



May 2021

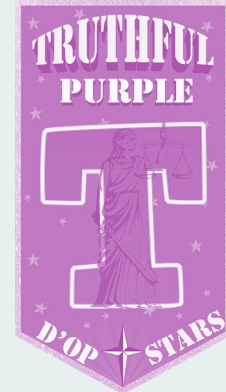
Greetings and Peace in Christ!

The reward for humility
and fear of the Lord is
riches and honor and life.

Proverbs 22:4

General Announcements:

- ★ **Invoice Receipt:** For next year's tuition payment please ask the bank to put the student's name or ID number on the receipt. This will ensure that the student's files will be updated in a timely fashion. Please submit a copy of your receipt to the office.
- ★ **Standardized Notebooks:** Do not buy your notebooks from a stationary store. To help our students we will make DISK notebooks for each division. These notebooks will standardize the lines and size to help students prepare/organize their work, suited for teacher comment writing and parent note.
- ★ **Complete School Uniform and proper footwear:** We will be updating our uniform policy to include the new high school uniforms. Pre-K will continue to wear the DISK sport uniforms. K2 - Gr.5 students' uniforms will consist of white collared polo and shorts and jumpers or girls. *(continued)*



MS formal uniforms will be pants for boys, (no more shorts for formal uniforms. Black school shoes matching formal uniform and black rubber shoes ONLY for PE.



★ Academic Bldg classroom allocation:

All Specialty subjects and Homeroom classes from Pre-K to Gr. 5 will be using the Academic Bldg. The Middle School and HS Gr. 9 will temporarily be in the newly renovated Annex Bldg. 2nd Floor which was formerly the big space of the School Chapel. This will be used until the new planned buildings of DISK are constructed. Details of this plan will be announced as soon as possible.

★ **Drop-off and pick up scheme SY 2021-2022:** All students from Pre-K to Gr. 5 directly go to the covered area and can go to their classroom at 7:45 am. after clocking in at the bottom of the stairs. The school nurse, Prefect of Discipline and a specialty teacher will be there to meet and greet the students. Every floor will also have a teacher to ensure students' safety and order.

Gr. 6 to Gr. 9 students will clock in at the front lobby's ID scanner then go directly to the Annex Bldg. 2nd floor where the Middle School and HS Gr.9 classrooms are temporarily located.

★ **Summer construction:** The Academic Building will undergo a major renovation this summer break. Fixtures that will be changed:

- ⇒ Fluorescent to LED lights
- ⇒ New windows and doors
- ⇒ Luxury Vinyl Flooring for all classrooms
- ⇒ Kindergarten outdoor classroom and motor skill practice spaces near the back of guard house
- ⇒ New renovated restrooms and sink
- ⇒ Ramp for PWD

★ New Teachers:

Ms. Hasmin Macatabang

Mr. Jan Hidalgo

Mr. Daniel Rodriguez

Mr. Julio Macrohon

Ms. Juliette Oliver

Ms. Heidi Spencer

Ms. Rosa Lee

Ms. Tamara Palma

New Staff

Ms. Angela Tsuo

Ms. Lendy Lee

Ms. Michelle Lee

★ **Organization adjustment for 2021—2022**

We are now going to have DIVISION LEADERS/HEAD and other new duties. We would like to inform the DISK Community of the new duties and responsibilities that will be implemented next school year.

Curriculum/Administrative Coordinator - **Mr. Donald Hilden**

MS/HS Curriculum Coordinator - **Mr. Michael Rossiter**

Division Head/Leader

Kindergarten - **Ms. Chloe Johnson**

Lower Elementary - **Ms. Maureen Woods**

Upper Elementary - **Ms. Kerri Aikman**

MS/HS and WASC/PD Coordinator - **Ms. Esther Garcia**

As we continue to develop and expand the program of DISK and the coming of more members in faculty, it is our hope that this facilitate stronger organization and cohesive planning in our curriculum, raising the bar of the education quality in DISK.

