

Excellence

Center of Excellence in Public Elementary Education

CENTEX Batangas marks founding anniversary

Last March 29, all roads led south as CENTEX Batangas celebrated its 10th founding anniversary at the Batangas Provincial Capitol auditorium.

The event was graced by the school's alumni, teachers, parents and benefactors. The existence of CENTEX would not have been possible without the commitment and support of the Department of Education and the Local Government Unit and corporate sponsors, Globe Telecom and Purefoods. DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro was the celebration's inspirational speaker while Batangas Gov. Vilma Santos-Recto was cited for her advocacy in education.

Sec. Luistro spoke of the dedication and competence of CENTEX teachers and principals, as well as of the parents who extend their service to the school. He also pointed out that spending on schools should not be seen as an expense but rather as a social investment with an expected social return on that investment.



Meanwhile, Gov. Recto expressed her continued support of the school's programs and initiatives with education remaining to be one of the Governor's leadership thrusts.

The affair was also attended by individuals who have contributed to CENTEX over the years. Ayala Land, Inc. Chairman Fernando Zobel de Ayala personally thanked the individuals and groups behind the establishment of CENTEX that included Ayala Foundation,

Inc. President Vicky Garchitorena and CENTEX first Director Carol Atacador. Mr. Zobel also mentioned the volunteers who had been working ever since to better the two CENTEX schools – Lilia Tantoco, Letty Sala and Rose Villamor. He also acknowledged the Batangas task force headed by Msgr. Fred Madlangbayan who also officiated the anniversary thanksgiving mass.

Special numbers from CENTEX students highlighted the event. The Grade 6 graduating class kicked off the celebration with a jazz chant about the history of CENTEX and its core values of Integrity,



Excellence, Commitment and Patriotism.

In addition, the first batch of Kindergarteners who are about to enter college in June rendered a song composed for CENTEX by Ryan Cayabyab. And on behalf of the first batch of students, Micah Bernadette Manalo, class valedictorian at St. Bridget College in Alitagtag, delivered an address narrating the rewards and challenges they have experienced through the years.



Meanwhile, IBM Philippines represented by Chestnut Andaya, Country Manager for Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, formally turned over to AFI 10 Kidsmart Early Learning Program package in support of the improvement of the quality and delivery of education through the use of information technology. Of these, two units will go the CENTEX schools while eight others will be distributed to neighboring schools in Tondo and Bauan.

Founded in 2000 through the partnership between DepEd and AFI, CENTEX Batangas sought to provide bright children from disadvantaged families education at par with the best private schools in the province.

CENTEX is widely known in Batangas as it affirms its role in developing student achievers and servant leaders. The school is also now gearing up toward developing teacher training institutes where best practices and classroom technologies are shared.

Access scholars attend writeshop; revisit World War II history



Twenty-nine high school scholars of CENTEX participated in an English writing workshop for youth leaders sponsored by Kasilak Development Foundation, Inc.

(KDFI) and the U.S. Embassy at the Brokenshire College and Resort Complex in Matina, Davao City, October 25 to 29.

Themed "How can I contribute to a better future?" the workshop gathered more than 200 youth alumni of U.S. funded programs from across the country and aimed to increase the students' competence in English writing. The participants also worked towards sharing their experiences and leadership skills with one another.

The week-long writeshop was facilitated by Mr. George Scholz, Regional English Language Officer, along with Filipino alumni from youth exchange programs. During the training, CENTEX participants were also tapped to help facilitate blogging sessions. There, they assisted fellow students to produce materials for the workshop blog.

In addition, a number of essays by CENTEX alumni were read and commended during the program's culminating day.



Apart from writing sessions, cultural presentations allowed students to witness the richness of our heritage. "The writing workshop also allowed us to learn from each other's cultures," said Clarisse Baltazar, CENTEX scholar at Sta. Isabel College-Manila.

