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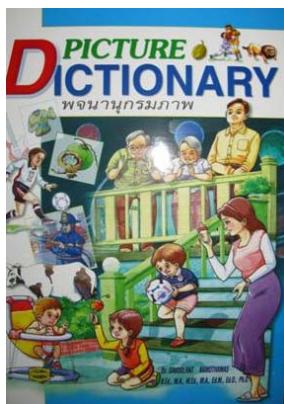
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CHILDREN'S DAY 2009



RTC-TH & Na Fa Elementary leaders in a planning meeting.

Children's Day is an annual event in Thailand. RTC-TH co-founders Saifon and Greg Lee met with Na Fa Elementary School leaders (right to left in photo: K. Chuchart, K. Wittaya, K. Matinee) to discuss how the RTC-TH could support the event. Mr. Cecelia Heppes, a long time friend of the Lees, generously donated \$100 (\$1 = 34.6 THB) to help the REEEPP project. Local Thai RTC-TH volunteers added to this bringing the total to 5,058 THB for Children's Day.



Picture Dictionary

The donations bought a set of 25 English-Thai picture dictionaries. This would enable the use of dictionaries in a class session. the remainder of the funds was used to buy a notebook, pencil, and pencil sharpener for each of the 125 students

and 60 pencil boxes with a pen were added as prizes for the various activities the teachers planned for the day. The RTC-TH also donated another parachute to the children's playground equipment inventory.



Children's presents and donated school supplies.

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Each student brought a gift for another student.

The air was filled with electric excitement akin to Christmas. The students were anxious to get started, curious about the presents, wondering about their chances to win prizes. Some of them had to be wondering why every school day couldn't be as exciting as this!

Certain formalities had to be observed. Awards and certificates were presented to numerous students. And finally, the fun began with a dress up beauty contest, group singing performances, blind fold banana eating, 🍌



K. Chuchart delivering the opening speech.



K Jamnian presents a certificate to Sawit Sedchum



Girls dress up a boy for a beauty contest. And the winner is Sartrawuth Mainoi



A team in a group singing performance (l to r): Pannawadee Wongmarn, Pimpisa Suttisan, Prangthip Jaruak.

The RTC-TH REEEPP (Rural Environmental Education Enhancement Pilot Program) supports Children's Day and English learning at Ban Na Fa Elementary School.

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Blind fold banana eating contestants in action.



Students win prizes answering K. Tanawat's questions



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.



K. Matinee and K. Karuna are very popular on this hot day!



The annual Boy Scout / Girl Guide hike was also part of the activities. This year, they prepared lunch in field.



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Playing with a parachute involves team work, effective communication, observing the wind, outdoor physical exercise, fresh air, and most importantly....FUN!!!



Fascinating Flowers

When it comes to plants, some people tend to be practical: Grow things to eat. Others focus on the beauty of flowers. Our family has a mix of people and tastes. Since all work and no play makes Jack and Jane dull children, here are some of the colorful flowers that grace the realm of our farm and home.

Orchids grow wild in the forest, and most of these were collected by Saifon and her family on some of their mushroom hunting outings. 🌍

