Dream Management Project

This quarter, many topics were discussed in Dream Management class including Human Rights, Community Issues Problem-Solving, Social Media Safety, Maintaining Relationships, and Climate Change. A school clean-up day was also organized for which grade 10 and 11 Dream students cleaned up the school property and learned about how individual plastic usage adds up to cause bigger problems.

Additionally, a skills fair at Kralanh High School was organized for over 500 participants, mostly students (in and outside of Dream Class) in grades 10-12. In Srei Snom, a sharing event allowed 475 students to hear from 3 different guest speakers about advice for success, dealing with obstacles, especially those faced by rural youth, and the importance of giving back to society. Dream students applied for a wide array of scholarship opportunities, including those from Cambodian Rural Students’ Trust, EGBOK, and PEPY.

Story of Change: Hun Nonguy

Nonguy is a grade 11 student attending Dream Class in Srei Snom who wants to be a manager in a company or hotel. Before joining Dream Class, she was considering dropping out of school to find work in Thailand. Luckily, after she joined Dream Class, she realized that education is very important for her to get a better life.

“The most interesting topics for me are “self-motivation” because I became a new person after this class. Before I didn’t know who I am or what I want to be. Now, I have learned how to motivate myself and the people around me. I am so appreciating of myself now that I study hard, can work in teams, and like reading books,” she said.

Although she is dealing with many obstacles in her life, such as convincing her family that continuing education is going to be useful, she is committed to becoming a good role model in her community to encourage young people to love education.

Scholarship Project

This quarter, the scholarship recruitment process started, and will be completed by July. 20 places will be given to students from Srei Snam and Kralanh, and 10 will be reserved for Kampong Leaeng and Baray students. 6 groups of P7 Scholarship students completed their community payback projects, which focused on addressing key issues such as awareness of the value of education, environmentalism, and dental hygiene.

Monthly student meetings happened twice this quarter (one was missed due to public holidays), during which alumni and current students discussed opportunities to learn from other cultures such as exchange and study abroad programs, and older students shared their advice based on their university and work experience.

Learning Center

English

This quarter, the English teacher focused on improving students’ presentation skills and ability to use English fluidly through interactive speaking activities. Around 5 students showed need for extra support, so extra classes will be arranged to help those students catch up.

ICT

This quarter, students finished the Excel module with more advanced functions that will be useful for their professional and academic contexts. They also learned how to use Google’s online tools such as Sheets and Google Forms for surveys and evaluations. Quarterly evaluations showed good understanding of lessons, with 79% of students passing. Those who did not pass will be given extra support in past lessons and given another chance to take the exam.

Youth Empowerment

Students learned about many useful topics this quarter such as Project Management, Building Integrity, Technology in Cambodia, and Entrepreneurship. Yoga and football were rearranged in order to ensure that all students can participate despite busy academic schedules. According to teacher observations, all students have improved significantly in terms of communications skills, confidence, teamwork, and maturity. They also attended a number of outside events. After attending the Skills Fair (organized by Dream Class), 2 students applied to jobs they found at the fair, and 1 received a job offer already. A visit to Fauna in Focus’s Nature Discovery Center taught them about wildlife and conservation in Cambodia. They also learned about landmines and how hero rats are used to detect them for safe removal at APOPO.