

Notes from the Schoolyard:

Special Points of Interests:

- October 25 - November 2 : Semester break . No Saturday classes during this period.
- November 3: Classes resume
- November 7: Teachers' Day
- November 8: FIS Faculty and Staff field trip. No Sat. office.
- November 13 -14 : 2nd quarter Parents -Teachers Conference

Birthday Celebrants—

Oct. 4-Nov. 5

- Da Eun Ahn
- Su Min Kin
- Dong Hyun Kim
- Seong Eun Jeon
- Abdurahman Dimakuta
- Madeline Alexandria Juliao
- Saul Jeremiah Rosenthal
- Franco Capalongan
- Simone Funtanilla

"A loving heart is the truest wisdom" Charles Dickens

"Stronger UN for a Better World at FIS"

"We are the World." "I'd like to Teach the World to Sing." Yesterday's Dream." "Imagine" "One Voice, One Little Candle." "From the Distance." All familiar tunes for many of us who watched celebrities literally join hands in a fight against world hunger or children sing the famous Carpenter's and Disney tunes. At a time when airline tickets are sky-high and the news tells of different international, cultural challenges, it becomes important now more than ever to teach our students about tolerance, acceptance, even love. Centuries ago, scientists thought the world was flat, and though we've since learned that the planet is neither flat nor round, it is small.

Well, it is a small world after all, at least on Annapolis covered court.. By the time this newsletter would reach your hands, our students had just finished singing their share of peace songs. Our students were the world when FIS had its annual United Nations' celebration with Mr. Yusuf Ozdemir welcoming the parents, guests and FIS populace to this simple program yet the program that aimed to touch ones heart that life is beautiful if peace abounds. All grades from nursery to six dressed in international costumes and sang songs, underscoring this year's theme of our children's voices uniting the world. We asked that the students wear costumes

that they wore last year, borrowed from friends and family, or bought for a minimum amount. While FIS wanted to make this celebration as stress-free as possible, we encouraged students to recycle or borrow clothing to emphasize the greater theme of conservation and sensitivity. There are not enough occasions to officially celebrate our diversity, but United Nations Day is one of them that allows us to wonder and be grateful for the peace and tolerance at our international school. Our warm congratulations to the hard work of the faculty and staff chaired by Teachers Reyna E. Valera and Vilma Amo.

Preparing for the United Nations' Celebration

We are the world



Take me by the hand



Harmony - it echoes to land



We have one dream

Make a better place for you