

## ES students "Power Down & Read"

By Abby PAN, ES Grade 5 Student Reporter, Puxi Campus

On Monday, November 8, the Puxi campus elementary school kids greeted our visiting author Margaret Ruurs in pajamas.

Why?

It was Power Down & Read Week!



Abby Pan

Every year, the elementary school hosts a Power Down & Read Week during which a visiting author comes to the school. Students are encouraged to turn off their TVs, phones, computers, and all other electronics for the whole week and instead find other ways to entertain themselves, like reading. As part of the event, the students raise money for charity for the minutes they spend reading.

In addition to turning off the electronics, the students turned on the fun! Everyday, students supported the activity by dressing up (or down) on these days:

**Monday, November 8:** Pajama Day

**Tuesday, November 9:** Bring your favorite Teddy/Buddy Day

**Wednesday, November 10:** Crazy Hat/Poem in your Pocket Day



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**Thursday, November 11:** Backwards Day

**Friday, November 12:** SAS School Spirit Day

Kids and teachers alike were seen wearing and bringing various things to school. Bath robes, teddy bears, cowboy hats, and backward T-shirts were only a few of these things.

The counselors said that they chose these "spirit days" because they thought students would have fun with them. Plus, who doesn't love being comfortable and wearing their pajamas to school?

This year, besides having fun during the spirit days, 208 students from Pre-K to 5th grade decided to participate in Power Down & Read and raise money for local Chinese schools with no books. On November 15 and 16, the students turned in sponsorship forms, money, and signatures proving that they had participated in this once a year event. The elementary students raised over 24,000 RMB.

This is now the third year of the Power Down & Read fundraiser, and the eighth year of Screen Free Week.

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## Animal Rescue calendars are here – but it wasn't easy!

By Marney ROSEN and HS Animal Rescue, Pudong Campus

Get your calendar at the Winter Bazaar on December 9! Featuring the pets of SAS, the proceeds from this fundraising venture sponsored by the Pudong campus HS Animal Rescue club will go directly to Jaiya's Animal Rescue (JAR). But this article isn't just an advertisement to buy our calendar. It is a testament to the hard work and steep learning curve that went into its creation.



Animal Rescue Club has grown this year. A lot. More than we quite knew what to do with when 103 members signed up during the first week of school. So one of the first jobs of the student leaders was to design a way for new ideas to be heard. We had students divide into groups, brainstorm ideas for both fundraiser and awareness raiser activities, put their favorite ones on

cue cards, and then we had the club vote on the best.

One of the most popular new ideas, designed to raise both the profile of our club and funds for JAR, was the calendar. How easy, we enthused! Simply collect photos submitted by eager pet owners around the school and use iPhoto to create the calendar. Maybe make some extra pages of thumbnails so all submissions can be included. I asked the students how long they thought the project would take from start to finish, and most people believed 20 hours would nicely cover it.

One hundred and eighteen hours (and several near heart failures) later, the calendar is safely at the printers. What did we learn? That it takes long sleepless nights checking every page to ensure there are no accidental repeats (some photos were both e-mailed and placed in the Campus Dropbox; some

families submitted multiple pics without realizing other family members had already done so; identical photos ended up going to different student volunteers who unintentionally built them into more than one page) and even more sleepless nights to ensure that no photo gets missed inadvertently. That when a wonderful student makes the original calendar on her laptop and the amazing, incredible PubTech teacher, Stacie Nakai, finds a spacing problem, the PDF file is of no help and the wonderful student must be



chased down in her class and her computer snatched from her because deadlines are looming. That what looks great when we print it on the school printer doesn't necessarily look great when the extremely kind, extremely professional printing company (BBT Agency) realizes with a panic that our iPhoto files, Word Document files and InDesign files are all unintentionally different sizes and the company can't just 'stretch' the smaller ones to fit. That words like 'bleed space' and 'coil room' are incredibly important when sizing your calendar and choosing how to attach it. That – in a nutshell – we should never underestimate the size of a project we take on!

Community service ventures aren't just about money collected; they are, in my mind, equally about learning opportunities for students. This was a huge one, and the students are bursting with enthusiasm not just for the end product (by the time of this printing, it will have already sold at Santa's Workshop, but did we mention it will also be available during Winter Bazaar?!) but for our debriefing process and the additional ideas we now have for next year. Because after all this work and all our excitement (not to mention all the parents and students who moaned about missing this year's photo submission deadline who won't miss next year), you better believe this is going to be an ever-growing, ever-improving, annual event!

