HOPE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHING SKILLS, CHANGING FUTURES

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KIEN SVAY DISTRICT,
KANDAL PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

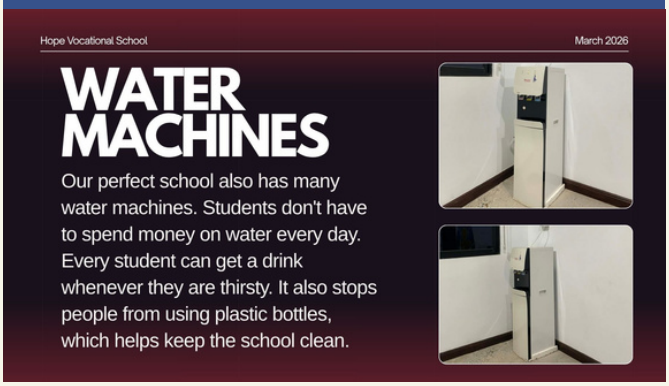
MY PERFECT SCHOOL

In Teacher Linda's Listening and Speaking Skills English language class, the topic of the second unit in Term One was "What Makes a Good School?"

The final project required student groups to give presentations on "My Perfect School." Teacher Linda taught them how to use Canva to create attractive presentations, and they invited Dr. Carey to watch.

Especially gratifying was how many aspects of their "perfect school" students identified at Hope Vocational School. And some of those things might surprise you. For example, several presentations highlighted the clean and plentiful restrooms at our school. Others pointed out the water dispensers that provide free, cold, potable drinking water from our rainwater filtration system. Believe it or not, plenty of clean restrooms and free drinking water are not common in many Cambodian schools.

At HVS we strive to treat our students with kindness, dignity, and respect. We want them to see themselves as precious children of God, worthy of a great education in a beautiful school. We are thankful they appear to be getting that message!



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

At the end of each HVS term, there is a one-week holiday for teachers and students. Then, teachers return for two weeks of professional development.

Following Term One, topics included "Child Safety Training," "Faculty Self-Care," "Classroom Management," "Increasing Student Ownership in the Classroom," and "Using Assessment as a Tool for Student Success."

We know that self-care is critical to preventing burn-out and improving our staff's mental, emotional, and physical well-being. During the workshop teachers completed a self-care assessment.

As a final project in the self-care workshop, participants created "Gratitude Spirals." Life can feel overwhelming at times and it's easy to find oneself in a spiral of anxious, worried, or depressed thoughts. One way to counteract that is to practice gratitude. Teachers will keep their creations, and we hope that their "Gratitude Spirals" will serve as reminders of their many blessings as we transition into Term Two at Hope Vocational School.

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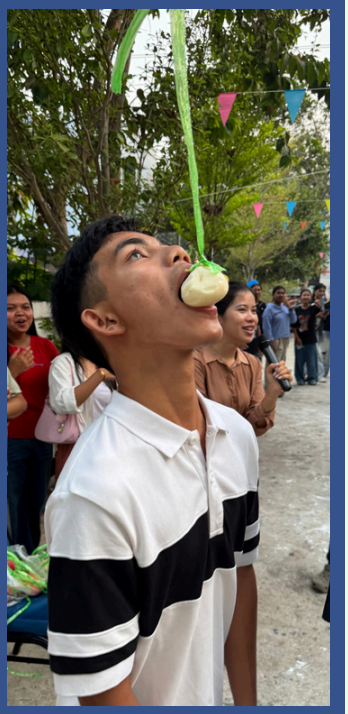

"H.V.S. needs to be more fun." This was one student's response when we interviewed him about his experiences at school. Fun? We had been so busy just getting the school off the ground and trying to determine the best way to implement its mission, we hadn't given much thought to fun.

But building the school community and making sure our students and their families view it as a safe, positive space is definitely one of our goals, so we decided to do something fun.

A generous supporter shared our vision and offered to pay for a Khmer New Year party on the last day of Term One. By all metrics, the party was a huge success. Business manager Pich Chey organized decorations and food. School Keeper Perom and Student Vichhat hung decorations. School Keeper Sophoan and Pich's brother Vannak cooked a feast. Administrator Mony and the teachers planned and organized games. Students came, and we think the pictures speak for themselves. Fun was definitely the vibe.

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