

# Building houses and friendships in Malawi

By Robert Burke, High School teacher, Puxi campus

For many at SAS, the end of a long school year often involves flights to exotic locales for much needed rest and relaxation or visits with family around the world. For 24 students and five teachers from SAS Puxi, the end of the last school year brought an opportunity to build houses and create new friendships in Malawi, Africa.

Since June 2009, the purpose of our visits to Malawi has been twofold: first, to work with Habitat for Humanity to construct homes for needy families, and secondly to spend time at the Jacaranda School.

Since the beginning of our involvement with the Jacaranda School in December 2008, our fundraising projects have raised more than \$100,000, which has been used to build bathrooms, purchase books, build science classrooms, hire a full time nurse, build a small medical clinic, and outfit the students with new school uniforms for the upcoming school year.

During the past three years we have also sent to the school approximately 375 boxes of used textbooks, clothes, toys, school supplies, and shoes. Three years ago we were strangers. We are strangers no more; we are family. Two students that were on the trip this past June wrote the articles that follow. I think you will see that their experiences in Malawi were both challenging and rewarding.

Photos by Benjamin Xiong



## Jacaranda stories

By Catherine Li, Grade 10, Puxi campus

Ever since Marie Da Silva visited SAS in 2009, I'd wanted to visit the Jacaranda school. Her story was almost too heroic to be true. While working as a nanny for a family in New York, Marie set up a school in Malawi after a nearby school had been shut down. She had only her mother's old house, her monthly wages, and a mammoth heart as a foundation. Resources were scarce; there was little she could provide in terms of learning materials, and the number of students continued to increase. Many were orphans, their relatives claimed by Malawi's AIDS epidemic. They could not afford to pay much tuition and had little hope of escaping poverty.

Marie believed, however, that if given the tools they needed they would flourish. Her dogged faith paid off. Now, her early students are moving on to tertiary education. Jacaranda alumni are climbing towards dreams they couldn't have imagined reaching without her. Marie eventually found herself nominated as a CNN Hero, an event that brought publicity and donations from

around the world. It's a story of hope and altruism that stems from a humble hero no richer than the average Joe — except, perhaps, in love.

Naturally, I wanted to experience the change the school had brought to its village. I wanted to meet the ever-diligent students I'd heard so many stories about, and perhaps lend a hand in what little way that I could. And the prospect of visiting Africa was simply too good an opportunity to pass up. I imagined that I'd see cackling hyenas, bright-eyed tigers, and plenty of other carnivorous flora along the way. (It was only later that I found out that tigers did not live in Africa, and that was only the first surprise.) The first day at Jacaranda marked a moment when all of my previous views on poverty, art, and the nature of kindness began to be slowly and systematically overhauled.

The first morning, we were welcomed into the school by hundreds of singing students. The school's very first graduation ceremony followed, complete with a choir performance and a stirring speech from Marie. The school had grown from one person's idea to a full-fledged institution, and when I saw that line of beaming faces I understood how momentous the occasion was. Each student was a champion, and one well-meaning heart had shown the way. The realization was empowering.



Catherine Li makes some new friends.



Shinhee Kang, grade 10, pitches in with the construction effort on the new school.



Melissa Krassenstein and Jason Chan enjoy a game of football with the Jacaranda students.

The rest of our visit was loosely structured, giving us plenty of free time to explore our surroundings and make some friends. I met Yankho, a friendly girl who made an agile volleyball partner; Theresa, who introduced me to the wonders of cassava; and Promise, an aspiring nurse who taught me countless tongue-twisting Chichewa words. Some days we might sit through an engaging (and energetically taught) lesson on Malawian culture. Other days we'd lead kids through designated stations, walking them through activities like banner making, dancing, origami, and volleyball. With secondary school exams looming, many of us helped students get accustomed to the calculators we'd brought over.

A student called Jim offered to take me to the art room, where other secondary school students (and in some cases, college-bound graduates) were working. There, he taught me how to paint — Malawian style. I was eager to learn. I'd admired the artists' paintings ever since we'd arrived; I loved the flowing silhouettes of the people and the bold, vivid backgrounds. I loved the thatch-roofed houses and the angular patterns, the daring paint splashes and the gradated skies. Most of all, I loved watching the paintings take form under a skillful brush and I tried to imitate the confidence with which they painted.