**Please come support the SAS Pudong Campus Middle School Jazz Band on Sat Dec 4, 2010 who will be playing from 1pm-1:30pm. Free admission!**

## PTSA hosts "Quiz Night" in Jinqiao

More than 130 people attend and form 22 teams

**Q: How many teams does it take to make a good quiz night?**

A: On Saturday, November 20, SAS Pudong PTSA hosted a great evening of fun and questions at Blue Marlin in Jinqiao. The quiz masters for the evening were Jeff and Marney Rosen. They kept us entertained, led us through questions and answers, and kept the participants on their toes. The turnout was fantastic with a mix of teachers and parents. Over 130 people attended making up a total of 22 teams.

**Q: What is a good team name for quiz night?**

A: Part of the fun was thinking up an imaginative team name. Jeff and Marney had a hard time agreeing on the winner. They finally decided to have a game of rock, paper and scissors to choose the winning name which was "Mama Wooohoos."

**Q: Who are the 2010 SAS Quiz champions?**

A: The champions for the evening were Quivering Quizzers. One point behind in second were 5 Socialites and a Mathematician and one point behind again were third place finishers, the Frequent Fliers. The scores were very close with 10 points between the top 10 teams!

**Q: Will you be at the third annual SAS quiz night?**

A: If you don't want to miss out on the fun then remember to sign up early next time! This was a sold out event.

Thank you to everyone for attending this entertaining evening and showing great SAS community spirit. See you next year.

—The quiz night committee



Jeff and Marney Rosen, Quiz-Masters



ABOVE: Quivering Quizzers (L-R): Sunny Mihova, Sarah Diggs, Rachel Dicker, Kelly Dicker, Lisa Bugenske, Matt Bugenske.



### Meet SORAYA — Adoptable Pet of the Week

Soraya is a wee little girl, approximately 11 weeks old, who loves being around children and people in general. Her current foster mom (who originally rescued her) is leaving China soon and Soraya is too young to travel with her. She is healthy, happy, playful and smart — not fully trained, that is, but close! Can you give Soraya a loving and permanent home?

This Community Service Announcement is brought to you by Pudong Campus' HS Animal Rescue, a club working in conjunction with Jaiya's Animal Rescue (JAR). For more information on other ways that you can help or donate, please contact Shannon or Jean at syeh3789@yahoo.com / jeanzhang92@gmail.com or contact JAR directly at shanghai dogs@gmail.com to adopt or foster.



## Dance Defined

The Pudong Campus APAC dance team visited the International School of Beijing to perform their group-choreographed seven-minute dance mid-November along with several other schools around the Asia Pacific. The dancers spent two days participating in workshops ranging from hip-hop, to salsa, contemporary, fan, and improve. On their last day students were split into groups that consisted of two members from each school and together they choreographed another four-minute piece. This new aspect to the APAC dance curriculum allowed students to interact with dancers from their own school, and to bond through their love of the arts. The Pudong campus dance team has truly excelled through choreography and technique thanks to the help of dance teachers Ann Gould, Elaine Costiera, and Ms. Lau, and we expect to see them continue in this streak next year.

By Sarah **JACKSON**, Senior, Pudong Campus

Dong Kyu Lee and Kim Chen at the Pudong campus auditorium in late November. *EAGLE* photo by Elaine Costiera.



## Parents enjoy Taikang Lu art gallery walk with Robert Davis

On Thursday November 18 Pudong campus ES parents enjoyed a parent field trip to some galleries around Taikang Lu. An SAS bus left the ES PTSA meeting to take us to Tai Kang Lu for the start of the walk. We started on Taikang Lu at the LuiLui cafe and gift shop. Upstairs is an interesting glass museum. We then had an art walk and tour of three galleries with Robert Davis (Pudong ES Art teacher on sabbati-

cal). All the parents really enjoyed it and the weather was perfect. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and talented teacher, and the support of ES Principal Sasha McVean to make the trip possible. Robert has been in Shanghai over 8 years so he was able to give us a lot of insight.

