

OPERATION SMILE TRIP- ISB Middle School
2-5 November 2013

Operation Smile is an international organization that raises money to provide free surgeries to children and adults with cleft lips and palates. Grade 6 raises money to help provide the materials necessary for the doctors to do the surgeries, and most years we send a group of students to help assist at the site in Mae Sot where the surgeries are performed.

A select group of students will have the opportunity to participate in this mission. They will do this by supporting children and families as they go through the process of preparing for cleft lip/palate surgeries, as well as other surgical procedures. Students who participate in this mission will need to be prepared as this can be a very emotional experience.

If you go, you will need to:

- Help entertain small children while they wait for their surgery. You need to like little kids!
- Assist patients' families with their children.
- Be willing to help in any way you can.
- Interact with lots of people who do not speak English. You do not have to speak Thai to play with little kids.

Students who attend the trip will miss two days of school and will need to make up missed work all missed work soon after they return.

If you are interested in being considered for the trip, we need you to do three things by Tuesday, 1 October 2013.

1. *Have your parents sign the permission to apply for the trip -form attached*
2. *Have your teachers sign the permission for you to miss two days of school -form attached*
3. *Write/Type a brief essay explaining why you would like to participate in the mission. This is an important part of your application as we will be using your essay to help select who will attend the trip.*

The application forms need to be returned to Mr. Denby. Please email him or see him if you have any questions!

www.operationsmile.org for more information

Brief details your parents will want to know. Exact details will come when the final list of students going on the trip is ready.

- **If you are selected to go on the trip, your parents will have to pay all costs for the trip whether you change your mind about going or not.**
- Approximate costs
- Two adult chaperones will go on the trip including a teacher and a professional nurse.
- You will stay in a hotel.
- You will fly to Mae Sot and then take a van from the airport. Transportation in the area will be by van.
- You will have the chance to see a surgery, but you do not have to.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Permission Form-Application for Operation Smile Mission

I give permission for my child to be considered for the Operation Smile Mission to Mae Sot. I understand that **if** my child is selected for this trip, I will need to fill out an official Field Trip Permission Form.

I understand that if my child is selected, I will have to pay the cost of the trip (approximately THB 11000). If my child cancels or cannot go, I will still need to pay.

I am aware that this trip can be very emotional for some students. It also can be challenging since my child will be presented with children and people with some extreme physical disfigurements. If selected, I will help my child be prepared for this experience.

Parent Signature

Date

Teacher Permission-Application for Operation Smile Mission

Students selected to participate in the Operation Smile Mission will miss 2 days of school. Please indicate with your signature that you would support this student in taking part in the Operation Smile Mission. Teachers will be notified which students are selected.

Class:

Comment:

Humanities _____

Science _____

Math _____

PE/Health _____

Other _____

Other _____

Other _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please write/type your answer to the following questions. This is a very important part of your application and will be used in the selection process. Spend some time thinking about this. The level of effort you put into this will be seen as a measure of the effort you would put into supporting the Operation Smile Mission!

Why do you want to participate in the Operation Smile Mission to Mae Sot?
Are there some skills or strengths you have that you feel you could support this mission? Do you think participating in the mission would be challenging for you?
Why/Why not?