By the time we were preparing to leave, I'd amassed a heart-warming collection of parting gifts. Among them were personalized bookmarks, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and pictures. But there were countless more that weren't so tangible — the hugs and smiles, the thumb wrestles and dances, the tentative bites of morning porridge, the stories, the dreams, and the lessons.

I had come expecting to do the giving, but instead I felt as though I'd never be able to repay my new friends for what they'd given me. When I first arrived I felt sympathy and even a little bit of pity for the students here. Now, my sympathy has been replaced by empathy and admiration. Admiration for the tenacity and passion of the students, and also admiration for people like Marie Da Silva and Mr. Burke, who are so eager to share kindness and love with those in need. Their actions have helped open pathways out of illiteracy and poverty, and an open door is all these gifted, hardworking students need to make their own way in the world. ✦

## Two Weeks in Malawi

By Benjamin Xiong, Grade 11, Puxi campus

Malawi, a small country in southeastern Africa, is a place where one can always find a friendly smile or a cheerful greeting. In an ever-moving city like Shanghai, it is easy to forget about the little charities that can pass so freely between complete strangers in less busy places. My two weeks in a country rightfully nicknamed “The Warm Heart of Africa” constantly reminded me that sincerity more often than not finds itself in the faces of those who live in impoverished conditions. This June was my second Habitat for Humanity and Jacaranda trip, and something felt right as I came back to Malawi. It was like greeting an old friend; there were hugs and laughter, and other sights and sounds that chimed like bells in ears tired from the sounds of the city bustle.

Our party of 26 high school students and five teachers made an interesting sight as we emerged from the airport, and we caught the eye of more than a few bystanders. Some would say *Muli bwanji*, to which we were taught to reply, *Nili bwino*, in a friendly exchange of “How are you?” and “I’m good” in Chichewa, their native language. When we started work at the Habitat for Humanity building site a day later, everyone was excited and ready to go. We met the builders, who would guide us in constructing the homes, and the owners, who would be living there once work was completed. We quickly settled into a steady pace, mixing mortar, laying bricks, and talking with the builders who worked alongside us, who were always very friendly and willing to chat.

Vic was one of the first of the builders that I became acquainted with. He was disarmingly open with his deep, rolling laugh, often while recollecting events from his past or his years in college. He asked about life in Shanghai, a place so starkly different from the idyllic landscape in which I was standing that for a second I had absolutely no idea how to convey my thoughts. “Well ...” I said, “It’s really different. Everything seems to move so quickly. Everyone seems to have somewhere to go with things that need finishing; it all seems like a giant rush. It’s tiring.”

Pause. “So you like Malawi better?” Vic asks. Another — though much shorter — pause. “Life is easier here,” I suggest. It was an honest remark. For me, “easier” meant that life made more sense. The amenities that I take for granted in the megalopolis seem superficial when I think about what truly makes living what it is. Happiness for me is a product not of luxury but of meaningful relationships.

There was something fulfilling and satisfying about seeing a home slowly rising from the ground. As work continued, we would get to know many of the local kids who lived in the area, who were always laughing and having fun when they came to play with us. A few daring kids even came and helped us pass bricks up to the bricklayers, in a way showing their commitment to the community. As work finally ended, half of my clothes were mud-splattered, but inside, I felt cleansed of all the rigors of the academic year. Simply put, it seemed like a wonderful start to the summer vacation. We ended our work with a dedication of the house and entertainment in the form of songs and dances. It was a joyous celebration, though we parted with the sad knowledge that we would not be returning anytime soon, as we would



be traveling to the Jacaranda School in Blantyre, hours away from our newfound friends.

But as one part of our journey ended, another began. The moment we stepped into the Jacaranda School, we could sense the energy and joy shared by the students and staff, and it was infectious. Throughout the week, whether it was teaching the kids how to use their new calculators, playing volleyball, or enjoying a friendly (and ultimately quite one-sided) soccer match, there was little time to turn off the smile. Marie and Luc were gracious hosts and treated us as if we were part of the family. They told us of their difficulties in building the school, and it helped us to understand how individuals could really make a huge impact upon their community. We explored the village that many of the students lived in, and the poverty that we saw there contrasted with the tenacity and perseverance that each student showed. To live without their parents, take care of their younger siblings, and still excel in school took a conviction that was something to admire.