—Ginger Whissell

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International labor and migration, water scarcity, poverty, education and infectious diseases top list of concerns for students at Global Issues Day conference

# Fourth Annual Global Issues Day yields more than 40 presentations

By Jordan **SMALL**, MS Humanities Teacher, Pudong Campus

On November 24, the students of the Pudong campus Grade 8 took pause to reflect on some of the issues that are making this

planet smaller for everyone. The Fourth Annual Global Issues Day in the middle school was made up of over 40 presen-

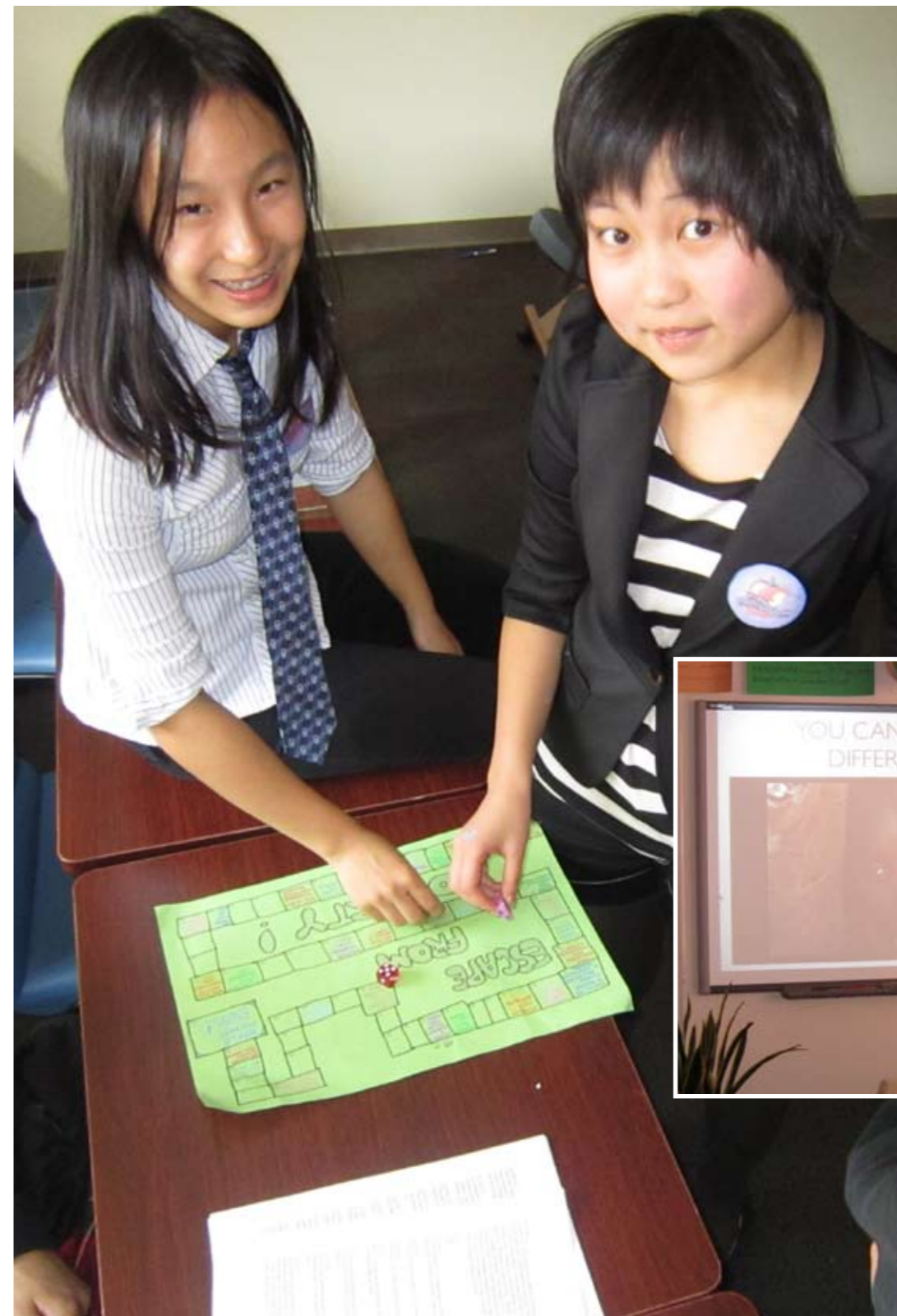
tations on six different global issues. The Grade 8 humanities students spent a little over two

weeks researching, collaborating and creating presentations on International Labor and Migration, Water Scarcity, Poverty, Education, The Digital Divide, and Infectious Diseases.

