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Loy Krathong 2022

We "loy" (float) the Krathong that were made of banana leaves to honour Pramae-Kongkaa, the water Goddess and raise the awareness of the need to take care of the environment.

Learn more about UWC Thailand

Get to know our staff at UWC THAILAND

Kru Kurtis

Primary School Principal



My name is Kurtis Peterson. I'm the Primary School Principal at UWC Thailand. I'm originally from Canada, but I've been working abroad for several years now. I've worked in Southeast Asia; Thailand, Vietnam, China and Uganda. And long before that, I was in Canada and South America.

I've come here with my wife and three children, and we have loved living here and working at the school.

What I love about UWC Thailand is the fact that we are trying to walk the talk. What we put up on the wall, like our mission and values, is something we dedicate a lot of time and energy to. At UWC Thailand, we honour those pretty well, better than any other school I've ever been a part of.

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Kru Jon

Secondary School Principal

My name is Jonathan Field, and I am the Secondary School Principal here at UWC Thailand International School.

My family is incredibly important to me. I'm very lucky to share this UWC Thailand experience with my amazing wife. We love to spend time in nature, with animals, on safari and scuba diving together. I love nineties music and Aston Villa Football Club (even though they are terrible).

Also, I love the fact that, at UWC Thailand, we take what we do extraordinarily seriously. But we do it with a sense of fun, laughter, caring for each other's wellness and a sense of community and joy.

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TEDxYouth @UWCThailand

Our student-led TEDxYouth team recently hosted a TEDx event on the UWC Thailand campus. The theme of "Peace begins with us" was inspired by the UWC 60th Anniversary celebrations and allowed eight student speakers and three guest speakers to share their diverse perspectives on what peace means for them.

Thank you to all parents and sponsors, especially Blue Tree, for sponsoring this event.

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COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Look at how much fun we had during the last UWC Thailand Community Weekend at our Outdoor Education Centre! The Community Weekend brought many of our diverse community members together for sailing, kayaking, cycling, skateboarding, games and good conversation with great people in a beautiful outdoor space. Plus, the potluck dishes were delicious!
Thank you Manta PTA for organising this event!





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Asia and Oceania Cultural Week



Creating an inclusive, equitable, and intentionally diverse community is at the heart of the UWC experience. In this effort, our community members, led by students, organised Asia and Oceania Cultural Week.

Asia and Oceania Cultural Week immersed us in diverse and rich traditions, cultures, and customs. Through different activities and events, our community members were able to learn more about this region and its socio-economic position on the world's stage.
In addition, they were able to learn more about its pop culture and get a taste of mouthwatering traditional dishes prepared by our dedicated Manta PTA members.











LOY KRATHONG

Loy Krathong is an annual festival celebrated by Thais to pay respect to the Goddess of Water and the Buddha. This is a day when our campus gets more colourful and vibrant as our students, staff, and parents come to join the festivities dressed in their best Thai costumes and beautiful dresses.

During the day, all students created their own krathongs to release into the water at our Loy Krathong ceremony, which also included dance performances.





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ALUMNI STORY

Left to right: Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, Chair of the International Board, Nasratullah Elham, UWC Thailand class of 2020, and Faith Abiodun, UWC International's Executive Director

This month, our alumnus Elham (Afghanistan, UWC Thailand class of 2020) joined the UWC 60th anniversary celebration in San Francisco. In the company of many global UWC alumni, Elham got a chance to meet the Chair of the International Board, Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro and UWC International's Executive Director, Faith Abiodun, who presented their vision for expansion and the importance of the UWC movement.

Following this celebratory gathering, Elham joined his fellow UWC alums from Afghanistan at the UWC Refugee Initiative luncheon. The agenda focused on bringing attention to the initiative by recalling the impossible and exhausting journey the UWC Afghan community went through to get scholars to their UWC colleges and school. At the luncheon, Elham also communicated with prospective donors the value of UWC education in the grand scheme of global social mobility and what the journey looks like for young people like himself, coming from underdeveloped and conflict-ridden parts of the world.

UWC Refugee Initiative

Empowering young refugees and internally displaced youth to become tomorrow's changemakers.

Launched in 2016, UWC Refugee Initiative aims to raise the funds for an additional 100 scholarships per year for refugee students from Syria, Palestine, Yemen, Western Sahara, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Tibet, Colombia and Guatemala. The initiative is supported by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency via a cooperation agreement between UWC and UNHCR.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela, Late Honorary President, UWC

If you wish to discuss sponsorship opportunities here at UWC Thailand, please contact Nicki, our Chief Advancement Officer: nicki.robertson@uwcthailand.ac.th or go to the support us page on our website.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

GRADE 1, 2 AND 3 CAMPING TRIPS



Our grade 1, 2 and 3 students embarked on their first camp of the year in the last few weeks. Grade 1 students stayed on campus, where they had their first overnight camp, while grade 2 and 3 students ventured to Phuket Campgrounds and Sawasdee lagoon, respectively. Adventure, teamwork and excitement were in store as they set their tents, kayaked, swam, planted mangroves and enjoyed s'mores around a bonfire.

















