## **Birthday party for November and December birthdays**

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Today, on the 17th of December, we celebrated the birthday of all the children that had their birthday in November and December. We also had two volunteers who celebrated their birthday together with the children.

The party started in the afternoon with a speech of our school director Khun Siriporn Hanfaifa. She wished all the birthday children the best for their future and also talked about the plans for Christmas.

Lena, a volunteer who stayed at the school for the last four months, will leave on the 18th of December. She said thank you to all of the students and teachers and was very grateful to be a part of the School for Life family. By singing the school song the students appreciated Lena's work and the time and love she gave to them. We also welcomed two new volunteers who will stay with us for the next three months.

Some students and teachers entertained everyone with some music. They sang and played the guitar. Of course, the whole school sang "Happy Birthday". Then it was finally time to eat from the buffet.

Everyone helped to prepare the food starting in the morning. We enjoyed fruits, meat, noodles and fried dough filled with meat. And of course, everyone got to have a piece of the delicious birthday cake. It is a tradition that every family house and the volunteers prepare a dish that all students and teacher then get to eat together in the cafeteria.

After everyone finished eating the band made some more music and we all enjoyed the rest of the evening. It was a great party with delicious food and a wonderful tradition that will be continued.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors of our birthday party.



Ms Luisa Kropp with the School for Life children



Ms Siriporn Hanfaifa gives an opening speech at the party



Ms Lena Zegowitz makes a farewell speech



Two new volunteers Ms Erja and Ms Melina introduce themselves to the children



Birthday children and a big birthday cake



Ms Lena Zegowitz with the School for Life children





















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School for Life was founded by Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Zimmer and Thaneen Worrawittayakun ("Joy") in 2003.