Fifteen different classrooms on the second and third floors of the middle school were filled with parents, faculty and students from around the school. The 8th graders dressed up in professional attire and spread very serious messages to all in attendance. The presentations integrated various technological and interpersonal strategies in order to convey the importance of these issues. There were interactive activities, powerful photos, statistics, graphs, and emotionally charged video.

Many students moved outside the walls of the school in order to create mini-documentaries on their issue. Interviews with migrant workers on work sites, middle class Shanghainese

—see **GLOBAL ISSUES** on page 28



**PHOTOS: Left**—Amanda Li and Helen Yu are playing the "escape from poverty" board game; **Above**—Anne Chua knows that each individual can make a difference.



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# Boys swim to 1st place; girls take 2nd

By Jon BIROS, Director, Aquatics Center, Puxi Campus

On November 13 and 14 the Puxi Campus Aqua Eagles competed at SCIS's annual Invitational Swim Meet. More than 60 swimmers, made up of mostly our younger 12-and-Unders did an amazing job of rising to the top of the competition.

SAS's Top swimmers were:

**Girls 8 and under:**

- Isabelle So, 2nd
- Roxanne Chao, 4th
- Grace Tu, 6th

**Boys 8 and under:**

- Nolan Liu, 1st
- Jeff Jung, 3rd
- Se Hyun Cho, 4th
- Royce Shey, 6th

**Girls 9-10:**

- Chee Ling Wu, 4th
- Peyton Yen, 7th
- Roseanne Chao, 8th

**Boys 9-10:**

- Kenneth Chen, 1st
- Albert Yun, 3rd
- Brian Jung, 5th
- Nicholas Chan, 6th

**Boys 11-12:**

- Tristan So, 1st
- William Huang, 4th
- Matthew Tung, 6th

**Boys 15 and Over:**

G-Ping Lee, 1st

Our SAS Relay Teams did very well and garnered valuable points for us. G-Ping Lee and Isabelle So had record swims three meets in row, while Aqua Eagle and French National, Tristan So, not only set a SAS record in 11-12 Backstroke in a time of 32.28 seconds, he also broke the French National record in Backstroke for 12-year-olds and is very close to beating the National records in Freestyle and Butterfly.

Congratulations to all 63 swimmers that help the team to the podium.

**Top Three Boys Teams**

- 1 Shanghai American School, 492.50
- 2 Shanghai Community Inter School, 292.50
- 3 Suzhou Singapore International, 278

**Top Three Girls Teams**

- 1 Shanghai Community Inter



School, 509  
2 Shanghai American School, 218  
3 SMIC School, 210

Last week we participated in the Singapore American School's Santa Claus Swim Meet (November 27-28). The Aqua Eagles traveled with 90 swimmers with the hopes of snatching 1st place, which they narrowly lost to the SAS Singapore last year. RESULTS to follow in the December 17 issue of *The Eagle*.

PHOTOS: Left: Tristan So and William Huang; Above: Swim team with trophy.



## Aqua Eagles Holiday Swim Camp

**Where:** Puxi Campus Aquatics Center

**Date:** December 22,23,24,- December. 28,29,30,31, January 4,5,6,7

**Register by:** December 13

**When:**

- Morning Session: 9.00 – 11.00 For age 11 & Over
- Afternoon Session: 1.30 – 3.30 For age 10 & Under

**Who:** Aqua Eagles SWST team members, if you're not sure ask your coach.

**Why:** Get faster & improve technique, instead of sitting on the couch getting a TV tan.

**What:** Aqua Eagle coaches Michael Yu, Andy Jin and Tony Cao working on stroke & race technique and overall swim conditioning and dry-land fitness.