Whether we were playing guitar with their choir or organizing a little photo shoot, the Jacaranda kids were more than happy to join in. When I asked a few to model for the camera, they laughed and smiled, striking candid poses that embodied their natural charm. I have never worked with people more willing to express themselves, people unaffected by the pretensions that seem to plague modern society. When the Jacaranda choir sang "Children of Africa," the music's meaning went deeper than the simple lyrics and melodies; it represented the children's heritage and the challenges that they would have to overcome. It was moving to say the least.

Malawi imparted in me a profound message of hope. Exploring the local culture and building the homes was a humble return to the essence of living. Meeting the students, with their dedication to whatever they were learning, was an inspiration. What I have been through was nothing less than unforgettable. In those two weeks, Malawi once again felt like home. ✪



### How You Can Help

The Jacaranda School has set up a sponsorship program that raises funds to cover the cost of education fees and materials, as well as assisting in paying teachers. You can find out more information and how to get involved at: [http://www.jacarandafoundation.org/HowtoHelp/Sponsor\\_a\\_Child/Main.html](http://www.jacarandafoundation.org/HowtoHelp/Sponsor_a_Child/Main.html).

A large number of teachers, students, and parents from both campuses are already sponsoring children and supporting the school in many different ways. There are still students that need to be sponsored. Payments may be made on the site with a credit card or through our school Jacaranda account. Contact Robert Burke for more details at: [Robert.Burke@saschina.org](mailto:Robert.Burke@saschina.org).





## EggsChange visits Jiangxi province

By Weilin Tu Ye, Ying Ying Ng, and I Hyun Park, Grade 11, Puxi campus

*Over the summer, students from the SAS microfinance club EggsChange visited Guangpi village in Jiangxi province to check up on chicken farming families they had sponsored and to recruit new families. Three students recorded their impressions of the trip.*

The goal of the trip was to expand the EggsChange Project by selecting new farmers to sponsor. These farmers were selected partly based on their annual income (on average 10,000 RMB), but other criteria included responsibility, dedication, and their future dreams and aspirations.

We visited six farmers who were the original families we had sponsored. When we inspected their chickens, they were healthy and energetic, flapping their wings as if to welcome us.

After visiting the original farmers, we then split into three groups and visited a total of 12 new farmers. Out of 12, we ended up choosing 10 farmers who met our criteria. The two farmers that were excluded were much better off than the rest and did not seem to need our help. One of them even offered to play his trumpet for us!

Apart from visiting farmers, EggsChange members also took a detour to a local kindergarten. We taught the kids some English and played with them all morning. We are proud to report that the EggsChange trip was a great success as it has changed the lives of the farmers that we sponsored as well as the members who traveled.

“The trip was an awesome time to hangout with friends and was a great experience for me,” said junior Ryan Chen. “I really hope I get to go again next year.”

—Weilin Tu Ye

The trip to Guanpi, a village secluded by the mountains and greenery of Jiangxi, took us about an hour via bus. It was a bumpy ride and the air conditioner kept us awake in the dense summer heat. For many of us it was our first trip, so we were

excited but unsure of what to expect.

We met the village police chief’s daughter, whose nickname was “Watermelon,” and trekked up a hill to where the farmers lived.

One of the first things I noticed upon reaching the first farmer’s home was the sign, which read “EggsChange Supported Farmer.” This was as much of an emotional achievement as it was visual evidence of the success of our efforts. I felt a sense of happiness and thought, “Oh, this is real” as we all pointed excitedly at the sign.

Moments later, the farmer took us to see the chickens, which were all scurrying about at the top of a hill behind his house. It was literally a “free range” — there were no fences, no food bowls, no coop. Just shrubs, dirt, and wilderness. The only thing that kept the chickens in the area was the grain the farmers fed them.

