## Birthday and Farewell Party

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On Friday the 6th of March we celebrated the birthday of all the children who have their birthday this month. Everyone was very enthusiastic and wanted to prepare a nice party.

In addition, it was a farewell party for two of our volunteers. We said goodbye to Melina who left one day later, and Erja who will leave on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. We would like to thank them for the love and time they gave to the children and are very happy that they came to Thailand to support the School for Life and stayed here for 3 months.

In the afternoon we started to tidy up the school and set up the sound system and seating. Every family house as well as the teachers and volunteers had to contribute to the buffet and prepared snacks for the dinner together.

The party started at 5 pm at the school canteen. Our Headmistress opened the celebration with a speech and presented the plans for the next week, when we will welcome two German guests. Melina and Erja also held a short speech and thanked for their time here. After that, we sang for the birthday children and they blew out the candles on the delicious birthday cake.

Then it was finally time to eat from the buffet and of course everyone had a piece of the chocolate cake. We were accompanied by music from children and teachers. The highlight of the party was a song contest. Every family house prepared a small performance. Each group of students presented one song and they as well sang the school song. It was very entertaining to watch the different performances. The kids had a lot of fun dancing and singing. After the 5 groups finished, all students got to vote for the winner. The first, second and third place then received their price money. After that, everyone had free time and the evening ended with music and playing together.

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