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A SELF-GUIDED TOUR THROUGH OUR FAVORITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPACES

As we prepare to bid farewell to this beloved building, take a moment to walk through the spaces that have shaped generations of Eagles.

From laughter-filled playgrounds to cozy library corners, from the rhythms of the Gamelan Room to the energy of the cafeterias—each space holds countless memories of learning, friendship, and joy.

This self-guided tour invites you to revisit these special places, reflect on unforgettable memories, and celebrate the legacy of the Singapore American School elementary school experience.





Geckos

A beloved elementary school icon, the mosaic geckos have watched over generations of students as they crossed the bridge between their classrooms and the art studios, music rooms, and cafeteria. It's more than just a piece of student art—it's a symbol of the curiosity, growth, and friendships developed within these walls. Stop by, snap a photo, and reflect on the stories shared beneath their gaze.



Student Art and Art Rooms

Throughout the elementary school, student art projects are incorporated into the buildings and landscaping. From the ceramic poles by the pedestrian entrance to the bottlecap collage near the art corridor, these projects highlight the importance of hard work, creativity, and collaboration at SAS. For many students, the art rooms were special places of challenge, vision, and excitement. Find your favorite art installation or drop into an art room to remember special projects and encouraging teachers!

Library

The ES library, as it's fondly called, has long been a hub of imagination, discovery, and wonder. With thousands of books lining its shelves, it has enabled young readers to pursue literary adventures, develop research skills, and find comfort in a favorite story. Each year, students check out an astonishing 90,000+ books, a testament to the love of reading nurtured here. Celebrate all of the learning journeys!



Playgrounds

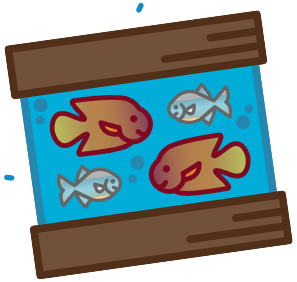
No spaces have been more beloved than the many playgrounds sprinkled throughout the elementary school. From monkey bars to climbing structures to rope challenges, each element served as a personal challenge, racecourse obstacle, or place to hang out alone or with friends. Besides being just plain fun, the playgrounds allowed children to be children while developing physical coordination, social skills, and healthful habits. Find your favorite one and test yourself on the climbing walls, swings, and balance beams one last time!





Bus Drop-offs and Foyers

For most students, the school day starts in earnest at the bus drop-off areas. Here, principals, counselors, and a rotation of teachers greeted children each morning and waved them farewell each afternoon. In the bustling foyers, students greeted friends, often to energizing music played over speakers or even live music played by student and teacher groups! And who can forget the last-day-of-school tradition, when the final buses pulled out accompanied by cheers, tears, and wildly blaring horns!



Elementary School Offices

Whether requesting a permission slip, waiting for a ride, sent to see a principal, or looking for a lost item, students always found a warm welcome and helping hand from Cheryl, Wanie, Judith and all their colleagues in the elementary school offices. Calming fish tanks evoked wonder, while Mr. Schunk's quirky collection of trolls could be counted on to bring a smile to even the most worried little face. In the counselors' and nurses' offices, students could find help, comfort, and support. Drop in to remember the highs—and sometimes lows—of the elementary school journey!



Pool and Gyms

Every third day, elementary students went to their "PE Special," and for many students it really was special! In the gyms and during their annual pool rotation, students learned movement and health basics, along with skills specific to various sports. Whether playing dodgeball, attacking the climbing wall, or learning to swim, children gained skills for lifelong health and enjoyment here. The gyms also hosted special challenges like Marathon Club, Basketball Shootout, Jump Rope Challenge, and Awesome Ape. Which activities does your family remember?

Gamelan Studio and Music Rooms



For nearly three decades, the Gamelan Studio has immersed students in Indonesia's rich musical heritage. Shipped to SAS in 1998, the gamelan serves as the heartbeat of a program that allows students to explore Javanese and Sundanese music—keeping melody on the *saron*, leading tempo on the *kendhang*, or following the deep, resonant call of the *gong ageng*. Remember the singing, playing, and dancing that enchanted students all along this hallway!



Cafeterias

For generations of Eagles, the elementary school cafeterias have been more than just a meal stop—it's been a space of warmth, laughter, and shared traditions. At the heart of it all is Mr. Hoe's food, which made lunchtimes unforgettable. His legendary *sichuan* chicken has long been a must-try for students, parents, and educators alike. Step inside to smell familiar aromas, find a favorite seat, and remember the dishes that have brought our community together.

What are *your* favorite places?

Scan this QR code to add your favorite elementary school place and memory to our list! You can also drop by one of our video booths to share your favorite memory.