★ **DISK Closing Mass: May 25, 2021** we will have the mass for the feast of **Pentecost**, sponsored by the specialty teachers, as thanksgiving for the graces and blessings that God has bestowed upon us throughout this School Year 2020-2021. We shall also witness the First Communion Ceremony of Xavier Knopf from grade 3.

★ **Passport update:** As we prepare for the start of next school year we have completed our review of students' passports. Some passports are due to be renewed during the first semester. If you have started your renewal process please forward the confirming documents. If there is any concern please contact the Registrar's office. Thank you for your continued support of Dominican International School Kaohsiung.

★ **Honor award May 26, 2021** To qualify for Honors, a student must obtain an overall average of B+ and above, with all grades of B and above, including Department, and attendance records are also assessed to determine honors.. Additional Awards: Each semester, DIS, Kaohsiung recognizes outstanding students as a result of deliberations amongst the Principal/Directress, Academic/Curriculum Coordinator, Homeroom Teachers, and Subject Teachers.

★ **After School Activities/Clubs Ideas being reviewed for the coming year**

- ◆ **Homemaker-** sewing and household chores
- ◆ **Music Instruments** - piano, drums, guitar, ukulele, etc
- ◆ **Tech Talk Club** - MIT Department
- ◆ **Band Orchestra Development**
- ◆ **Science & Technology Club** - Science department in collaboration with the MIT department
- ◆ **Sport** - Team Development Program
- ◆ **English Speaking Program** - Readers Theaters, Public Speaking, Comedic Performances
- ◆ **Sport- Team Development Program**

We are planning on more after school programs and clubs based on the interest from the students and the support from community.

★ **WASC Accreditation:**

As our accreditation journey continues, we have had positive feedback on the work to date. We may proceed toward an Initial Visit in the Fall of this year, adding the high school to the process starting with the new Grade 9 which opens in September. Our Steering Committee members have contributed greatly to the ongoing improvement planning for the school, and as always, we appreciate the dedicated support of our valuable teachers and all stakeholders.

★ **Staff Professional Development:**

All staff attended a virtual School Accreditation Workshop on Saturday 24 April with our WASC

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International Consultant. Topics involved the review of the WASC guiding principles and some of the key criteria involved in the accreditation process. It was great to see collaborative professional learning in process as DISK continues to move forward, always striving to raise



★ DISK PD Coordinator and Ms. Cooper & all of the Administration congratulates all participating teachers who have contributed significantly to school improvement this year through the school's Job-Embedded Professional Development Program. Guided by PLC Group Leaders Ms. Aikman, Ms. Bright, and Mr. Burton over the course of this year. Teachers presented a compilation of their Action Research material and data at a final meeting in April. They have delivered some amazing achievements and results centered around the school's identified students needs. Well done to our wonderful teachers! Thank you for your dedication to our DISK students.

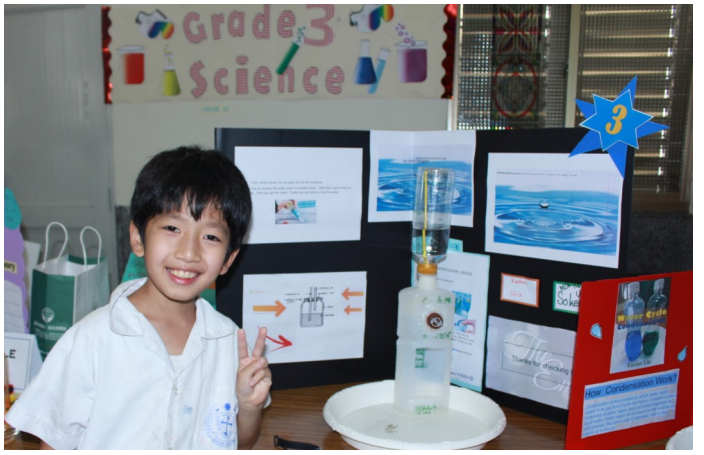
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★ DISK Science Fair 2021

This year's DISK Science Fair was celebrated with great success. The event was meant to strengthen and empower our student centered learning goal. Students from G1 - G8 presented their projects before parents and teachers in the gymnasium. During the event, students provide explanations of their experiments in poster and in person. Students were so excited to showcase their works before parents and teachers. It was an overwhelming period for DISK teachers to see their students presenting their experiments to parents with confidence.





