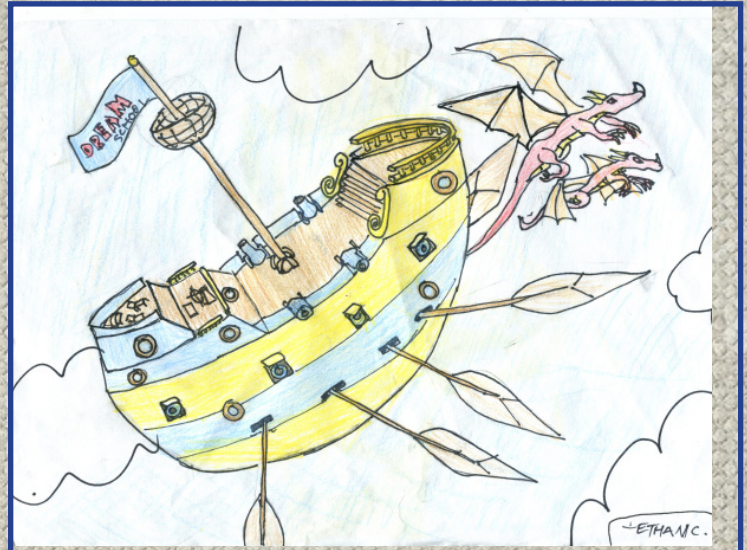
Why We're the Best

By Ethan Chiang



Hello! welcome to Dream School and we are going to show you that why we are the best school in the whole world. Although you might think that this title is an opinion, after you read this article, you will start to think that this is true. From all the other articles you might already think that this school is good. For the people who don't believe it, well now you are going to. First of all, at recess, when you're going to other places for class, you can always call for a dinosaur, dragon, griffin, pegasus, unicorn, or whatever creature you want to ride on. If you prefer modern tech, just think of a viechle in mind and it will appear in front of you. Remember, you can

always add stuff on it. Secondly, when you are hungry, just take your iPad that was presented to you on the first day of school and type in the food you want and simply just press enter. Moments later, a animal or robot in your choice comes and gives it to you. Lastly, I have a question: Do you sometimes go to a class and you are dirty or your shoes are wet or your pants are ripped? In a embarrassing case like that, go into the bathroom and walk straight in a mirror in the bathroom. After a few moments, walk out. You will realize that someone fixed your problems right away. Well, at least now you know that this school is truly awesome!



Drawing by Ethan Chiang

Transportation of the Future
Dream School is working with pirate ship builders and dragon trainers to build a world-class fantasy bus to transport students.

Music Teacher: Wanted

By Katherine Li

Dream School's lame, old music teacher, grew such a long beard that he felt old, and retired. Many people hoped to get this job because of the high salary, so we held a competition, and three celebrities won. Prepare to meet the 'Elite Three' candidates.

Ludwig Von Beethoven



Since Dream School has a time machine, we used the time machine and tried to convince the famous, grumpy ol' Beethoven to come to our school so he could teach kids classical music. Guess what? He finally caved in and said yes!

People might ask, why her? Well, do you know why kids lose their voices? Because they strain to sing high and low keys. The truth is, they can't. But Taylor Swift can teach us how to make our vocal chords relax..



Taylor Swift

Beyonce Knowles



Beyonce is on the vote, since in Dream School, music class is the ideal time to learn to dance, and fortunately, Beyonce promised to teach us the chicken dance if she got the job.

True Today

of Dream Elementary School.

New Class: Shopping 101

By Maria Park

Dream School finally created a new class called "Shopping 101." In this class, teachers give out unlimited credit cards full of money inside. Students can shop for anything they want, such as book series, electronic devices, or even food they want to eat. It is great! What can you see in 101? Everything you want is all around you. If you have a credit card that has an unlimited amount of money, you could buy everything you want. The class gives students the satisfaction and responsibility of purchasing goods as a wealthy adult. The teachers must teach students how to shop. Think of anything you could imagine. What could be better than that?

TOP 5 PURCHASES

By Trinity Tremblett

#1 iPhone 5s
To play a lot of games.



#2 Roller Coaster
To have fun 24/7.



#3 African Elephant
To use as transportation.



#4 Butler
To clean up their room.



#5 Space Shuttle
To relax and have fun in outer space.



Prepare to Get Wet

Dream School To Open Water Park

By Evan Cheng

After looking up the word "fun" in the dictionary, the administrators, professional professors, and the important imported people of the "Fun" project, have unwillingly, but gladly finished the construction of the new indoor water park for students to enjoy year round. "They have been talking about doing this for years!" reported a college student who came back to visit IBSH from Bangkok. This particular student was taken aback when he strolled into the gymnasium this following Monday. He is said to have screamed at the top of his lungs when he saw the great water park, and ran around in circles like a playful kindergartener as he pointed his middle finger at the water park because his index finger was broken.

