NEWSLETTER

I Planted, Apollos Watered, but God Gave the Growth

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"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." — 1 Corinthians 3:6 (KJV)

On October 16, 2026, Saipan SDA School celebrated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new Child Development Center (CDC) playground. As I watched our children enjoy their new playground, I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3:6–8. Behind this beautiful playground lies a story of faith, patience, teamwork, and God's providence.

The journey began more than five years ago, on August 31, 2021, when our school started preparing a grant application with the assistance of our grants manager. The application was submitted on September 28, 2021, and nearly a year later, on August 11, 2022, the Memorandum of Agreement was signed under the leadership of the Director of the Child Care Program. Through the generous support of the CCDF ARPA Grant, our dream of a new playground began to take shape. Yet receiving the grant was only the beginning. The design process started in February 2024. Schematic drawings arrived in May, and final construction drawings were completed in January 2025. After months of searching for a qualified contractor, Mountain LLC was approved in August 2025, and the construction contract was signed the following month. Finally, on October 14, 2026, the safety inspection was completed, just two days before our celebration.

Throughout this long journey, different people contributed at different stages. Some planted the first seeds by recognizing the need and pursuing the grant. Others watered those seeds by preparing documents, designing the playground, securing approvals, managing the project, and completing the construction. Many who began this journey were no longer directly involved when the project was completed. Yet without their efforts, we would have had nothing to celebrate.

This reminds me of an important spiritual lesson. In 1 Corinthians 3:7, Paul continues, "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." Paul was teaching that although people have different responsibilities, the ultimate source of growth is God. The one who plants and the one who waters are equally important in fulfilling His purpose. In verse 8, Paul also reminds us that each person will receive a reward according to their own labor. We often celebrate those who finish a project, while forgetting those who started it. We admire the harvest but overlook the hands that planted the seeds. Yet God's work is rarely accomplished by one person alone. It is built upon the faithful efforts of many people, sometimes across several years.

The same principle applies to Christian education. A child's character, faith, and knowledge develop through the combined influence of parents, teachers, pastors, and others who care for them. One teacher plants a seed of kindness. Another waters it with encouragement. Parents nurture it through prayer and daily example. We may never see the full results of our efforts, but God sees every seed planted in faith.

Today, our new playground stands as a reminder that our responsibility is to be faithful in the work entrusted to us, even when the results take years to appear. We may plant seeds whose harvest will be enjoyed by others. And that is perfectly fine, because the purpose of our labor is greater than personal recognition. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Child Care Program, our grant partners, contractors, school board members, staff, and everyone who helped make this playground possible. May God bless every person who planted, watered, and patiently worked toward this day. And may He continue to bless the children who will play, learn, and grow here for generations to come. We plant. We water. But God gives the growth.



Yeon Ho Song
Principal



ACTIVITIES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL






Kindergarten - Left to Right: Learning to write CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words, D.E.A.R time (drop everything and read), and singing worship songs.






1st Grade - Left to Right: Creating hand tracing and writing the names of people that we can include in our prayers, solving various Math problems, practicing our Christmas songs, and completing exercises from their Math workbook.



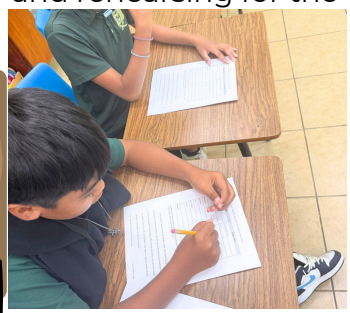


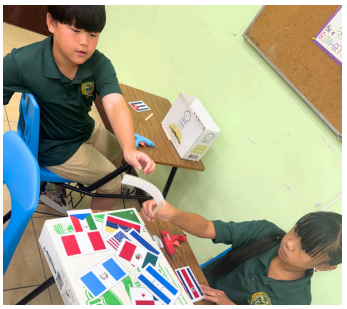

2nd Grade - Left to Right: Practicing their handwriting, rehearsing their dance for cultural week, and unleashing their creativity with arts and crafts.






