

# The Global Child

Fall Newsletter

September 2018-November 2018



**The Global Child**  
Today's Children, Tomorrow's World.

This fall we welcomed 11 new students; our 7<sup>th</sup> generation of TGC students! In addition, we kicked off the new school year on Opening Day with student performances of traditional Khmer dances and songs! We also honored our top students and staff with achievement awards and had a special visit from Judy Wheeler.

# Welcoming Our New Students



## Exam Day

In early September, we welcomed 22 potential new students to TGC to take an entrance exam. The kids took the exam and were able to spend time with current students, teachers and staff. After the exam, Teachers Dara, Soben and Chhaylon collaborated to select 11 new TGC students. We are excited to announce that we have welcomed our 7<sup>th</sup> Generation of TGC students this fall!



## Integration Day

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, just before the new school year began, we welcomed our 11 new students to TGC for Integration Day. In the morning Mum Pov and Mum Lim gave the students a tour of the school. After, members of the TGC student council showed the new students around the classrooms, bathrooms and library. They also explained TGC rules and expectations. Just before lunchtime, Teacher Chhaylon talked with all of the students about maintaining a positive attitude and becoming good citizens throughout their time at TGC. Students were shown videos of past TGC students to inspire them! At the end of the day, the volunteers led the students in team building activities so that the new students could get to know the older students better. All-in-all it was a fun day and we are excited to have 11 wonderful new students!



# Meet Our New Students

Get to know TGC's 7<sup>th</sup> Generation!



*"Hi! My name is Sreyra. I am 13 years old. I like to see saw for fun and my favorite color is red. I love TGC because it's great."*



*"My name is Yana. I am 12 years old. I like to dance for fun! My favorite color is green."*



*"Hello my name is Sarat. I am 12 years old. I really like my family. My favorite color is pink. I love TGC because it's beautiful."*



*"Hi! My name is Sreynut. I am twelve years old. I like to play see-saw! My favorite color is orange. I love TGC because it's a great place!"*



*"My name is Satya. I am 12 years old. I like to kick soccer balls. I like the color blue. I love TGC because it's cool!"*



*"Hi my name is Mary. I am 12 years old. I like to jump for fun. My favorite color is yellow."*



*“Hi! My name is Ramol. I am 11 years old. I like to play soccer. My favorite color is white. I love TGC because it’s a fantastic school!”*



*“My name is Chantha. I am 12 years old. I like to eat mango. My favorite color is brown. I love TGC because it’s a great place.”*



*“I’m Piseth. I am 13 years old. I like to play soccer My favorite color is green. I love TGC because I like to learn.”*



*“My name is Srey Net. I am 11 years old. I like to sleep. My favorite color is white.”*



*“Hi! My name is Sreymeas and I am 12 years old. I like to read a book. My favorite color is purple. I love TGC because it’s a pretty place!”*

# Opening Day

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated Opening Day to begin the 2018-2019 school year!



10 students were recognized with academic achievement awards for the 2017-2018 school year. They accepted certificates with the support of their family members.



Grade 10 and Grade 7 students performed 4 different traditional Khmer dances including the Ramayana Monkey Dance.



Students also performed Khmer songs. Thank you to music teacher, Brak Sophanna, for coordinating the musical performances!



This year, more family members attended Opening Day than ever before! Here the students are with their families and the TGC teachers and staff.

# Enrichment Activities

## Pchum Ben Day Field Trip

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, students, staff, volunteers and TGC alumni visited Preah Anchub Pagoda at Kulen Mountain to celebrate Pchum Ben Day. Pchum Ben is a Buddhist holiday in which the spirits of ancestors are believed to be looking for their living relatives on earth. Everyone is expected to give offerings to the monks at this time and once accepted, the offerings are dispersed among all of the spirits. During the trip, students were able to learn about Khmer culture and make offerings to the monks.



## Halloween Party

On Halloween, the volunteers were excited to throw a Halloween party for the students! The students had their faces painted, bobbed for apples and attempted to eat donuts off of string! After the activities, the students gathered to watch Hocus Pocus, a classic American Halloween movie.



## Swimming Lessons

On November 9<sup>th</sup> the students had the day off of school to celebrate the Independence Day of Cambodia. Teacher Chhaylon taught the students how to make Nom Ambok Bamboo using pound rice, banana, flour and coconut. The students loved the delicious snack! After cooking, students went to a local swimming pool for swimming lessons with the volunteers!



