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Dear Dr. Nordness - thank you for all of your kindness and leadership for the last five years.

**“Summer afternoon, summer afternoon...
the two most beautiful words in the English
language”** Henry James

For some DAIS students, parents, teachers and staff, the summer break signals an upcoming move, the chance to reconnect with family and friends, the promise of travel and the opportunity to enjoy long, sun-filled days. Many of our teachers will pursue professional development opportunities this summer. Some of us will remain right here in Dalian/DDA, or explore greater China. For those who are leaving DAIS, we wish you every success in your future endeavors and we thank you for the many contributions you've made to our community. For those returning, we look forward to seeing you again when the 2014-2015 academic year begins. We hope all of you enjoy a safe, restful, and peaceful summer. See you in August!

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JUNE

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Have a Great Summer!

14
AUG

Opening Day of School

29
AUG

4:00 - Annual PSP Family Fun Night



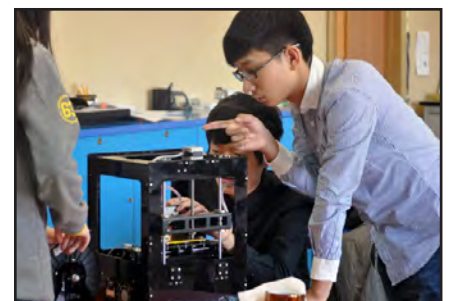
CONCERTS, ART SHOW & SPORTS DAY SHOWCASE STUDENT TALENT



MR. HERDING IN CLASS



HUAMEI ACADEMY AT WORK



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear DAIS and Huamei Students, Parents, Staff,

Another school year has passed and it is hard to believe we are days away from summer vacation. I have been thinking, lately, about some of the highlights that made the year special. Things that come to mind include:

- The biggest International Day celebration to-date. Twenty-one nations were represented and our parade included a Chinese color guard and Dragon Dancers.
- Two first place finishes at regional middle school competitions—one for Knowledge Bowl and one for Robotics.
- Outstanding music performances, including the most recent primary years, Welcome to the Jungle, and the combined intermediate and secondary concert.
- The spring Art Show with the most prolific display of our students' talents ever presented at DAIS.
- Student participation in environmental initiatives that were recognized by worldwide organizations including THIRST, UNESCO, Council of International Schools, and the East Asian Regional Council of Schools.
- An ACAMIS sports season, that for the first time in the school's history, included DAIS and Huamei students.
- Our hosting of the ACAMIS soccer tournament with international school teams from across China.
- Acceptances by our 21 graduating seniors to nearly 70 universities in the U.S. and Canada.
- The fourth graduation ceremony for DAIS students and the first graduation ceremony for our Huamei Chinese high school students.

And, these a but a few of the impressive accomplishments by our amazing DAIS and Huamei students.

I wish to thank you, the parents, of these students for the encouragement and support you give to your son or daughter every day. It is a joy to have these young people at our school. I also extend my deep and abiding appreciation to the outstanding DAIS and Huamei teachers. They unfailingly put students first in their planning and teaching.



Finally, on a personal note, I bid a fond farewell to you all. My wife Ann and I will be moving to Bahrain in the fall where I will be the Head of School at Riffa Views International School. Ann and I have loved getting to know you all and truly enjoyed our five years at DAIS and Huamei. We look forward to hearing about the ongoing incredible accomplishments that DAIS and Huamei are about to experience. I am so very happy that Ms. Terry Wolfson has been named as the new Head of School. She is a talented educator and leader who will continue to build the school's programs and opportunities for our students.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

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, written notice is required. We look forward to meeting you!

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SENIOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

*First Choice in Red

American University; Washington, District of Columbia USA

Arizona State University; Phoenix, Arizona USA

Baylor University; Waco, Texas USA

Boston College; Boston, Massachusetts USA

Boston University; Boston, Massachusetts USA

Brandeis University; Boston, Massachusetts USA

Bucknell University; Lewisburg, Pennsylvania USA

California College of the Arts; San Francisco, CA USA

Cleveland Institute of Art; Cleveland, Ohio USA

Colorado School of Mines; Golden, Colorado USA

Concordia University; Montreal, Quebec Canada

DePaul University; Chicago, IL USA

Dickinson College; Carlisle, Pennsylvania USA

Emerson College; Boston, Massachusetts USA

Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia USA

Flagler College; St Augustine, Florida USA

Fordham University; Bronx, New York USA

Hanyang University; Korea

HULT Business School; San Francisco, California USA

Indiana Univ. Bloomington; Bloomington, Indiana USA

Korean University; Korea

Lafayette University; Easton, Pennsylvania USA

Merrimack College; North Andover, Massachusetts USA

Miami University; Oxford, Ohio USA

Ohio State University; Columbus, Ohio USA

Otis College of Art and Design; Los Angeles, CA USA

Oxford College of Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia USA

Parsons The New School for Design; NY, New York USA

Pratt Institute; New York, NY USA

Purdue University; West Lafayette, Indiana USA

Rhode Island School of Design; Providence, RI USA

St. Louis University; St. Louis, Missouri USA

San Francisco Art Institute; San Francisco, CA USA

School of Art Institute of Chicago; Chicago, Illinois USA

School of Visual Arts; New York, New York USA

Simon Fraser University; Burnaby, BC Canada

Southwestern University; Georgetown, Texas USA

State Univ. of NY at Albany; Albany, New York USA

State Univ. of NY at Binghamton; Binghamton, NY USA

State Univ. of NY at Buffalo; Buffalo, NY USA

State Univ. of NY at Stony Brook; Stony Brook, NY USA

Sung Kyun Kwan University; Korea

University of British Columbia; Vancouver, BC Canada

University of California, Davis; Davis, California USA

University of California, Irvine; Irvine, California USA

Univ. of California, Riverside; Riverside, California USA

Univ. of California, Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara, CA USA

Univ. of California, Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, CA USA

University of Connecticut; Storrs, Connecticut USA

University of Kentucky; Lexington, Kentucky USA

University of Massachusetts Amherst; Amherst, MA USA

Univ. of Minnesota Duluth; Duluth Minnesota USA

Univ. of Minnesota Twin Cities; Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

University of Oregon; Eugene, Oregon USA

University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

University of Texas at Austin; Austin, Texas USA

University of Vermont; Burlington, VT USA

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington USA

University of Wisconsin-Stout; Menomonie, Wisconsin USA

Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Blacksburg, Virginia USA

Washington College; Chestertown, Maryland USA

York University; Toronto, Ontario Canada



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.