

# The IEI Reporter

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## Birthdays

Alla Swain

Oct. 1

Deborah O.

Oct. 4

In Young Kang

Oct. 4

Marilyn Trimble Oct. 6

Carol Olavesen Oct. 10

Sandra Velandia Oct. 11

Lisa Goins Oct. 15

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TigerText @  
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Camping Trip  
in November

Game Night  
at Clare's  
October 3

6:30-10:00

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## The "Kool" Group By: Thanh Nguyen

Tuesday was the Fair day. Last Tuesday, we went to the MidSouth Fair and it was my first Fair in Memphis. We had a little problem when it began and finished about translation with our driver, but we really enjoyed it. We ate food and rode rides. I rode the Drop. The feeling was very "Yomost", the way that Vietnamese people describe it when they are interested. At first, I was really scared when it went up and I said to my friend who sat next me "I want go home...e...e", and then it became my sentence. When we finished I felt, "Wow, it was really wonderful." Actually, I did not like the ride but I wanted to try it at least one time in my life and that time was not bad. I think if I have another opportunity, I will try it again.

We were the "kool" group because we got a tattoo. I and my friend, Aimee, had the same tattoo. Another friend, In Young and Amir, had the butterfly tattoo. Teacher Becky, the leader, had a dragonfly tattoo. We also went to the Art Gallery, I was so surprised because the pictures drawn by the children who were just six or seven years old, but they drew very good. Of course I also took some pictures too. The Fair was really interesting.



## **My First Fair**

**By: In Young Kang**

On September 23, I went to my first Fair but it is the last Fair to be held in Memphis. I usually saw an American Fair only in the movies, so I was excited before I went there. There were a lot of unique foods at the Fair such as a long corndog. Most of my classmates rode "The Drop", but I didn't because I was scared. It was fun watching them even though I didn't ride. And I got a tattoo shaped like a butterfly on my neck, under the left ear with Amiee, Thanh, Amir, and teacher Becky. We are the tattoo club in IEI!! Also, the teacher said "Only the people who are so cool can get a tattoo!" Getting a tattoo was a very exciting thing and it made me feel good even though it was fake. Then I entered the Art Center where there were drawings or craft things. It was interesting for me because it relates to my major. Before I left there, I decided to ride something because it is my first Fair! So, I rode something moving as a circle in the high space with Becky. After riding, my feeling was like a person who drank too much alcohol. When I came back home, I was so tired but the feeling was good. I'm so sorry that the Fair is the last time in Memphis. If I have the second chance, I hope to enjoy the Fair again.

## **The Mid South Fair**

**By: Marouane Iddir**

I went to the fair many times, but one day I went with all the IEI classes. It was very good, we enjoyed all the time we passed together. We ate some junk food, we rode some rides, some people got a tattoo, but not a real one it was a temporary tattoo. It was very hot in this day, so it was more funny and better because we could eat ice cream, and enjoy our day. At the fair I saw two policemen arresting a man. I don't know what he did but I think he is a bad man. I think all the IEI students, and the teachers enjoyed the Mid-South fair .

## **My Day at the Fair**

**By: Mohamed Coulibaly**

I went to the fair with my classmates last Tuesday afternoon. My friends and I played many games, like the basketball games, water ride, and we played Guitar-Hero, but we lost all the games. Some games were exciting like the water ride, but the basketball game was almost impossible to win. The guitar game was hard too; if you won the games you could get the IPod NANO, so my friends tried three times, but he didn't win. After the games we walked around and bought some food and some drinks. When I was walking back a little dog barked at me. I was afraid I might hurt it. The fair gave me many memories; it was funny and exciting.

## **The Fair**

**By: Patricia Rodriguez**

Last Tuesday all students were invited to go to the Mid-South Fair. I never have gone to the Mid-South Fair in Memphis. I went with my friend Dania. When she and I went, we got lost on the street, after twenty minutes we arrived at the fair. We met the teachers Nina, Lisa and Becky. After we continued walking, we entered at the big room where they had many plants, but something that really impressed me was a big pumpkin which had 135 pounds of weight. We also looked at a beautiful eagle. Although the day was too hot a lot of the people were having fun getting on the rides. I think this is a good place to have a fun time with your family and friends.



