

It is not what is poured into a student that counts
but what is planted. - **Linda Conway**

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Editorial: Braving against the waves of seasonal diseases

Amidst the hustle and bustle of academic life --- when school works pile up and a lot of activities are being anticipated, unhindered focus and energy are needed by learners and facilitators alike in order to cope with all the challenges.

However, riding with the waves of school works and activities is the often times changing and unpredictable weather condition which leads to greater susceptibility of learners and facilitators to flu, typhoid fever, and other related seasonal diseases. Along with this is the gnawing fear of parents of the possibility of their kids contracting the dreaded dengue hemorrhagic fever. All of these do not only put in danger the health of the learners but would also take away the time which is supposed to be spent for learning and doing worthwhile activities.

ISA, being the second home of every ISAer, takes a great effort in protecting its learners from anything that would put in jeopardy their health and their opportunity to learn.

With the rampant occurrence of seasonal contagious diseases, and on top of the list is dengue, the school provides information about dengue which are posted on the walls along the corridors for ISAers and even the parents to be informed about the disease. The maintenance staff of the school also sees to it that the school premises is free from anything that might be conducive for breeding of the mosquitoes that carry the virus. Moreover, learners are being reminded to take precautionary measures like wearing long pants or socks or even applying anti-repellant lotions whenever inside the school or during any out-of-school activities. The school also underwent fogging operations to really make sure that the breeding grounds of mosquitoes are eliminated.

"Health is wealth"---however cliché this adage may seem but the school takes responsibility in protecting the health of every ISAer in order to promote a learning environment which is as much as possible free from the intrusion of diseases which might hinder the learning growth of the learners.

Pre-school Health-awareness Day

Last 3 July 2010, the ISA Pre-School Department celebrated Nutrition Day.

Each learner was given a chance to have free physical & dental check-ups. The activity also includes short presentations per level (song, dance, poem, cheers & yells), then followed by a lecture on how to take care of one's body. There were also games and food-tasting using different kinds of fruits and vegetables. In addition, the learners were given free healthful drinks and vitamins. The said activity was a success and the learners had so much fun.



Gr. 6 ISAers Visit Asilo de Molo

Having the compassionate desire to share in their hearts, the Grade 6 - Galileo learners visited Asilo de Molo in their first outreach activity last 3 July 2010, together with three ISA facilitators. The learners served more than 30 Asilo de Molo elderly residents not only with snacks but also with laughter and entertainment. The program started at exactly 8:30 a.m. with a short prayer, followed by entertaining numbers prepared by the learners themselves. Without a doubt, the Grade 6 Galileo children showed enthusiasm in amusing the residents. The visit ended with a tour inside the compound. The learners accomplished the mission with laughter and gladness knowing that they have served the *lolos* and *lolas* who are estranged from their loved ones.

First Year Learners' Close Encounter

ISA first year learners attended a recollection last 14 July 2010. The 2 sections of first year learners (Lu Xun and Li Bai) set off from school at 7:15 in the morning together with their advisers and two subject facilitators. The learners were grouped together and shared topics which include challenges an ISAer encounters. They also shared their most unforgettable experiences in life.

The most awaited part of the recollection was the assembly with their parents. The learners opened up their thoughts to their parents which made the latter teary-eyed. Each facilitator also shared her insights which the parents gratefully accepted. It was really a great experience not only for the learners but also for the facilitators and the parents.

ISA's Best in Spelling, Math and G.I.

Intra-campus Spelling, Math and General Information Quiz Bee both in elementary and high school levels were held on July 13-15 at ISA quadrangle.

Here are the first placers for the General Information Quiz Bee -- Level I (Grades 1 and 2): Jason Santino Advincula; Level II (Grades 3 and 4): Alvin Lyndon Sy; Level III (Grades 5 and 6): Zeth Rodario Bebit; Level IV (First and Second Year): Kevin Friedrich Chan; Level V (Third and Fourth Year): Emma Rose Guanco.

For the first placers in Mathematics Quiz Bee, Grade 1: Adrian Tan; Grade 2: Joelian Marie Dolendo; Grade 3: Jeremiah Jedd Juantong; Grade 4: Alvin Lyndon Sy; Grade 5: Luke Kenneth Gurrea; Grade 6: Nicole Casey Lao; First Place: Paul Bryan Buñi; Second Year: Kevin Friedrich Chan; Third Year: Elijah Earl Ong; Fourth Year: Jan Jemi Tiu.

The winners in the Spelling Bee are the following: Level I: Mark Lester Kuan; Level II: Shayla Iyessa Sy; Level III: Marion Nicole Lim; and Level IV: Jean Claire Agudo



Buwan ng Wika has since been celebrated at ISA with great funfare, dances, songs, and always in abundance, delicious native delicacies. We saw no exception this year, in spite of the call for austerity amidst the global economic recession, parents still brought in and shared the best quality Filipino foods. Truly, the trademark virtue of *bayanihan* and optimism run deep in each and everyone's vein.

27 ISAers Joined Golden Pen Brought Home Golden Glories

ISAers brought honors to their Alma Mater during the Regional Cluster Journalism Workshop Year 13 and Golden Pen Awards held at Iloilo National High School on July 31-August 1, 2010.

The activity was participated in by different private and public schools all over region 6.

ISA, despite of various other commitments such as the leadership seminar held on the same days and attended by secondary level learners, still was able to send 27 learners from elementary, first year, and second year high school to the writing workshop.

In the elementary category, eight learners received awards in different categories such as cartooning, sports writing, and editorial writing. These learners were Alvin Lyndon Sy, Anne Melisa Co, Patricia Bianca Soriano, Sheirese Ira Sy, Shayla Lyesa Sy, Kathleen Therese Tilos, and Dorothy Kirsten Tiu. Mary Danielle Ricaforte, a grade four learner, won 3rd place in editorial writing and was pronounced as one of the most promising writers in the said workshop.

In high school, four ISAers received awards namely: Alyssa Faith Rivero, Selina Belle Trimañez, Michelle Breindy Uy, and Stacey Sophie Ravago, all from First Year Lu Xun.



This only proves that ISAers are not only excelling academically, more so the school provides them with the opportunity to explore other fields which help promote their holistic growth.