Many other children and adults alike squealed and marveled at the welcoming sight of water gushing out of the water slides as pupils snacked on Fruit Gushers that have expired days ago.

The water park took up all the space inside the gym. "Matter is anything that takes up space." proclaimed the science teacher as she zoomed out of a water



slide. It is rumored that the water in the water park is actually recycled water that came out of bathrooms. "It's called recycling!" protested the council members of "Fun" project after being harassed by reporters as they sought answers for their

newspaper. "We don't think that you people actually did use toilet water." said one of the reporters casually. "We know that you used toilet water for the water park."

"Whew!" sighed one of the council members. "For a second there, I thought you guys thought we used recycled water." The members of "Fun" project were thought to use toilet water to pay less for the school's water bill. What a creative idea! Now that the school has installed an indoor water park, I think that people will actually enjoy school. Swimming classes could be held in the gym instead of the swimming pool, which is currently is out of order, due to the fact that there was an algae outbreak for the last couple of months. But you never know who still releases urine (pee) into the swimming pool, so remember to pack extra diapers just in case you need to go. No worries, the water park is rumored to have been filled with toilet water, so it'll probably make no difference.

The Name Game: Popular Monikers

By Annie Geng

GIRLS

AMERICA

1. Sophia
2. Emma
3. Isabella
4. Olivia
5. Ava

IBSH

1. Kelly
2. Ashley*
2. Katelyn*
2. Tiffany*
5. Michelle

* Tie

BOYS

AMERICA

1. Jacob
2. Mason
3. Ethan
4. Noah
5. William

* Tie

IBSH

1. James
2. Jonathan*
2. Jason*
4. Ethan*
4. Ian*
4. Justin*

Who's That?

Which popular name do they have?



Answers: 1. Michelle 2. James 3. Katelyn 4. Jonathan 5. Ian

PECULIAR PETS: The Madagascar Hissing Cockroach

By Ethan Chiang

Some might think this is the grossest pet ever, but others would like it a lot because of their cute hissing sounds. If you can get past the idea of keeping a cockroach on purpose, you might realize these hissers actually make really good pets. They don't fly or bite, and the hissing sound they make is pretty cool too.

Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches are one of many fascinating animal species to hail from the island of Madagascar. These cockroaches are shiny brown and oval-shaped, with no wings and a single pair of antennae. Males have bigger and thicker horns than females. Males use their horns in aggressive encounters similar to battles between antlered mammals. Rivals ram one another with their horns (or abdomens) and during the fight

they often unleash the amazing hisses that give the animal its name.

Hissing is also part of the cockroach's mating ritual, and can also be used as an effective



alarm cry as well. Most insects that make noise do so by rubbing their body parts together or by employing vibrating membranes. Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches, however, exhale

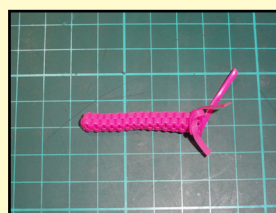
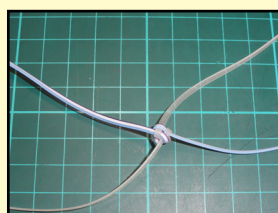
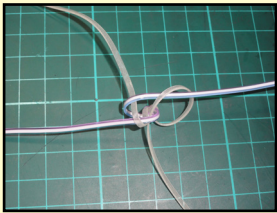
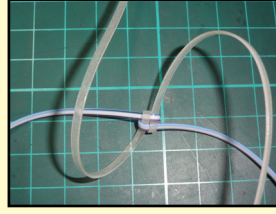
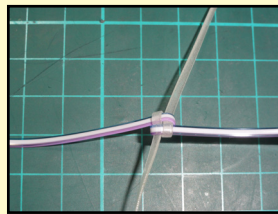
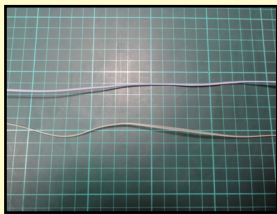
air through their breathing holes.

Unlike 99 percent of all cockroach species, Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches are not pests and do not inhabit human dwellings. These insects live on forest floors, where they hide amidst leaf litter, and logs. At night, they become more active and scavenge for meals, feeding primarily on fruit or plant materials. These roaches need small living spaces with places to hide from light, and sticks to climb. They are excellent climbers and have been known to climb right out of their enclosures. Some people recommend keeping the top couple inches of the enclosures coated with petroleum jelly to inhibit the roaches from escaping. These insects like fresh veggies and any type of dry pellet food that's high in protein. You can even use dog food!