3rd & 4th Grade - Left to Right: Practicing dance for Cultural Week, drawing during Art class, and rehearsing for the Christmas Program.



5th & 6th Grade - Left to Right: Transforming common nouns into proper nouns and creating decorations for Cultural Week presentations.








7th & 8th Grade - Left to Right: Preparing decorations for Cultural Week, practicing for the Cultural Week performance, and painting during Art class.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION





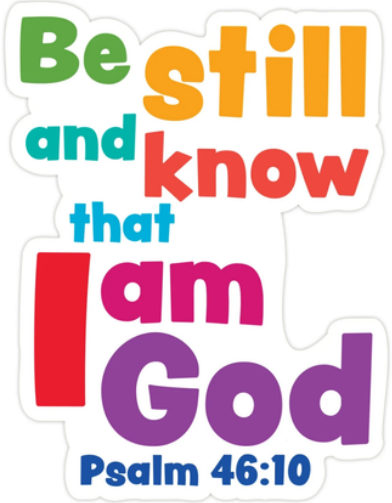
FRIDAY CHAPEL








MONTHLY BULLETIN



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Calianalyn Crisostomo	1
Rhea Lei Raymond	6
Jebon Jinna	10
Rowan Sakisat	12
SaRai Cabrera-Hill	13
Deighton Muña	22
Owen Li	26
Alan Yu	27
Judileih Babauta	28

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE CHANGE:
OCTOBER 26-30
CULTURAL WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
Elementary Parent Teacher Conference
Early Pickup 12:30 pm (Elem only)
No After School

OCTOBER 27 - 29
CDC Parent Teacher Conference
Tuesday - Pre-Kinder
Wednesday - Preschool
Thursday - Toddlers

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Left to Right: Engaging in activities that enhance fine motor skills through bead lacing, creating art with Lego, and enjoying songs and stories during circle time.

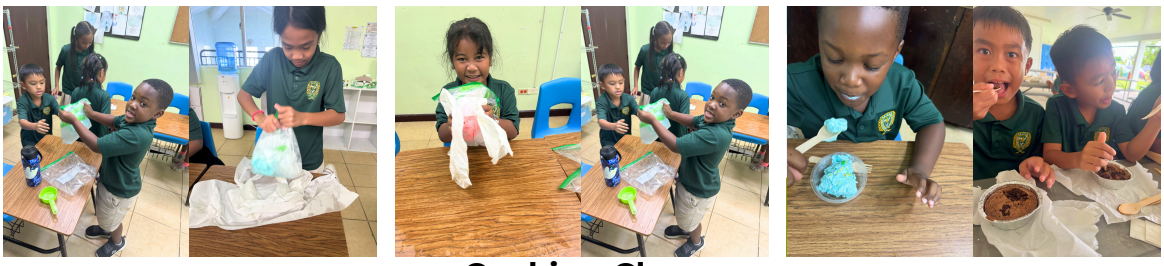


Left to Right: Recognizing letters on wooden blocks and articulating their corresponding sounds while collaborating to construct structures. This activity fosters critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.



Left to Right: Decorating a maple leaf coffee filter with colorful markers, then lightly spraying them with water to create a beautiful artwork.

AFTER SCHOOL

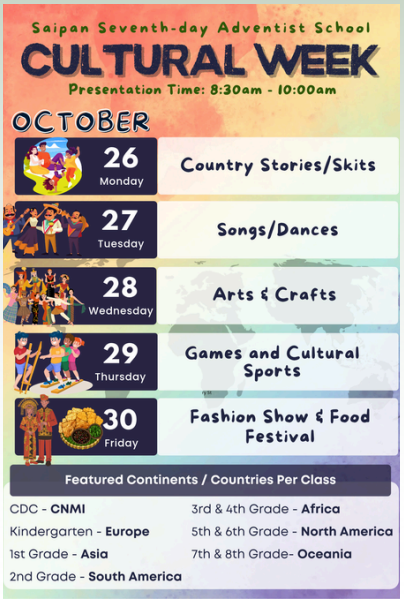


Cooking Class



Games **Art Class**

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