In DISK, teachers strive to promote student centered learning and critical thinking. The school will not relent in its efforts to graduate students who will be great ambassadors of education.

In the future, we look forward to building a robust science education program that will support students to excel in their scientific ideas. Moreover, give them a chance to have hands-on practice in what they have learned.

Finally, this event wouldn't have been celebrated with success without the unwavering cooperation of parents, students, faculty staff and the administration of DISK. Thanks to everyone who has supported DISK Science Fair 2021.

★ **DISK Community Service - Our annual Earth day clean up of the beach.**

Thank you to all of the DISK students who worked hard at our beach clean up on Cijin beach. We were impressed by the students' teamwork and the way in which they represented the school with pride. We removed a lot of trash from the beach and learned about some important places in our community, a job well done.



★ Library Week Challenge

(Big thanks to our Student Library Leaders: Evelyn Lin- G8 & Kaitlin Yang-G6 for their time and effort in organizing this event)

Read books as much as you can! One stamp for each correct answer!

Winners for the Month of April

1st Week

Lower Level

1st **Carolin Yang**

2nd **Mason Yong**

Upper Level

1st **Annalisa Driver**

2nd **Nickie Lin**

3rd **Jenny Huang**

2nd Week

Lower Level

1st **Carolin Yang**

2nd **Jessie Chan**

Upper Level

1st **Madelin Yang**

2nd **Chloe Huang**

3rd **Lisa Lo**

Phoebe Lin

3rd Week

Lower Level

1st **Carolin Yang**

2nd **Davin Chen**

3rd **Oviya Sivasubramanian**

Upper Level

1st **Madelin Yang**

2nd **Chloe Huang**

3rd **Phoebe Lin**

4th Week

Lower Level

1st **Carolin**

2nd **Davin Chen**

3rd **Camille Huang**

Upper Level

1st **Chloe Huang**

2nd **Lisa Lo**





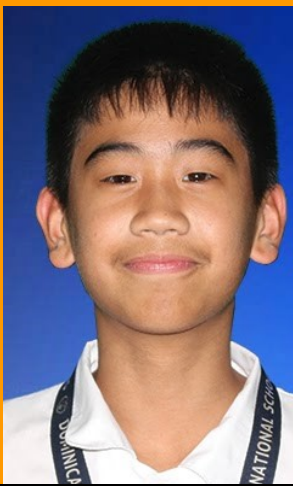

Phoebe Lin

3rd **Madelin Yang**

★ **'STARS' House point winners:** April is Responsibility (Green) 'STARS' ESLR's house that displayed the meaning of the Expected Students Learning Results with 405 points for the last month. Great job by all with a tight race between the 'STARS' houses.

★ **Schoolwide Learning Outcomes (SLOs)**

Our mission and vision are presented to students as character statements called Schoolwide Learning Outcomes, or SLOs which are taught to students throughout the year and are assessed in all courses as department. In the month of April, we honored the following students for demonstrating SLOs both in and out of school. These students were awarded up to 25 house points for their hard work and dedication.

D'OP 'STARS' of the Week			
			
Max C. Lin	Jasmine Wu	Katie Chu Tai	Charleson Liu
			
Jack Hu	Johnson Yang	Kaitlin Yang	

DISK Shining Stars



Elsa Lu-2nd in group
Camille Huang-1st in group
Chloe Huang-1st in group, 3rd overall
Rollerblading