The students are also scholars of the U.S. Department of State's English Access Microscholarship Program, and are now undergoing the second year implementation of the program. They meet on selected Saturdays throughout the year for intensive classes to develop communication skills.

Meanwhile, the microscholars also had the chance to revisit the country's past through a day tour in Corregidor last February 26. There, they were made aware of the heroic roles played by both Filipino and American soldiers during the Second World War.

CENTEX builds 'HEART' of the classroom

Sixty-three teachers from both CENTEX schools participated in the annual teacher training workshop with the theme "Building the Heart of the Classroom" last October 28 to 29 at the Old Swiss Inn in Makati City.



The two-day training workshop focused on integrating values education and character development, revisiting out-of-the-box teaching methodologies, and redefining one's cultural identity.



Center for Leadership and Change, Inc. Director Lirio Mapa led the first day of the training, and handled the discussion and workshop on the Four Core Values of CENTEX – Integrity, Excellence, Commitment, Patriotism – all seen to be relevant in the development of one's character.

Ms. Mapa's session allowed the teachers to reflect on the values mentioned, and to identify practical ideas on integrating these in subject areas.

On the second day, the teachers had the chance to brainstorm on concrete out-of-the-box teaching strategies and activities given a topic and using materials from the Filipinas Heritage Library and the Ayala Museum.

Team Pinoy's Atty. Alex Lacson closed the program with a short talk on patriotism and servant leadership aimed at deepening the teachers' understanding and perception of CENTEX's core values.

IBM supports IT literacy



CENTEX recently forged information technology partnership with IBM Philippines that will educate students and train teachers through the latter's KidSmart Early Learning Program.

Ten IBM KidSmart units were donated to CENTEX and neighboring schools in Tondo and Bauan. The learning package is seen to contribute to the delivery and quality of education through the use of information technology.

IBM also conducted training workshop to recipient schools, end of which is expected to train at least 100 teachers and support classroom instruction.

2010 - 2011 Achievements

CENTEX Manila

Catherine Alexandra Manalansan	Science Investigatory Project Qualifier - Regional Level
Alyssa Andrei Ramos Sarah Vernice Sison	Inter-School Science Quiz Bee 2nd place - team category - Reg'l Level
Alyssa Andrei Ramos	Inter-School Grammar Quiz Tilt 2nd place - Reg'l Level

CENTEX Batangas

Matthew Ramos	Science Quiz Bee 2nd place, National Level
Mary Rose Lizette Reyes	Schools Press Conference Delegate, National Level
Christa Angelica Sagun	Schools Press Conference Delegate, National Level

High Schools

Sta. Isabel College

Andrei Asuncion	1st Honorable Mention
Cyrus Bellosillo	2nd Honorable Mention
Ariane Sampaga	3rd Honorable Mention

St. Bridget College - Alitagtag

Micah Bernadette Manalo	Valedictorian
Babylyn Austria	Salutatorian
Arlene Gelera	1st Honorable Mention

Philippine Science High School

Dale Wilson Garcia	Metrobank Math Quiz Bee National Champion
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Manila Science High School

Kimberly Anne Capeding	Gold medalist Star Scholar at DLSU
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CENTEX Statistics

136 Graduates for S.Y. 2010-2011

508 Total enrollees in Manila for SY 2010-2011

Total enrollees in Batangas for SY 2010-2011 **470**

146 Kindergarten students for SY 2010-2011

High School Scholars **183**

More Teacher Training



CENTEX Manila Language Arts teacher Shella Marie Barra completed the 10-week Teaching English to Young Learners online teacher training course run by University of Maryland from January 6- March 23, 2011.

New Employees



CENTEX welcomes Josie A. Viaña as its new Senior Administrative Specialist. Josie has been with the Philippine Science High School for 25 years prior to joining CENTEX.



We also welcome Jessieree Anne F. Matienzo as Guidance Counselor. Jessie handles the Self-Esteem classes in both Manila and Batangas schools. She also takes charge of the Kindergarten admissions process.

