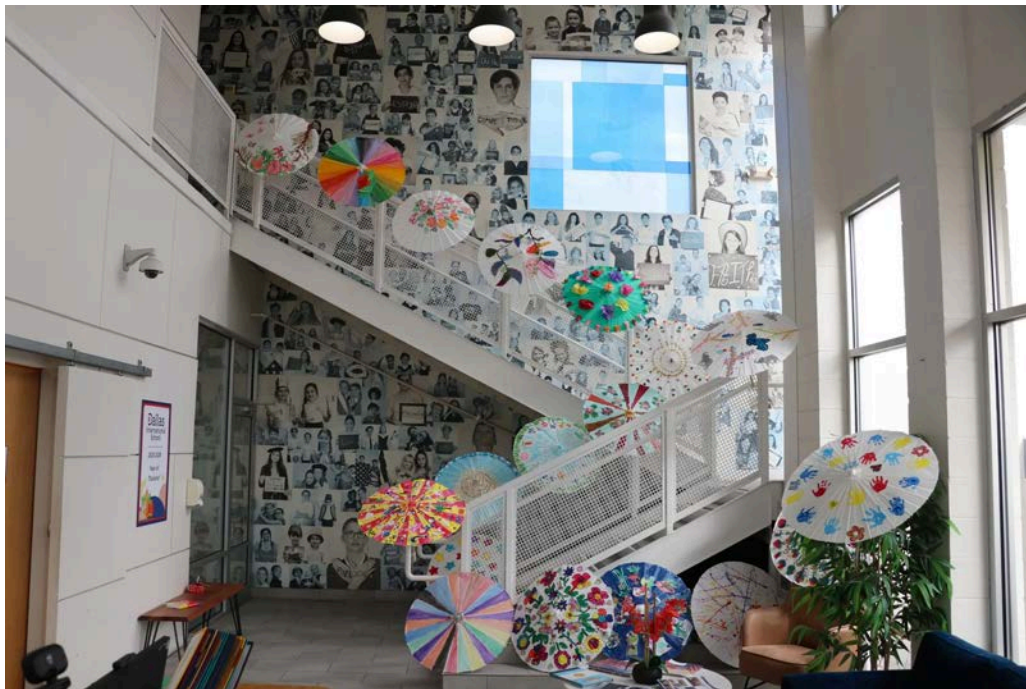




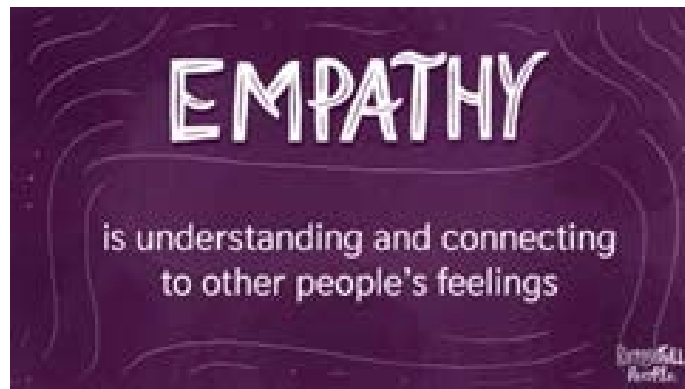
Primary School Heads-Up - 1/23/26



Dear Primary School Community,

This week, in celebration of our Country of the Year, Thailand, students at our Churchill Campus honored the Bo Sang Umbrella Festival. This Thai festival is traditionally held from January 16-18 and features hand-painted umbrellas.

Each class started this project with a read-aloud session featuring the Thai tale, *The Umbrella Queen*. Following the reading, each class painted their own umbrellas and came together for a fun contest for the most creative umbrellas. We are so proud of what the students have accomplished! The umbrellas are now on display in the Churchill reception area.



From Mrs. Elizabeth Sham, School Counselor

January guidance lessons with Mrs. Sham will be on the topic of Empathy. This DIS Core Value invites students to practice perspective-taking and kind consideration of others. Here are family newsletters on Empathy organized by grade level: [Early Childhood](#), [Kindergarten](#), [First](#), [Second](#), [Third](#) and [Fourth](#).

Carpool

I would like to remind our community that the speed limit is **5mph** on campus. Please keep a slow speed when going through the parking lot. For the safety of our students and staff, please carefully read the carpool instructions below. Also, out of courtesy to our families and staff who use the sidewalks—and for everyone's safety—please avoid parking over the sidewalks when backing into parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Carpool Instructions and Organization](#)

ParentPulse Surveying

To better understand and respond to your needs, we've partnered with ParentPulse, a company that specializes in gathering feedback for independent schools. To learn more, we invite you to watch this [brief video](#).

Moving forward, every parent will receive an invitation every few months to complete a short survey. These surveys will be sent at different times to ensure that we get a diverse range of responses. Your feedback, collected through these brief surveys, will help us address any concerns quickly and make improvements throughout the year. All information collected is used solely for our internal analysis, and your personal contact details will remain confidential and will never be shared.