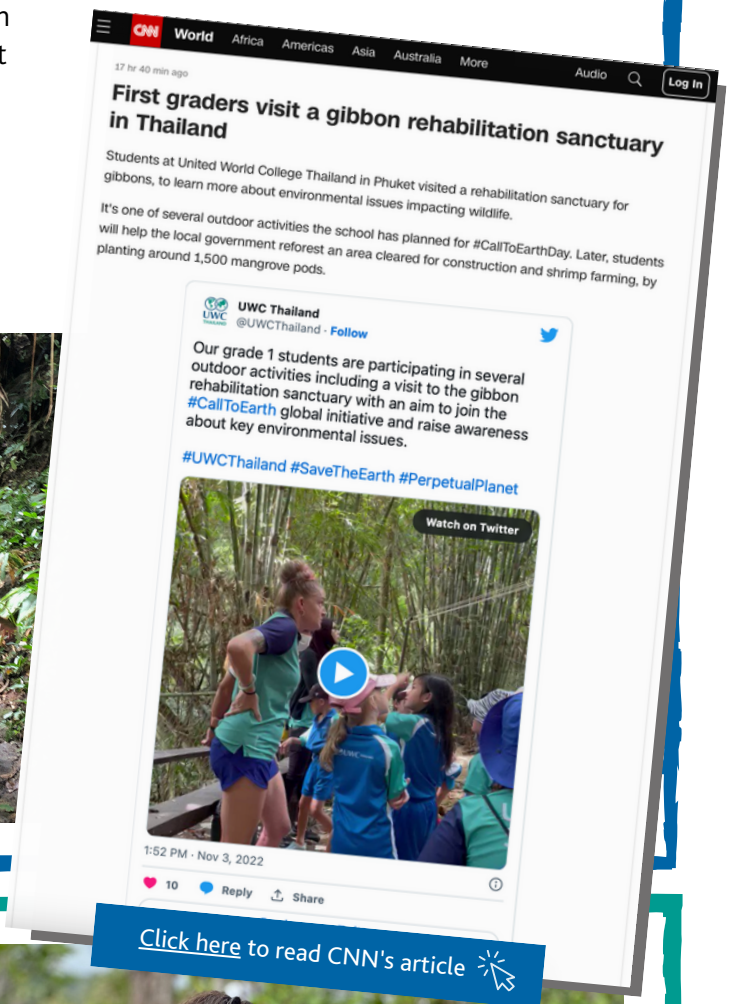
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Call To Earth Day

The UWC Thailand community participated in Call To Earth Day in multiple ways this year. Grade 1 students paid a visit to the gibbon rehabilitation sanctuary, followed by a hike and river walk. During the day, students were encouraged to consider their influence on the local ecosystem and the importance of preserving the biodiversity of the Earth, all while doing their part to help battle various environmental issues.







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Mangrove Planting

As a continuation of the #CalltoEarth initiative, grade 1 students, their grade 11 buddies and staff planted around 500 mangrove saplings.

Since 2015, the UWC Thailand community has planted more than 30,000 mangrove seedlings around Phuket, helping local NGOs preserve and conserve biodiversity and natural habitats on the island.

Click here to watch a video

SPORTS ROUND-UP

FOBISIA Invitational U19 Volleyball Tournament

Both our under-19 volleyball teams competed passionately and achieved great results in their first off-island tournament. Well done, everyone! We're so proud of you.

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3x3 PSU Phuket Championship

Congratulations to our Manta U12 Basketball team who won the 1st runner-up place in the 3x3 PSU Phuket Championship 2022.

PISAC Football Tournament

After a dozen matches with teams from other island schools, our Manta football team achieved significant results in the latest PISAC Football Tournament.
They played their hearts out and made all spectators proud!










Congratulations to our tennis players, Mickey and Sophia, on winning the Busk Jensen Family Cup 2022 @ Oceanic.



Friendly football match at Youth Football Home



Soccer 7s at British International School

Our U19 boys won their group with wins over BISP, Kolej Tuanka Ja'afar (Malaysia) & Nexus (Singapore). Our U15G won three out of four games, with victories over International School Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), HeadStart and Marlborough College (Malaysia).







Pho3nix Kids Triathlon

Pho3nix Kids Triathlon done and dusted. Our athletes pushed to the every end of the race and came back with remarkable results.

BOARDING STORIES

This month, the boarding house saw some novelties become traditions. For the first time, town halls were introduced to our regular full check-ins on Sundays. Happening biweekly, the town hall allows students to raise questions, start discussions and brainstorm solutions together.

A tradition that continued from the last year is family groups. Along with being part of a wider tight-knit community, students are now also a part of a smaller group—their "nuclear family" on campus.

Besides these new traditions, it's business as usual. Laundry is done (socks get lost), movies are screened, dinner is shared, piano is played, homework done, laughs are exchanged…

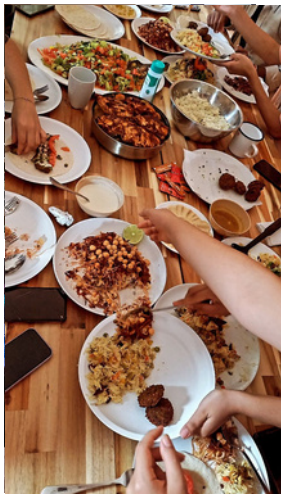












Visual Arts

The creativity and talent of our students never fail to surprise us. Take a walk down to Thanyapura, next to the futsal pitch, and see the latest artwork by our Middle Years Programme students.



Tribe Portraits (Grade 10)



Human body expressions (Grade 7)



#GivingTuesday

29 NOVEMBER 2022

We hope you choose UWC Thailand as your charity of choice this #GivingTuesday,
a powerful day of global generosity. Even a small donation to our Manta Annual Fund can help with:
National Committee Scholarships | Learning Space Improvements | Areas of Greatest Need

Give a scholarship, change a life!



Click here to donate to our Manta Annual Fund

PARENT-TEACHER MANTA ASSOCIATION

FESTIVAL OF Light

2022 CELEBRATING Peace

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

from 3pm onwards

Performances, food & retail stalls,
fire show, arts & crafts, and more!

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Festival of Light 2021





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