Ethan Chen
2nd place
Soccer
Competition



Katie Chu Tai
Spartan Kids 2021
Trifecta Qualifier



Jonas Juan
1st place running

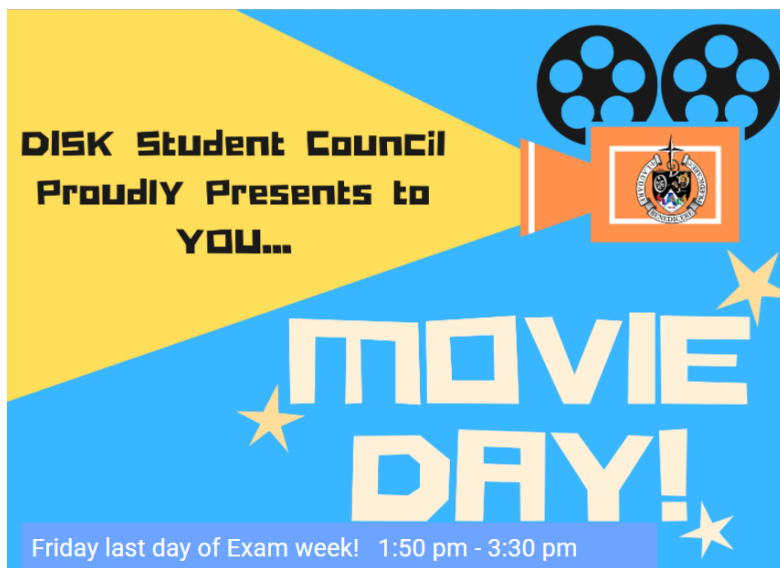
Spiritual 2455; Truthful 2344; Active 2629; Responsible 2621; Studious 2485

Upcoming Activities

Summer Camp:

Sunsational Summer Camp in DISK, June 28 - July 16, 2021,, 9:30 am - 3pm. Exclusively for DISK students only, grades 1-5.

Spirit Day



Honors Ceremony will be on WEDNESDAY, May 26th at 8:45 am. Everyone is invited to join us for the ceremony. We welcome all to join us as we celebrate our students' academic achievement.

Kindergarten graduation will be held on THURSDAY, May 27th at 8:30 am. On-campus attendance is limited to individuals on the guest list.

Grade 5 Promotion and Grade 8 Graduation will also be held on THURSDAY, May 27th at 9:45 am. DISK will host the event separate from the Kindergarten graduation.

May 28th is a half-day and also the last day of attendance for all students. Students will be dismissed for summer vacation at **11:15 am**.

A colorful poster for 'Sunsational Summer Camp in DISK'. At the top left is a smiling sun with a face. The title 'SUNSATIONAL SUMMER CAMP IN DISK' is in bold black letters. Below it, 'Who can join: EXCLUSIVELY FOR DISK STUDENTS!!! GRADES 1-5 returning students new students \$V 21-22' is written. A table lists camp facilitators for two periods: June 28 to July 9, 2021 (Ms. Maureen Woods, Ms. Kerri Aikman, Mr. Matthew Burton) and July 12 to July 16, 2021 (Mr. Matthew Burton, Ms. Olivia Bright). The dates and time are 'When: June 28 - July 16, 2021 (Monday - Friday)' and 'Time: 9am - 3pm'. A blue oval contains 'Camp Fee: NT\$ 30,000'. A list of activities includes 'outings', 'team building', 'scavenger hunts', 'Science Experiments', 'water fun', 'arts and crafts', and 'EcoDiscovery'. At the bottom, it says 'LIMITED SLOTS 40 students maximum Registration starts April 26 to May 7 Kindly approach school Registrar for inquiries'.

A blue poster for the 'DISK Basketball Tournament'. At the top, it says 'STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS:'. The title 'DISK Basketball Tournament' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the date and time are 'Monday 24th May 2:45PM to 3:30PM'. A graphic shows a basketball hoop and a player jumping. The text 'Sign up your team at the STUCO office!' is in yellow. At the bottom, there are five colored circles: red, purple, blue, green, and orange.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the DISK Community through fun and educational activities in the 2020-2021 school year and we sincerely look forward to seeing you next year for more exciting activities and events! Have a great summer vacation and remember to be safe during this challenging time. See you in August!

Thank you for all you do to support our school community!



Any questions or concerns should be addressed to the Administration by contacting the Office.

Upon completion of the required studies, the Dominican International School, Kaohsiung envisions its graduates to be: **'STARS'**

*SPIRITUAL ** TRUTHFUL ** ACTIVE ** RESPONSIBLE ** STUDIOUS*