

Friday's Forecast



High - 79°F
Low - 59°F
Partly sunny



Elephants in Thailand get to wear cool clothes!



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claire says "sawadee kha!" one girl, two homes

The word 'home' holds many meanings for Claire Mast, who was three years old when her family moved to Thailand in 2006. From the time she was three until she turned ten, Claire regarded Thailand as her home. "It just felt regular," she explained. "It felt like home. I didn't notice any difference [between there and here] because I didn't know what life was like here."

Of course, her family did come home to the States every few years to visit family and fill people in on their work in Thailand. "I enjoyed my time in America," she said. "It was like a vacation. It was where we went sometimes to be with our grandparents."

It was fun, but she didn't like winter. "It was so cold! I much prefer really hot weather."

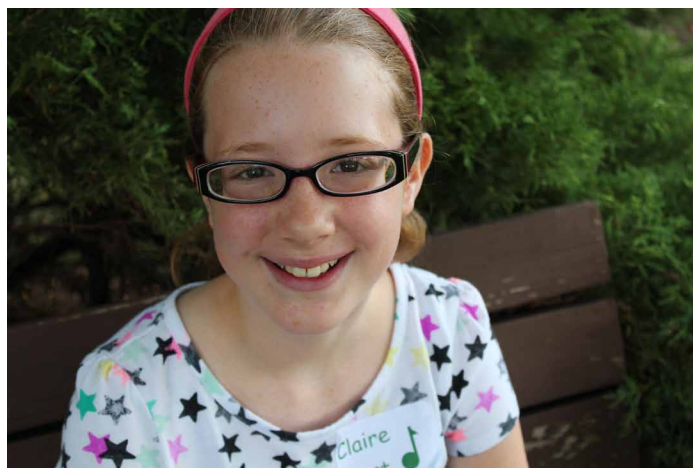
"Thailand still feels more like home to me, and I'm excited about going back." But America is feeling more and more like home to her too. "I don't feel totally out of place. I can start to feel at home here and in Thailand. I love that feeling! I can have several homes and be comfortable in different places."

What does she miss about Thailand? "The Thai people!" she said. "I really miss the people we knew. They were like our family." Sometimes her dad Skypes with them and calls Claire, her sister Eliza and her brother downstairs to say hi.

Claire also misses hearing the Thai language. "It's really beautiful," she said. To keep up her Thai language skills, she and her dad are reading through *The Little House in the Big Woods* in Thai. They take turns reading it out loud and then translating.

In the story, the Ingalls family celebrates Christmas. Claire laughed and said, "It sounds so wrong to hear about Christmas trees and snow in the Thai language."

Claire just went through her first year in school in the States. We asked her what she's learned from having gone to school in two different countries. "The kids are the same," she said. "They talk in different lan-



guages and they look different, but they're all kids. They think the same way."

Asked about what it was like to be in school here, Claire said: "It was very nice being able to understand everything the teacher said." She enjoyed being able to do all the assignments and also "being like everyone else. It was nice not being different and set apart."

The teachers here are less strict, she said. They talk to you and want to be your friend. She appreciates that her teacher noticed she was "not very good on computer." This teacher arranged a special

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bryn and lydia are going to thailand too!

Lydia and Bryn Esh are moving to Thailand with their families in January. Actually, they're going to be doing a lot of moving in the next few months. "We're moving to Michigan in August," said Bryn. That's so they can spend time with their grandparents who live in Pigeon (on top of the thumb - that's Michigan code for a secret location).

Bryn said she's "excited and scared." Lydia broke it down mathematically: "I'm 65% excited and 35% sad!"

They both agreed they're 100% excited about spending time at the lake with their extended family.

In the picture, Lydia's on the left and Bryn is on the right.

Capture The Flag a Big hit with COLD campers

A polar vortex descended on Choral Camp this week, but the Crew was ready for it. Instead of the usual Get Wet event, campers had a choice: they could stay (relatively) dry if they wanted to. Get Wet turned into a major Capture the Flag game (with some tarp-y and spongy wetness), and the verdict is in: Campers loved it! A quick survey found that the girls

thought Capture the Flag was “great! Way better than Get Wet.” One boy agreed that it was a good thing. “I made my best running time,” said William Christophel. Brandon Pickrel chimed in: “I liked it a lot.” And Elliot Miller said, “It’s better than a sponge fight because you run.”



two homes, continued

computer class for Claire once a week, which really helped.

School in the States held some surprises. One day, the teacher announced there would be a big kickball game between classes the next day. “I didn’t know anything about kickball at all!” That night at supper, her dad showed her how the game worked, using salt and pepper shakers and cups to mark the bases, etc. “We had a family lesson in the back yard, with leaves as the bases.”

All that training paid off! The next day, Claire made it all the way around the bases without getting tagged.

Although she’s glad to spend another year here, Claire is looking forward to returning to Thailand next year. “My heart is there,” she said. “I want to be there.”

KICKER GAMES ROCK!

Thursday Room Awards

Handel wins best hall overall.

Best room awards go to:

Best of Bach

First Place: Room 5

Elijah Murray, Ezra Miller, Ethan Hostetler

Runner-Up: Room 8

Dawson Yoder, Devan Byler, Isaiah Christophel

Beethoven’s Fifth

First Place: Room 2

Christian Miller, Jansen Martin, Josiah Yoder

Runner-Up: Room 6

William Christophel, Jeremiah Christophel, Seth Pennell

Handel’s Messiah

First Place: Room 10

Deborah Zerkle, Mary Peterson, Keeley Stiles

Runner-Up: Room 12

Liana Kauffman, Keisha Miller, Lindsey Yoder

Mozart’s Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

First Place: Room 4

Charity Zerkle, Dawsyn Miller, Sierra Knepp, Brooke Cooley

Runner-Up: Room 7

Justice Warford, Kate Petersheim, Elizabeth Martin, Ani Beitzel

Strauss’s Blue Danube Waltz

First place: Room 4

Jeni Zook, Kristin Herr, Kayli Keim, Kelsey Miller

Runner-Up: Room 7

Lily Taylor, Emily Steiner, Jenalyn Miller



FRIDAY’S MENU

Breakfast: Baked oatmeal, hard-boiled eggs, cereal, milk, juice.



Lunch: Meatball subs, veggie cups, fruit salad.

Reception: Punch & cookies

RECITATION!

- 7:30 Wake Up
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Session XVIII
- Y.O.R.–Choose-a-Spot
- G.B.B.–Class
- 10:00 Chapel
- 10:30 Rehearsal
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Rehearsal
- 1:15 Dorm Time
- 2:00 Recitation/Reception