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DAIS BEACH FUN...

When our learning community joins together in an environment of adventure, collaboration, friendly competition and fun, great things are bound to happen. And they did--at the annual DAIS Beach Barbecue held recently at nearby Golden Pebble Beach. As our cover photo attests, DAIS middle and high school student enthusiasm and camaraderie prevailed on a clear, sunny day that witnessed house led tugs-of-war along with blindfold, dodge ball and capture the flag competitions. Barbecued burgers and chips and plenty of water fueled the day's activities. Faculty got in on the fun too, participating in their respective house competitions. This past weekend, DAIS students returned to the beach in another capacity--to participate in the Applied Studies Environmental Science class annual Beach Clean-up effort. Students, parents, faculty and staff combed the beach to clear it of refuse. We are fortunate to have this ocean resource in our backyard. It offers our students the opportunity to collaborate, engage in responsive experiences, have fun, and to contribute to our global community--all of which support our school's mission.

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OCT PSAT Exam at DAIS

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OCT Volleyball Match at Shenyang Int'l School

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OCT Early Release
Professional Development Day

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OCT First Quarter Ends



ROBOTICS AT DAIS

Middle school science teacher, Patrick Herding, has been teaching his applied studies Robotics course here at DAIS since his arrival in 2011. Students form teams and work collaboratively to design, build and program a functioning robot--learning important problem-solving, troubleshooting, and design skills in the process. The course culminates in the exciting "Bottle Bot" competition where teams compete to test their robotic design, programming and functionality. This year, the class will travel to Shanghai, China in early November to participate in the first Middle School Worldwide Lego-League Competition. Ten international schools, some with as many as sixty participants, will attend and compete for prizes. DAIS will travel with a team of thirteen students. Each participating team will be required to prepare and present a research report before a panel of judges, demonstrating their programming, design, building and problem-solving skills. Go robotics!



DAIS AP PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers DAIS students college-level curriculum and examinations. Colleges and universities often grant placement and credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations. DAIS currently offers 12 AP courses, and will likely add more in the future. Participating in the program enables our students to acquire the skills and habits they'll need for college and university success. The program was created and is maintained by the US based College Board organization. A growing number of our students are participating in the AP Program and their results are very

encouraging. Colleges and universities look very closely at their applicants high school coursework. Did they challenge themselves by taking the most rigorous coursework available to them? Taking AP coursework answers that question, and achievement to date indicates that DAIS students are receiving a high-quality, rigorous educational experience.

AP 2013 Mean Scores	
DAIS	3.51
China Int'l Schools	3.45
Global	2.89



MR. MORATILLO'S ART



THE HUAMEI ACADEMY



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Sunday Softball USA Vs. Taiwan



Beach Clean-up



DAIS Polar Bear Club

Springfield/DAIS Friendship



Concert at Springfield Academy



ADMISSIONS UPDATE

With a robust enrollment of 377 students (DAIS 250, Huamei 127), our school began its 8th academic year. We recognize that families arrive in Dalian/DDA throughout the year and DAIS will accept applications on a “rolling” basis. Please contact our Admissions Office for more information and to schedule a tour of our school. If your child is leaving our school, a minimum of 30 calendar days written notice is required. This information is vital to our enrollment planning. We look forward to meeting you!

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GROWTH

According to the ICEF Monitor, it used to be that many international schools were created to educate the children of “internationally mobile families” and were populated by a high percentage of expatriates. That trend is reversing itself. Today, locally born residents “fill about 80% of spaces in international schools and are accountable for almost two thirds of the international market expansion.” Nicholas Brummitt, founder and managing director of International School Consultancy (ISC) Research Ltd. points out that, “The growing trend to send local children to international schools is based on the quality of teaching and learning that many of these schools provide, coupled with an understanding by local wealthier families of the value of an English-medium education.” The growth has been astounding, points out the ICEF Monitor. “There are now 20 countries that contain 100 or more international schools. 12 years ago there were 22 international schools in China; today there are 342. In total, there are some 6,533 international schools operating worldwide.”

And such growth is predicted to continue, Brummitt says. “Based upon the continuing market demand, within 10 years the number of international schools will expand to 11,331, the number of students will increase to 6.2 million, the number of staff to 529,000, and the annual fee income will reach almost 60 billion.”

(Sources: ISC Research Ltd, ICEF Monitor)



2013 DAIS Beach Barbecue



Mission Statement

Dalian American International School provides challenging, collaborative and responsive experiences that engage learners in developing intellect, character, and health.

At DAIS, every learner achieves personal excellence and contributes to the global community.