Deped Sec tours CENTEX Manila

Last March 15, CENTEX Manila received a surprise visit from the Department of Education Secretary Armin Luistro. Here are photos from the Secretary's visit:



Kindergarteners explore Manila

Kindergarten students of both CENTEX Manila and Batangas went on a whole day field trip in Manila last March 1.

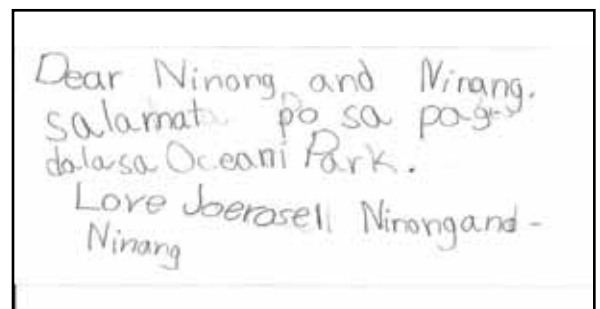
The field trip was made possible by the grant from Thomson Reuters Manila and an anonymous donor for Batangas. This is a component of the school's *A Class of Your Own* program.

The field trip allowed students to experience in relevant settings the lessons they had for the school year.

The students first visited the interactive exhibits at Museo Pambata. The themed rooms provided the students with interactive approach on learning. There, they used their senses to answer questions about the different parts of the body. One exhibit room transported them to Philippine past and introduced to them the tranvia and bahay na bato. Another theme room allowed them to be little community helpers.

Next was Rizal Park that included stop at the Children's Playground. The final stop was at the Manila Ocean Park where they learned about the various water resources the Philippine shores are rich of. They were also entertained by the water park's fountain show.

Indeed, it was a long day for all the students and their teachers but judging by the way they all looked at the end of the day, the field trip was a huge success.



'Twas A Merry Christmas at CENTEX Manila



Thomson Reuters and Integreon Managed Solutions held separate gift-giving programs to students of CENTEX Manila last Christmas.

Thomson Reuters, corporate sponsor of *A Class of Your Own* in a Kindergarten class, tapped its employees to play Santa to all kindergarteners for its "Bless A Child Gift-Giving Program."

A week before the big event, the 72 CENTEX kindergarten students were asked to write a letter to either a ninong or ninang from Thomson Reuters on something they needed or wanted to wish for this Christmas.

Highlight of the day was the actual gift-giving by Thomson Reuters employees. In turn, the employees were entertained by song and dance

presentations of the Kindergarteners.

Meanwhile, Integreon Managed Solutions, frequent supporter of CENTEX, also conducted a gift-giving program to all students. Here, everyone received an art package containing activity books, crayons and notebooks.

On the day of the program, employees of Integreon present were treated to an hour of song and dance from the Kindergarteners, CENTEX Choir and students taking dance lessons under Steps Foundation.

The outsourcing company has also conducted book drives for the school and joined the Brigada Eskwela before the opening of classes last year.



STEPS welcomes new scholars

Steps Dance Studio headed by Ms. Sofia Zobel-Elizalde welcomed 16 Grade 2 students from CENTEX Manila to undergo training in ballet, jazz and street dance for SY 2011-2012.

This partnership with CENTEX started a year ago, and is now hosting 40 scholars including the 24 students from the first batch of scholars who took the Royal Academy of Dance exams last March.



Congratulations to Class 2011!