—Ying Ying Ng

As I entered the bustling Hongqiao Train Station and flocked around with the rest of the group, chattering excitedly, a wave of memories swept over me.

We had six hours ahead of us on the train, but time flew by with several rounds of Mafia and homemade beef and egg sandwiches. It felt like a China Alive or Habitat trip — except without the worried chaperones.

The trip to the village was definitely the highlight; meeting the farmers we had sponsored and witnessing the chickens with our very own EggsChange rings on their feet was a fulfilling and memorable event. But other minor, trivial moments — playing Mafia, eating watermelons, watching *The Hangover*, the kindergartners, smiles and laughter — were also priceless snapshots that pieced together to make the three short days in Jiangxi an unforgettable experience.

— I Hyun Park

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## Swimming into a centennial year

By Jon Biros, Aquatics Director, Puxi campus, and George Carpouzis, Aquatics Director, Pudong campus

Welcome back to all you returning Aqua Eagles (parents and swimmers alike) and new Eagles to be! Your coaches are back, rested and ready to start off the new swim year.

To celebrate 100 years of SAS, both Aquatics Centers will run a 100 Lengths for 100 Years swim on Founders' Day, September 16 from 3:00–5:00 p.m. Elementary and middle school students hit the water first at 3:00 p.m. and high school students and other adults at 4:00 p.m.

Ribbons will be awarded for successful completion of 100 lengths. In conjunction with this event we encourage those swimmers putting in a lot of meters in our SAS pools to register for the 100 Kilometers for 100 Years swim (due to be completed by June 2012).

Swim tryouts took place in August. We had an overwhelming response and clearly have an expanding talent pool. 160 Aqua Eagles made the Puxi squad and 130 made the Pudong squad. The year will be a busy one with over 15 swim meets for our top swimmers to race in.

Within SAS, Puxi and Pudong swimmers will compete against each other. Away from Shanghai we will continue to unite as one team on two campuses.

Head High School Coach Corry Day is excited about the growth of the competitive swimming program. In five years we have gone from having a handful of swimmers to a full varsity and junior varsity program with a coaching staff of four.

This year, 47 athletes tried out for the high school team in August, setting a record for high school tryouts. Along with Assistant Coach Jerry Koontz, we will be adding two JV coaches in Season 2. Sam Vierra and Brendan Maloney will be lending their talents to our expanding squad.

"The team's growth has been in as much quality as quantity," Coach Day concludes. "I truly believe both boys and girls teams will challenge the perennial APAC champions from IS Beijing this year. It is going to be an eventful year!"



In-class swimming lessons have also begun for Puxi's pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grade 1 classes, and in the elementary school PE classes in Pudong.

Adults are welcome to use the pools as well, at certain times. On the Puxi campus, adult lap swimming times are from 6:00–7:45 a.m., Monday to Friday. Puxi Student Swim Club will run Tuesdays from 5:00–6:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 5:00–7:00 p.m. starting September 6. For registration details see the Puxi blog.

For more information contact your coaches, or George Carpouzis, Aquatics Director, Pudong campus ([george.carpouzis@saschina.org](mailto:george.carpouzis@saschina.org)) or Jon Biros, Aquatics Director, Puxi campus, ([jon.biros@saschina.org](mailto:jon.biros@saschina.org)).

### Aquatics blogs

#### **Pudong Aquatics Center:**

<http://teachers.saschina.org/pdswimming>

#### **Puxi Aquatics Center:**

<http://teachers.saschina.org/sasaquaticscenterpuxi>

## Activities at Puxi campus

By Steve Doleman, Activities Director, Puxi campus

Welcome back!! We all hope you are well rested and ready for another great year of SAS activities!!

In the quest for creating balanced lifestyles, SASPX offers numerous opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities. The program offers distinct sessions throughout the year (they vary from division to division) and is open to students of all grade levels.

We take this opportunity of introducing you to the Puxi Activities blog: <http://teachers.saschina.org/pxactivities>.

The blog is where we post our latest news and information, including ASA bus drop off points, ASA matrices, and APAC/China Cup dates.