# Education

## Outstanding Student Award

Each year the teachers and staff of TGC select one student to receive the “Outstanding Student Award.” This award is given based on the student’s character, engagement and leadership. Srey Mom of Grade 7 received the 2017-2018 award and a brand new bicycle! We continued the day with a pizza party to celebrate the achievements of all of our students throughout the past year. Congratulations Srey Mom!

## Union College Pen Pal Program

This fall, our volunteers began a pen pal program between the Grade 10 students and students at Union College in Schenectady, NY. Students were matched up with pen pals based on their interests and personalities. Once a month, students send letters to their pen pals in the U.S. discussing their favorite activities, their families and what they are studying in school.

## Digital Art Class

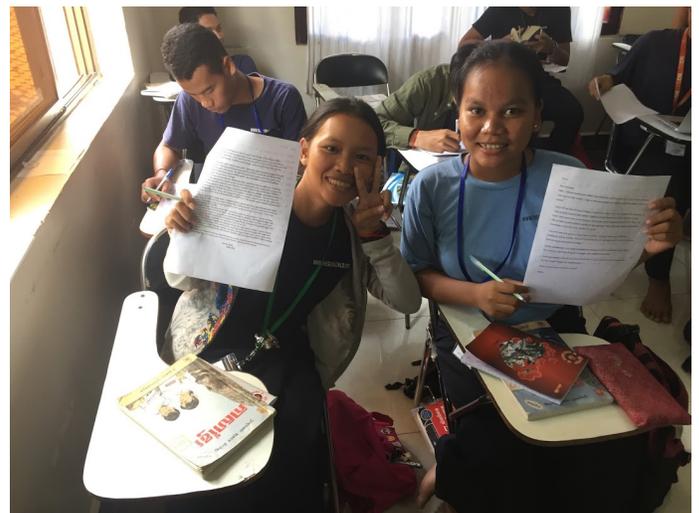
For the 2018-2019 school year students will continue to learn about digital art with the volunteers. Grade 7 and 10 students have been developing their basic Adobe Illustrator skills while Grade 5 students have started a claymation project.

## English Lessons with Staff

In late October, TGC staff began taking English lessons with the volunteers. The staff is working to improve their reading, speaking and listening skills in English. They are even teaching the volunteers some Khmer as well!

## Monthly Exams

At the end of October, students completed their first monthly exams of the year. Their results were fantastic and they started off the school year on a great foot!



# Visit from Judy

In late October we had the pleasure of welcoming Judy Wheeler, co-founder and Chairman of TGC, to Siem Reap for a week!

## Meeting with Recent Graduates

Judy met with our recent graduates to discuss their future plans and to encourage them to continue with their studies. Judy talked with the graduates about the support they will continue to receive from TGC as they attend University or start new jobs.

## Meeting with Staff

Judy also met with all of the full-time and part-time staff of TGC at Joe-to-Go. Judy updated the staff on new initiatives and thanked them for all that they do for the school. In addition, Judy encouraged teachers and staff to ask questions or offer any suggestions they may have.

## Presentation of Awards

This year, two teachers were recognized for their excellence and commitment to TGC. First, physics teacher, Chheng Chhean, was awarded a certificate. Chheng Chhean has been working at TGC since 2011 and has consistently helped our students improve their knowledge of physics. Next, karate teacher, Dek Phearun, was recognized by Judy and Principal Dara. Dek Phearun has been working with TGC for 14 years now! Every Sunday he travels all the way from Phnom Penh to work with our students. Congratulations to Chheng Chhean and Dek Phearun and thank you to all of our teachers for your contributions to TGC!



## Environmental Initiatives



September 8<sup>th</sup> is World Environment Day! To celebrate, students walked around Siem Reap and cleaned up trash on the streets. They learned about the importance of taking care of the environment and the responsibility they hold as citizens to help improve their community.



In mid-October Mum Pov led the boys of Grade 10 in reconstructing the TGC vegetable garden. The students removed plants from a raised bed and re-planted them on the ground behind TGC. Mum Lim often cooks with vegetables that are grown in our garden which serves as a sustainable food source!

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*Warmest Regards, Judy Wheeler*

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