Additionally, we want to make it easy for you to communicate with us at any time. Whether you have a question, suggestion, concern, or praise, we've created a [Talk to TIGRE](#) platform. This "comment parking lot" will be open **24/7** and monitored every school day, so you can share your thoughts whenever you need.

Enroll Now for Winter Break Camp

Join us for our upcoming Winter Break Camp from Monday, February 16 - Friday, February 20. For more information and to enroll, please [click here](#). This year's camp includes dozens of activities, including cooking, pottery, chess, soccer and much more. This camp will take place on our Churchill Campus, but Waterview students are welcome to sign up for activities designated for them.

FB and IB Deep Dive

A huge thank you to the families who joined us this week at our Waterview Campus for the information sessions on our French Baccalaureate and International Baccalaureate Programs. If you were unable to attend, you can access the presentations below.

[Link to Deep Dive IB Presentation](#)

[Link to Deep Dive FB Presentation](#)

Coming Up: Conversation with the Head of Primary Tuesday, January 27, 6:00pm

We will host the second Conversation with the Head of Primary, Mr. Franck Philipp, on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00pm at our Churchill Campus. [Please RSVP to let us know you're coming.](#)

Coming Up: DIS Family Information Sessions Wednesday, January 28 - Thursday, January 29

We enjoyed meeting with parents and guardians during December's round of Family Information Sessions that have been designed to provide you with deeper insights into Dallas International School's programs, operations and future direction. If you are able to attend this month's sessions, please register your interest by [completing this RSVP](#). Upcoming sessions at Waterview and online include:

Wednesday, January 28 (Online, 6:00pm): Safety and Security at DIS

Thursday, January 29 (Churchill, 9:00am): Safety and Security at DIS

Coming Up: State of the School Address Thursday, January 29, 5:30pm

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual State of the School Address on Thursday, January 29 in the MPR. The DIS Board of Trustees and our Head of School, Mr. Jacques Weber, will share insights into our school's current status and progress, as well as the strategic vision that will carry us forward. [Click here to RSVP to attend this event.](#)

The program will go as follows:

5:30pm - Student-led tours of the Waterview Campus

6:00pm - State of the School Address

7:00pm - PTO Updates
7:15pm - Refreshments
8:00pm - Event concludes

Coming Up: Mother-Son Pickleball
Sunday, February 8, 2:00pm

Mother-Son Pickleball is back! Tickets are now on sale and limited spots are still available. This is a great opportunity for mothers and sons to spend an afternoon together. This event is appropriate for all ages and levels from first-time paddle holders to tournament-ready duos.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Coming Up: Valentine's Day Celebration Details
Friday, February 13

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13. It is going to be a free dress day and we encourage students to wear pink, red and/or white. Students will be allowed to bring Valentine's Day cards to exchange with classmates. This will be a student-only event.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- Any students participating must bring cards for every classmate.
- If students want to give gifts or candies, please bring one bag per classmate with candy prepackaged in it.
- For younger grades, such as *Maternelle*, please leave cards blank without names for easier distribution by the teachers.
- Healthy treats are encouraged; candy may not be eaten at school.

In order to avoid any food allergies, students are not allowed to share food. To prevent serious and life-threatening allergic reactions, no nuts or any product containing nuts—including peanut butter or Nutella—are allowed on campus.

Coming Up: DELF Ceremony at Waterview
Thursday, February 26, 6:00pm

Families with a child who took the DELF last year are invited to attend the DELF Ceremony on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00pm at our Waterview Campus. During this ceremony, we will recognize our students' impressive achievements and present the official DELF certificates recently received from the French government. A separate invitation will be sent soon with a link to RSVP.

Coming Up: DIS Talent Show Auditions
Sunday, March 15, 10:00am

We are excited to announce that the DIS Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 8 at 6:00pm. Talent Show registration is now open, and auditions will be held on **Sunday, March 15, from**

10:00am-5:00pm. If you have a talent that you'd like to showcase, [click here to sign up](#). The deadline to sign up for auditions is Wednesday, February 11, so sign up while slots are still available! Auditioners will be given a specific time slot to audition at our Churchill Way campus. Additional audition dates will be added if needed. There will be one mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, May 3.

We will continue to keep you updated on what's happening at the Churchill Campus and please always feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,
Franck Philipp

On the Horizon

- **Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:00pm** - Conversation with the Head of Primary
- **Wednesday, January 28 - Thursday, January 29, 2026** - DIS Family Information Sessions (Churchill and Online)
- **Thursday, January 29, 2026, 5:30pm** - [PTO AGM and State of the School Address](#) (Waterview Campus)
- **Friday, January 30, 2026** - Report Cards Released to Parents
- **Tuesday, February 3, 2026** - Thai-rific Day (Country of the Year Celebration)
- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** - Lunar New Year Recognition
- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** - [DIS Talent Show Auditions Sign-Up Deadline](#)
- **Friday, February 13, 2026** - Valentine's Day Celebration
- **Monday, February 16 - Friday, February 20, 2026** - Winter Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00pm** - DELF Ceremony (Waterview Campus)
- **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 10:00am** - DIS Talent Show Auditions
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** - [DIS Photo Retakes \(Churchill Campus\)](#)

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