## Ramadan

By: Hamza Alnaimat

**Ramadan** is a Muslim religious observance that takes place during the ninth month of the Arabic calendar, the month in which the Qur'an was revealed to the prophet Muhammad. It is the Islamic month of fasting in which participating Muslims do not eat or drink anything from true dawn until sunset. Fasting is meant to teach the person patience, sacrifice and humility which means giving credit to God not yourself. Ramadan is a time to fast for the sake of God and to offer more prayers than usual. During Ramadan Muslims ask forgiveness for past sins and pray for guidance into the future. After Ramadan all Muslims celebrate Eid Al-fiter, visiting relatives and enjoying a meal together. Ramadan is a good month for the family because every body can enjoy the delicious fatur in the end of every day during Ramadan.



**Variety is.....**

*Complex. Macias*  
*Sometimes required. Masahiro*  
*Happy to choose. Rie*  
*A benefit. Jachel*  
*Interesting. Gim, Aki*  
*Good for us to choose something. Tony*  
*Something different. Hally*  
*The spice of life. Aul*  
*To make something. Alex*  
*Necessary and interesting. Sayo*  
*A pleasure. Jaime*

**Riding the Drop**  
 By: Amiee Aholou  
 The first I went to the Mid-South fair in Memphis was very funny. We went with all the IEI students and all the IEI teachers. We left the IEI class at 12 pm and we got to the fair at 12:30 pm. It took just 30 minutes to arrive at the fair .When



we get there it was too crowded. We turned around to see all attractive activities they offer to the visitors. After looking at all the activities they had, we decided to ride "The Drop" with teacher Becky. Before we rode the drop we ate lunch and enjoyed our meal. Then came the time to ride "The Drop", the most exciting and scary thing we did. We bought the ticket that cost \$5 dollars for four coupons. When we got there, we were ready to go. It is kind of like an airplane, but it wasn't. The ride went up slowly and stopped in the air and when we were not expecting to go down, suddenly, "The Drop" went down very fast and one of my classmates, Thanh, thought she was going to die and teacher Becky too! Also, Becky was screaming and frightened and all four classmates who rode the drop with me. Only I didn't scream and cry, not even afraid of that.



Can you believe this? We got also a tattoo on our body but it was a temporary tattoo for all the "Cool people" said teacher Becky. It was my first experience to ride the drop .I wish I will go back someday to try this again. It was very exciting. We really had a fun time at the fair.



## Money.....

*Is important, but money is not all. Masahiro*

*Is precious. Rie*

*Can't buy health. Jachel*

*Is very important for life. Min*

*Is not everything in my life, but it's a part of the best things. Gim*

*Helps for our life. Tony*

*Does not grow on trees. Aul*

*Talks. Aki*

*Is the most important thing in my life. Alex*

*Can change all of our life. Sayo*

*Helps us live better when we have enough. Jaime*

*Can't make us happy. Macias*

## Mali, Africa By: Moctar Konate

Africa is the second largest and populous continent in the world after Asia, consisting of 54 different countries. There are different cultures, food, climates, clothing, tourism sites and languages. Mali is one of these countries in the western part of the continent.

Mali is the second largest country with 479,000 sq miles. It is bordered by seven other countries: Algeria on the north, Niger on the east, Burkina Faso on the Southeast and Ivory Cost to the south. Senegal and Mauritania are on the west. Mali is divided into 8 regions and one district which is the capital: Bamako. Each region has a governor. Because Mali's region is huge, the country is subdivided into 49 circles, totaling 288 parts. Mayors and elected members of the city are the officials of each segment. The regions are Gao, Kayes, Kidal, Koulikoro, Mopti, Segou, Sikasso and Tombouctou. Mali has 3 different seasons: rainy season, cold season and hot season. Each season last for 4 months.

Mali won its independence from France in 1960. Every region has nice and attractive tourism sites. Tombouctou and Djenne were the major trading centers in Mali and are popular destinations for the tourists now. Mali is a great place for music too. Malian musicians are world renowned and music from the region influences the surrounding area as well as the world.

Bamako is the richest area historically and culturally in the Western part of the continent. It is a Mecca for those seeking a traditional cultural experience.

There are different ethnic groups in their complex, social structure, daily lives, festivals, religious ceremonies and beautiful artifacts. Bambara, Malinke, Sarakole, Peul, Tuareg and Dogon among others in smaller percentages. Every ethnic group has its own language, food, clothing and culture. French is the official language. The culture of Mali has produced some of the most beautiful architecture and sculptures on earth. Malians are very sympathetic. Malians love strangers, Malians meet strangers with a smile on their faces. Malians are very, very nice.







