

Monday the 19th to Friday the 23rd of July 2021

Dear WeLearn Community:

We know that the rising infection rates, strict lockdown rules, and endless school closures are frustrating and depressing for all. This is no different for WeLearn, as we have a beautiful but empty center in downtown Bangkok waiting for your children. Not to mention our new center in Hua Hin, which was only open for one week before the Red Zone was unexpectedly expanded to that province!

However, we hope that WeLearn's unique combination of dynamic online, virtual PBL, hands-on, mentoring, and self-directed learning is providing your child with the best home-based education available.

IF NOT, we want to hear from you — I want to hear from you. I will be contacting many of you over the next couple of weeks, to get your feedback on our program. As a parent of one of our Learners, I am always looking for ways to improve our delivery, concept, and content. So, I look forward to our conversation. If you do not hear from me and have something to say, please do reach out!

In the meantime, please enjoy the newsletter below and kindly be reminded of these dates:

Holidays:

Monday, July 26 – Asahna Bucha Day (In Lieu)

Wednesday, July 28 – H.M. King's Birthday

PBL Showcase Day:

Thursday, July 29th (10:00 am -12:30 pm): Secondary PBL Showcase

Friday, July 30th (1:00 pm - 3:30 pm): Primary PBL Showcase

Note: Mentoring with the parents for July will be moved to the first week of August 2021 due to holidays and the PBL Showcase Day

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

As always, Upward and Onwards!!

CEO and Founder,

David Doran

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Secondary PBL - Crypto & AI (Artificial Intelligence)

The Crypto and AI PBL groups have all been busy completing their final design thinking milestones as well as finalizing their presentations for next week. We have some interesting and original proposals to look forward to. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Primary PBL: Ready for Anything

Time flies! This is the last day of our session before the final presentations. Learners are working on Milestone 6! They are organizing and editing their video campaigns and final presentation. As Showcase Day is coming closer, our Learners have been putting their best efforts into their work. They are at the practicing and they are all doing to help people out in the situation of a Natural Disaster. We would like to give a BIG thank you to all our Wonderful Parents and Amazing Coaches for your constant support in helping our Learners grow each day. We are excited to see you all next Friday for our Final Showcase Day!

Primary (Astra Nova) Conundrum Session



This week the Learners participated in the Pizza Conundrum! This conundrum challenged their thinking as there were four difficult choices to make. They shared their ideas and reasoning of their chosen sides. Since this conundrum was challenging, they were given the task of discussing the conundrum with their family and then coming up with a great solution! We would highly encourage parents to discuss the Pizza Conundrum with our Learners.

Secondary Mini-debate



This week our Learners got to practice their debating skills in the game called “I couldn’t disagree more.” It is a useful game that can help students practice rebuttal techniques. They made their own super interesting statements and came up with great reasoning.

STEM Innovation Program



This week our beloved Secondary Learners are experimenting with principles of Web Design and user experience.

As for our primary Super Talented learners, we have been highly active and busy with creative computing, creating more projects to add to our super talented studio.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/29681056/>

Student Welfare and Wellbeing

Supporting Teamwork: Some Tips for Parents

While PBL is one of the cornerstones of WeLearn's model, it is also often one of the trickiest to manage, especially in terms of teamwork. While Coaches have their own strategies, everything works better when our parent-partners play a role.

Here are a few tips for helping your children when conflicts inevitably arise:

- *Disagreements are inevitable, but also growth opportunities.* They can build skills such as listening, mediation, and compromise. When this happens, it can improve the project's outcome.
- *Role-play with your kids.* How might they respond to domineering personalities, slackers, cultural differences, etc. Give them realistic situations so they can recognize them when they arise.
- *Encourage Metacognition:* ask them what they think they can do/change to resolve the conflict.

While these three tips are not going to resolve all issues, they will help your kids to develop the future skills that will be most important as they move through their lives.