ARTS and CRAFTS

By Annie Geng and Yun Jung Tseng

GIRLS: Lanyards



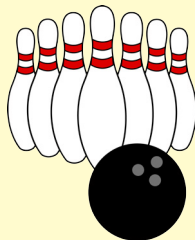
BOYS: Bowling Set

Materials

- 2 pieces of thick cardboard
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Bouncy ball (bowling ball)
- Markers
- Printer

Optional

- Googly eyes

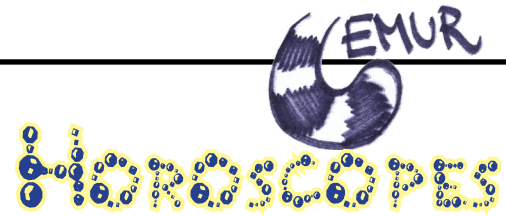


Procedures

1. Cut your thick cardboard paper into a rectangular shape.
2. Find patterns you like on Google or you can draw them.
3. Cut them and hot-glue them on your thick cardboard paper.
4. Hot glue 2 pieces of thick cardboard paper together. (One with the picture and one without the picture)
5. Take out your bouncy ball, hot-glue on your bouncy ball. Draw some details on your new bowling ball!



Bowling Pin



By Allison Ku

Aries

Enthusiastic, lively and competitive.

Taurus

Determined, trustworthy, and creative.

Gemini

Adaptable, serious, and witty.

Cancer

Caring, kind, and emotional.

Leo

Humorous, generous, and cheerful.

Virgo

Faithful, hard working, and understanding

Libra

Social, cooperative, and well-mannered.

Scorpio

Fearless, energetic, and clever.

Sagittarius

Curious, spirited, and perky.

Capricorn

Responsible, self-controlled, and strong leadership.

Aquarius

Independent, advanced, and imaginative.

Pisces

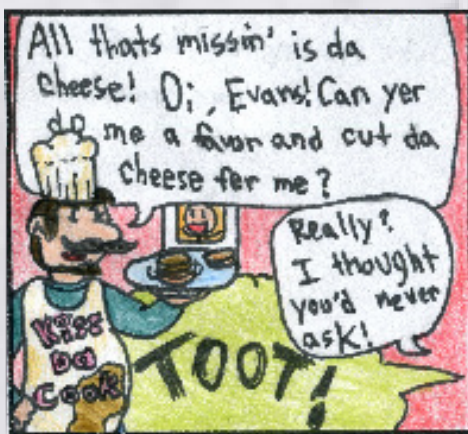
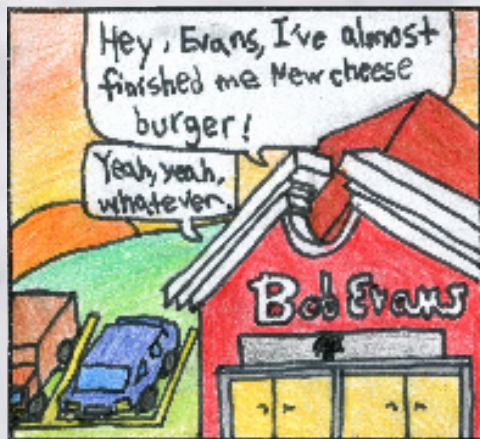
Intelligent, kind, and pleasant.



The Last Page

Please Cut the Cheese

By Evan Cheng



Parachute Mistake

By Alex Han



PTA CORNER

Season's Greetings from the IBSH Parent Teacher's Association (PTA) Board! Our PTA is a very active organization and is involved in supporting many important activities at our school. Here are just some highlights of activities for 1-6th Grade and what's new for 2013-2014.

A wonderful tradition that goes back many years is the Christmas/Winter Concert. To help boost the holiday spirit, parents literally begin to plan, organize, and fundraise for this event starting in September, which helps to put into perspective all the work that goes into planning this one day-hohoho-merriment.

Working closely with the teachers, we also help to select and order new books every year to enrich 1-6th Grade classroom libraries to promote literacy and to get the children excited about reading.

Our parents also help to host our new teachers and assist in their transition to Taiwan. This year we have four new teachers in the elementary grades. To further assist in making the transition a more pleasant one for new teachers and families alike, the PTA developed a "survival guide for expats living in Hsinchu" available via the IBSH PTA website, <https://sites.google.com/site/ibshpta/>.

Academically speaking, the PTA last year worked closely with the school to support our first ever Science Fair (4-8th Grade), Scripps Spelling Bee (4-8th Grade), the Humanities fair, Read-a-thon (1-4th Grade). And this year we will continue to help support these fine events and also to find opportunities to work with NEHS to see if there are more events/classes in which IBSH students can take part. And of course, there is fundraising for the Annual NEHS-wide fundraising event to help raise money for our school.

On top of replacing old energy wasting air conditioners and supporting student activities, the fundraising will focus on teacher training (e.g., AP, Honors classes) and international conferences. This is not to mention other activities that are supported for the upper grades!!!

Finally, we plan this year to consolidate all that know-how of all the PTA-sponsored activities into a PTA Handbook which will help to improve the experience of volunteering at IBSH. We believe the power of parents with a passion for education can achieve great things. Our volunteer moms and dads, thank you for your time and contributions to help make IBSH the best learning environment for our kids it can be. Sincerely, 2013 - 2014 PTA Board