### After School Activities (ASA) for 2011-12

#### ES ASA Dates

Season 1: 19 Sept–28 Oct  
Season 2: 6 Feb–9 March  
Season 3: 15 April–22 May

#### HS ASA Dates

Season 1: 19 Aug–23 Oct  
Season 2: 24 Oct–5 Feb  
Season 3: 6 Feb–22 Apr  
Season 4: 23 Apr–3 Jun

#### MS ASA Dates

Season 1: 29 Aug–30 Sept  
Season 2: 17 Oct–18 Nov  
Season 3: 5 Dec–3 Feb  
Season 4: 20 Feb–23 Mar  
Season 5: 16 Apr–29 May

In 2011–12, we will be extending the use of online registration through PowerSchool. Students and parents should become familiar with the online sign up procedure in order to process their registration requests.

The instructions for PowerSchool sign up are posted on the PX Activities blog.

#### Activity Buses

Departure Times: 4:30 p.m.; 5:15 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Routes:

Bus A — Huqingping area

Bus B — Portman area

Bus C1 — Hongqiao area

Bus C2 — Hongqiao/Xujiahui area

Bus D — Pudong area (no 4:30 p.m. service)

Bus E (6:00 p.m. only) — Jade Laguna area

For full details, please see the link on the blog: ASA Bus Drop Off Points.

Good luck to everyone ... Go Eagles!

## Activities at Pudong campus

By Todd Parham, Activities Director, Pudong campus

This will be one of several places you can gather information about upcoming activities, events, and competitions. You can also check out the SAS Pudong Campus Activities blog at <http://teachers.saschina.org/pdactivities> for detailed information.

### Upcoming Events

Save the date — Friday Night Lights is coming Friday, 9 September.

JV and Varsity volleyball games in the HS gym (time and opponent - TBD).

Varsity boys and girls rugby games out on the main field (time and opponent - TBD).

Varsity baseball will be playing on the baseball diamond (Game starts at 4:30 p.m. against SAS Puxi Varsity).

Buses will be provided, and the PTSA Snack Bar will be open selling all types of goodies. Come out and support our hard working high school student athletes.

#### ES and MS ASA Dates for 2011-12

Session 1: Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, starting Monday September 19.

Session 2: Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, starting Monday January 9, 2012.

Session 3: Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, starting Monday April 16, 2012.



# Coming soon to the PAC

By Doug Hundley, Director, Performing Arts Center, Puxi campus

On Friday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m., the PAC hosts the prestigious Shanghai Opera Dance Company's production of *Shanghai: Fast Forward*, a highly acclaimed modern dance production consisting of 14 original pieces that showcase the beauty, wonder, and magic that is modern Shanghai. While some pieces reflect on Shanghai's rich past and others tackle the issue of western influence, all clearly express that the city is prepared to embrace the future.

*Shanghai: Fast Forward* is a perfect start to the centennial year celebrations, as both Shanghai and SAS are symbols of tradition, growth, and promise.

Tickets are on sale now through SmartTicket Shanghai, the PAC box office, and the elementary school and high school offices. Adults: RMB 200; students: RMB 100.

*Shanghai: Fast Forward* is the first half of our two-part professional dance series celebrating the SAS centennial. On April 20, 2012, the PAC welcomes *Shanghai Sisters*, a contemporary dance drama that tells the true, poignant story of two sisters struggling to make it as dancers during Shanghai's golden age. Mark your calendars; tickets for this production will be on sale soon.



## ICE HOCKEY IN SHANGHAI



As the new school year begins, the Shanghai Thunderbirds Minor Hockey Club resumes action on the ice. Shanghai American School students from both Puxi and Pudong campuses play with the Thunderbirds and we welcome any new players who are interested in joining the club.

This season, House League teams will be created in two age categories: U12 (kids born in 1999-2002) and U8 (2003-2004). In addition, a U17 select team practices and plays together. House League competition will begin on Saturday,

September 17, and Sunday, September 18.

The Thunderbirds skate at two rinks in Shanghai: the Songjiang University Ice Center and the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Pudong. Games and practices are on Saturday and Sunday.

More information and photos are available at the ST-MHA website: <http://shanghaihunderbirds.com>. You can also download a Player Registration form from this website.