**Groups:** Swimmers will be speed grouped for these sessions.

**Cost:** 250 RMB per swimmer

**22-hours of swim training in total !**

Registrations form available on the Blog at ( <http://aquatics-center@saschina.org> )



## Pudong Campus

By  
**Todd Parham**  
Pudong Campus  
Activities  
Director



### Upcoming HIGH SCHOOL Activities:

**December 7:** SISAC Basketball Games @ Home vs. SCIS PD  
■ DI/DII Boys and Girls; All games start at 4:30pm

**December 10:** SISAC Basketball games sway @ CISS  
■ DIII Boys, DII Boys and Girls; all start at 4:30pm  
■ DI Girls start at 5:45pm  
■ DI Boys start at 7:00pm

**January 11:** SISAC Basketball Game @ home vs. BISS PD  
■ DIII Boys vs. BISS PD DII Boys, league game

**January 13:** SISAC Basketball game @ home vs. SMIC  
■ DIII Boys vs. SMIC DII Boys, league Game

**January 13:** SISAC Basketball game away @ SMIC  
■ DI Boys start at 4:15pm  
■ DI Girls start at 5:30pm

**January 14:** SISAC Basketball games @ home vs. DCS  
■ DI/DII Boys and Girls; all games start at 4:30pm

**January 15:** SISAC Basketball Championships - TBD

**January 15:** China Cup Forensics @ SAS PX

**January 23:** 27th - APAC Swimming @ SAS PD

**January 23:** 27th - APAC Basketball @ BRENT

**January 23:** 27th APAC Forensics @ TCIS

### Upcoming MIDDLE SCHOOL Activities:

**December 4:** CISSA Table Tennis @ SAS PX & French School - Schedules TBD

**January 10:** Session Two MS ASA's Start

**January 15:** CISSA Floor Hockey @ SAS PX

### Upcoming ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Activities:

**January 10:** Session Two ES ASA's Start

Please check out our new activities blog <http://teachers.saschina.org/pdactivities/>

## Puxi Campus

By  
**Steve Doleman**  
Puxi Campus  
Activities  
Director



### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, December 4:**  
Basketball  
HS Gym  
9:00 VB vs. Local Team  
10:30 VG vs. Melody Women's Club  
12:00 VB vs. Local Team

ES Gym  
9:00 FB vs. Suzhou  
10:45 Suzhou 9 vs. CISS 9  
12:00 FB vs. LAS  
1:15 JV2 Girls vs. LAS

1:00 JV1 Boys @ Suzhou; JV1 Girls @ Suzhou  
3:00 JV2 Boys @ Suzhou

**Monday, December 6:** Basketball  
SISAC Div2: JV2 Girls vs. SSIS (Singapore) @ MS Gym 4:30pm

### HS Review Days and Exams:

From December 8-17 there will be an Activity Ban due to HS Exams and Review Days. During this time there will be no After School Activities. Practices and games will resume after the winter break.

### IB Theatre:

Friday, December 3, 3:30 @ BBT/Saturday, December 4:  
*Beneath the Veil*, *Lysistrata*. **NOTE: Both of these plays are recommended for a mature audience only due to their adult content.**

### China Cup, January 14-16

Forensics @ SASPX; Basketball @ HKIS; Swimming/Table Tennis @ ISB

### APAC 2nd Season

Monday, January 24–Wednesday, January 26  
Travel Sunday, January 23 & return Thursday, January 27  
Basketball @ WAB; Swimming @ SASPD; Forensics @ TCIS

# menu

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<b>Vegetarian</b>				
Spring rolls w/ steamed rice	Spring onion jiaozi	Cabbage rolls	Veggie burger	Eggplant and tomato lasagna
<b>Dessert</b>				
Fruit pudding	Butter cake	Popsicle	Brownies	Apple tart

Monday December 13	Tuesday December 14	Wednesday December 15	Thursday December 16	Friday December 17
Pasta carbonara w/ bacon Grilled Nurnberg sausages Buttered potatoes Mixed green veggies	Yellow chicken curry Sautéed pork w/ mushroom creamy sauce ES: Tuna w/ mixed salad Panini Steamed rice Sautéed green beans	Fish filet sweet and sour ES: Fish fingers Chicken breast gratin Parsley rice Mixed vegetables	Pork pineapple sautéed w/ Thai spices ES: Cheese pizza BBQ chicken thighs ES: Chicken nuggets Steamed rice Cauliflower and carrot	<b>FRIDAY HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS — NO LUNCH; BEGIN HOLIDAY BREAK</b>
<b>Vegetarian</b>				
Vegetable fajitas	Spinach quiche	Bee hoon fried w/ onions and peppers	Fried rice w/ lentils and curry	
<b>Dessert</b>				
Vanilla pudding	Marble cake	Profiteroles au caramel	Triple color Jell-O	

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December 3, 2010

in Starbucks, various expats and even a few parents really brought an authenticity to many projects. Many of these subtitled videos revealed a high level of inquiry and genuine interest in the lives of people on the exteriors of 8th-grade reality. There was certainly a feeling that these issues did not exist very far away. The kids reached into their communities and highlighted how present much of this curriculum is.

