



NEWSLETTER

Why Our Mission Statement Matters

Our school has a mission statement. Most days, we walk past it in the hallway or scroll past it on our website without giving it much thought. This week, however, we did something different. We brought it into our classrooms and asked students to memorize it—not as a rote exercise, but as a way to start a real conversation about who we are and why this school exists.

“It is our desire to inspire the mind, body, and spirit of each child through engaging, challenging, and creative learning.” One sentence. Yet in those words lives the heart of what we seek to do as a Seventh-day Adventist school. It reminds us that education is not about developing one part of a child while neglecting the rest. It is about educating the whole person.

We have always believed that the body matters. In the rush of academics, this truth is easy to overlook. A tired student struggles to focus. A child who skips breakfast or sleeps too little is not prepared to learn well. When we emphasize healthy habits—adequate rest, good nutrition, movement, and play—we are laying the foundation for learning itself. A healthy body supports clear thinking, self-discipline, and character. At the same time, our purpose goes beyond keeping students healthy. We are here to teach them how to think. Not simply to memorize facts for a test, but to ask questions, seek understanding, and learn independently. When thinking becomes careless, judgment often follows. Our goal is deeper than grades. We want students who think critically, solve problems, and grow into thoughtful, self-directed learners. Yet even a strong body and a sharp mind are incomplete without purpose. Without direction, education can lose its meaning. This is where the spiritual dimension matters. It is not confined to chapel or Bible class. It shapes how we treat others, why we work hard, and how we use what we learn. As students grow in knowledge and ability, they must also grow in wisdom and character. Spiritual grounding provides a steady compass for life.

That is why our mission speaks of mind, body, and spirit together. When one is emphasized at the expense of the others, balance is lost. Knowledge without humility, strength without purpose, or spirituality without practical living all fall short. These three elements work best when they grow together.

So when students memorize our mission statement, they are learning more than words. They are learning a vision for their lives. It is also a reminder for all of us—students, teachers, parents, and administrators—that our goal is not simply academic success, but the development of whole, thoughtful, healthy, and principled individuals. That is the heart of Adventist education. And that is why our mission statement matters.

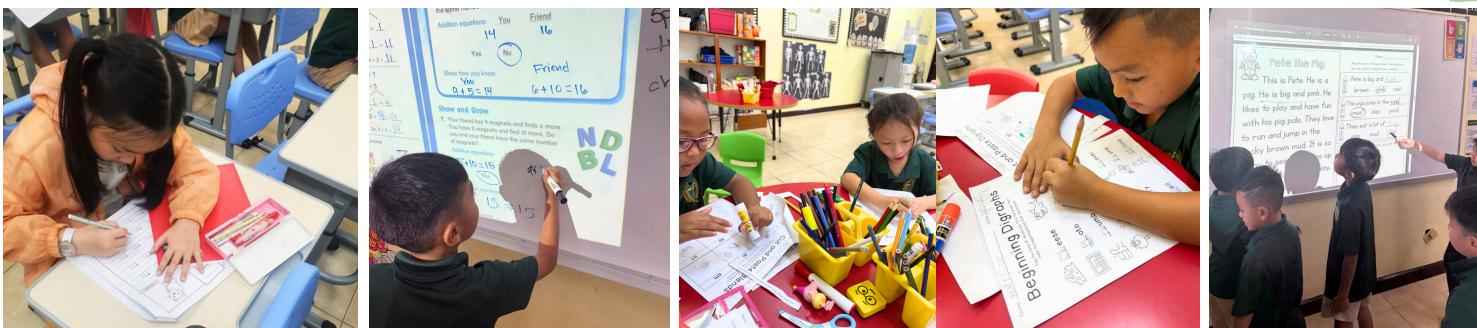


Yeon Ho Song
Principal





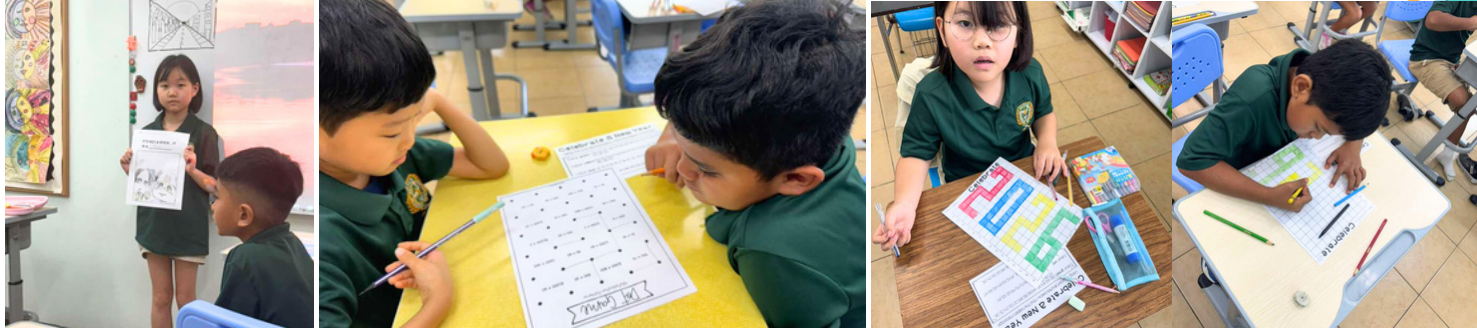
Kindergarten - Left to right: Doing fun activities such as exploring how objects float in salt water versus fresh water, drawing and coloring ways to show love to their families, and learning basic sign language while reading a story about a deaf boy and his dad.



1st Grade - Left to right: Learning proper handwriting skills, practicing how to show critical thinking when solving problems, blending words using familiar items, and working on reading passages to find answers.



2nd Grade - Left to right: Sorting sand to learn about where it came from, exploring different cultures and traditions, and writing their own fictional stories to express creativity and imagination.



3rd & 4th Grade - Left to right: Participating in the "It Is Not" art assignment and creating amazing art; challenging each other with a multiplication dot game; and learning how to use coordinates to design their own 2026 welcome signs.



5th & 6th Grade - Left to right: Working on their word lists, exploring different perspectives in the Bible, and learning about parables through acting, discussion, and reading the stories together.



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LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**



7th & 8th Grade - Left to right: Engaging in collaborative discussions and reading activities, making slime while exploring chemical and physical properties, and working on text analysis by comparing two different texts.

Physical Education



January Birthdays

- Katana Glenn** 3
- Hazel Kim** 11
- Alaina Goomtam** 12
- Tom Pangelinan II** 21
- Anna Li** 25
- Ariah Goomtam** 26

Friday Chapel



Dates to Know

January 15 & 16

Spelling Bee

Classroom Preliminary Round

Monday, January 19

No School

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 22 & 23

Spelling Bee

Schoolwide Finals

Friday, January 30

Professional Development Day

-CDC: Early Pick Up 12:30 pm

-Elementary: No After School



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Child Development Center



Toddlers – Left to right: Using cut paper towel tubes to create flower-like artwork through painting, and using rolling pins while playing with playdough.



Preschool – Left to right: Tracing, finding, and circling the letter "Oo," and spending time during free play building towers with blocks and magnets to strengthen their creativity and fine motor skills.



Pre-Kindergarten – Left to right: Using playdough to form the letter sounds they learned and had fun discovering how static electricity made a balloon lift paper.

After School Academy



Indoor Play



Cooking



Art