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Curry lentils	Veggie mapo tofu	Bell peppers stuffed with rice	Vegetable curry	Spinach cheese pizza
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Sago milk pudding	Carrot cake	Crème caramel	Jell-O	Apple pear strudel
MON, SEP 12	TUE, SEP 13	WED, SEP 14	THU, SEP 15	FRI, SEP 16
No school	Spaghetti chicken meatballs in red sauce Beef strips in creamy soy-ginger sauce (ES mini beef steaks), steamed rice, sautéed bok choy	<b>German day</b> Pork roast with crispy onion and brown sauce Chicken schnitzel, potato salad/mashed potatoes, mixed butter veggies	Beef goulash Chicken in black bean sauce (ES herb plain pan fried chicken breast), steamed rice, sautéed green peas	Salami pizza BBQ chicken wings, steamed rice, seasonal greens
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	Spring onion and veggies Jiao zi	Cabbage rolls	Veggie burger	Eggplant and tomato lasagna
	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Butter cake	Popsicle	Brownies	Apple tart
MON, SEP 19	TUE, SEP 20	WED, SEP 21	THU, SEP 22	FRI, SEP 23
Chicken quesadillas served with salsa Grilled Nurnberg sausages, rice and beans/butter potatoes, mixed green veggies	Sliced pork sandwich melt Hash steaks with mushroom sauce, steamed rice, sautéed green beans	Chicken marinated in cumin and garlic Pan fried beef steaks, black beans, steamed parsley, mixed vegetables	Fish sandwich on ciabatta and coriander mayo (ES fish fingers) Fried rice noodles stir fry with chicken, oven roasted potato wedges, cauliflower and carrots	Shepherd's pie (beef) Chicken Parmigiana in chunky tomato sauce, jacket potatoes/steamed rice, roasted pumpkin
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Vegetable fajitas	Spinach quiche	Bee hoon fried with onions and peppers	Fried rice with lentils and curry	Pizza-salad
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Vanilla cake with chocolate	Marble cake	Profiteroles au caramel	Triple color Jell-O	Apple and cinnamon strudel

Eurest Food Technologies, cafeteria phone extensions: Pudong campus – 3293, 3290; Puxi campus – 2561

# Upcoming Events

## Schoolwide

### September

- 3 New hire drinks at Vue
- 9-10 EARCOS Learning 2.0
- 12 No school, mid-Autumn day
- 16 SAS Founders' Day events
- 16 100 Lengths for 100 Years swim, 3:00 p.m. onwards
- 19 Founders' Day reception
- 23 Shanghai Fast Forward at PAC, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 New hire drinks and dinner at Lost Heaven on the Bund

### October

- 3-7 No school, National break
- 27 United Nations Day
- 21 The Wizard of Oz, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 The Wizard of Oz, 3:30 p.m.
- 31 Halloween parade

## Pudong

### September

- 7 ES/MS open house
- 8 Parent technology workshop
- 8 HS PTSA meeting and principal's coffee, 11:00 a.m.
- 14-15 ES photo day
- 15 MS treat day
- 17 Centennial BBQ
- 26-30 HS spirit week

### October

- 13 AMSA Math contest 1
- 14 ES/MS Spirit Walk
- 15 Centennial carnival and BBQ
- 17 MS MAP testing week
- 21 MS end of quarter 1 electives
- 24 MS board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## Puxi

### September

- 9 Grade 7 & 8 Bonding Day
- 14 MS principal's coffee, 10 a.m. LMC
- 14 ES open house (grades 3-5)
- 15 ES open house (preK-2)
- 17 Parent Information Fair, PAC
- 17 CISSA Touch Rugby competition
- 20 HS Megan Campisi visit
- 21 ES parent coffee, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 ES parent to parent, 10:30 a.m.
- 22 MS parents/counselors coffee, 10:00 a.m.
- 23 ES PK-2 Assembly, 8:20 a.m.

### October

- 12 MS principal's coffee, 7 p.m., PAC
- 13 Math contest, 12:55 p.m.
- 13 Grade 8 MAP testing
- 15 Centennial International Fair
- 18 Grade 6 & 7 MAP testing
- 29 International Fair
- 31 SAMS International Book Fair

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