By the close of the day there was a collective feeling of having accomplished something meaningful. Teachers and parents observed their students in a professional context and were overwhelmingly pleased with the work done. For their part, the students raised a collective voice of recognition that there is only one planet and all citizens share its troubles.

**PHOTO: Left**—Vivian Xu and Michael Nicol are presenting on water scarcity in Shanghai.

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ SAS

DECEMBER — Pudong Campus		DECEMBER — Puxi Campus	
7	◆ES Band/Strings Concert, 1pm	7	◆MS Principal Coffee, 10am, LMC ◆MS Grade 6 Concert, 5:30pm, Performing Arts Center ◆HS Math League Contest #3
8	◆MS and HS Counselor Coffee Morning, Big Bamboo restaurant—Jinqiao, 9-11am; for MS and HS parents	9-17	◆HS Semester One Exams
9	◆MS Parent Book Club, 12:30-2:15pm ◆PTSA General Meeting, 9am ◆Winter Bazaar, 10am-3:30pm	9	◆MS Grade 7 Concert, 5:30pm, Performing Arts Center
10	◆Middle School: MYG NITE	10	◆MS Winter Social, Cafeteria, 3pm ◆International Festival Chorus performance of Handel's <i>Messiah</i> , 7:30pm, Performing Arts Center
14	◆MS Winter Concert	12	◆International Festival Chorus performance of Handel's <i>Messiah</i> , 3pm, Performing Arts Center
15	◆MS Winter Concert	14	◆MS Grade 8 Concert, 5:30pm, Performing Arts Center
16	◆ES Holiday Sing-a-long	15	◆ES Passport Check
17	◆HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS/Holiday break begins	16	◆ES Passport re-check
<b>COMING IN JANUARY:</b>  <b>PTSA Carpet Auction — January 15.</b> Look for details in the next issue of The Eagle.		17	◆ES Christmas Assembly, 9am PAC ◆HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS/Holiday break begins

## Shanghai American School moves from **ITBS** to **MAP** testing in spring of 2011

By Andrew **TORRIS**, Deputy Superintendent

Shanghai American School will be administering standardized tests and gathering externally measured student learning data for grades 3-8 in a different way beginning in the spring of 2011.

With the implementation of the new assessment initiative at Shanghai American School we have found that the ITBS test does not meet our expectations and needs. More specifically, we have found that the ITBS is not aligned with the newly adopted assessment philosophy, and it does not provide accurate nor timely feedback. Both of these issues go to the heart of the reasons we administer externally scored exams to our elementary and middle school students. SAS will continue to administer the Educational Research Bureau (ERB) writing assessment in the spring as we have for many years.

In replacement, the SAS administra-

tion has adopted The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test by produced by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

NWEA is a non-profit global services organization located in Portland, Oregon. It partners with over 3500 educational institutions worldwide to provide research-based adaptive assessments, professional development and research services. NWEA's mission is partnering to help all kids learn. It is the belief of the SAS administration that by partnering with NWEA we empower and help our classroom teachers to make more informed and data-based learning decisions for our students, thus promoting strong targeted academic growth.

The MAP test is a computerized adaptive test in Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics. When students take the MAP the difficulty of each

question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As students answer correctly questions become more difficult. If a student answer incorrectly the questions become easier. In optimal testing session students would answer about half correct and half incorrect, with the final score giving the teachers and the school a strong research based indicator of the students achievement level.

Further information can be found at <http://www.nwea.org/products-services/computer-based-adaptive-assessments/map>.

We are excited about the implementation of this new tool. We will begin testing in the spring of 2011 and you will receive a standardized testing report in your final report card.

Please feel free to contact the school principal, vice principal or me if you need further information.