Servant Leadership Awardee - Maryrose Lizette Reyes (CENTEX Batangas)

CENTEX Manila

Abrigo, Genesis
Aguila, Angelo Dominic
Alejandro, Sheen
Alindogan, Pamela
Alonzo, Eugene
Alvarez, Zcad Brienjamino
Artuz, Arianne Kim
Avelino, Jerzen
Balajadia, Vic
Balladares, Tracy
Baltazar, Aubrey Louise
Barrios, Carlos Jose
Biasbas, Francis Daniel
Cajanding, Billy
Castillo, Nichole Camille
Castro, Dave Adrian
Condo, Tyrron
Cuyugan, John Lendl
Estano, Raine Channelle
Fami, Maria Fae
Gaddi, Jershey Claire
Gagui, Khrystia Marie
Galang, Patricia Joy
Garatigue, Ian Trisha Louise
Gonzales, Judge
Intal, Fatima
Joson, Kathryn Joie
Lazaro, Matthew Francis
Lingat, Herald Jay
Magat, Justin Emmanuel
Magbitang, Earl Bryan
Mallari, Niel John
Mendoza, Timothy
Merencilla, Rheianne Mikejohn
Milad, Neil Henry Gene
Milan, Clyde Luis
Molina, Vhinny Angelyque
Mongcal, Knight Cedrick
Moscare, Raphael Brix
Omnes, Karl Ivan
Onayan, Edron Paul
Ortiz, Luis Mary Eunice
Pajarillo, Shey Jarreth
Panaligan, Colleen Faye
Parce, Adrian
Paredes, Forrest Dylan
Pineda, Alexander
Quejada, Maika Mai
Ramos, Alyssa Andrei
Ricalde, Mike Eldrin
Rivera, Ralph Christian

Rivera, Justine Claire
Robles, Red Justine
Sadol, Arielle Joyce
Salalac, Lorenz Adrienne
Sanchez, Rhansielle
Santos, Reneli
Sarmiento, Dana Marielle
Sebastian, Yarra
Silvestre, Carlitos
Sison, Sarah Vernice
Susi, Jose Mari
Talamayan, Aldrine Red
Tresvalles, Zandree Christian
Valdez, Michael Angelo
Villanueva, Andrea Layne

CENTEX Batangas

Abrea, Justeen Mae
Arcoirez, Christine Joy
Argana, John Lois
Aure, Angelo Carlo
Bacong, Chandler Kim
Baculi, Darlyn Joy
Balitaan, Jeamnard
Banta, Josh Matthew
Bascos, Allen Grace
Bicol, Angelene Mae
Boongaling, Jinger Florence
Buri, Karl Dominic
Cabeza, Christian Jude
Caguicla, Christine Joy
Calinao, Sherina Dimple
Cantos, Jazer Mari
Canuel, Rose Christinelle
Castillo, Mark Raden
Castillo, Danielle Crizelle
Castor, Shem Knowell
De Castro, Ivy Realyn
De Chavez, Rodden Jose
de los Reyes, Arylie
Dinglasan, Ed-Wilyn
Dinglasan, Katleen
Diokno, Rudan Gabriel
Dolor, Emmanuel Lowell Jr.
Escalona, Ana Maria
Estor, Kenneth John
Fruelda, Maria Kasandra
Garcia, Jeanette
Gelera, Jassen Mae
Generoso, Seth Dian Ashera
Gutierrez, Amiel Dominic
Hernandez, Mikee

Hernandez, Kimberly
Hortillosa, Dara Mel
Ilagan, Arjay
Ilagan, Erwin Cedrick
Ilagan, Jammica
Ilaao, Paul Odiezy
Ilaao, Mae Angela
Libo-on, Sharine
Linatoc, Gian Rey
Macuha, Yllaisa
Magboo, Christine Jay
Magnaye, Justine Mae
Magnaye, Darlene
Manalo, Kristin
Manalo, Rowleene Dyan
Manalo, Mae Ericka
Manalo, Roann Phoebe
Manibo, Linette
Martin, Angel Joy
Mateo, Hazel
Mendoza, Matthew Louis
Ocray, Uziel
Ortega, Jonah
Quinones, Trisha Elaine
Ramos, Melanie
Ramos, Kimberly
Sagun, Christa Angelica
Salipande, Justine Aedriel
Silang, John Christian
Toledo, Arjex
Tolosa, Jim Armand
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Viola, Patricia Monique
Virtucio, Marion Louise

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