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| <p>1.</p> | <p>Number of students gone out on exchanges in the last 5 months</p> | <p><u>Indo-French Exchange program:</u></p> <p>17 students from L'Ermitage School, Paris came to Mumbai in 1st week of March 2010. Visit was to exchange cultural and social environment in two different countries. Each student was assigned an Indian family to stay with and during the week. The students did some social service program with NGO called Muktangan and Across the road, had an eye camp too.</p> <p>As a part of our regular exchange program 19 of our students visited the same school in Paris at the end of March 2010, and did exchange the cultural values of India with the families and students of the school in Paris, also visited old age home and perform the cultural program. Students did integrate the CAS aspect of IB program during this visit.</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>Number of students come to you on exchange in the last 5 months</p> | <p><u>Students Exchange Program:</u></p> <p>In the academic year 2009-2010, DAIS hosted two exchange students from the USA, of which one was Annah Overly, an American girl from a national curriculum school in Denver, Colorado. A boy Austin Spence came from Highland High School Salt Lake City Utah. They stayed with two of our students during their stay here and attended classes as an IB student of year 11 in DAIS.</p> <p>By participating in the IB learning process in the school, they opened themselves up to a completely new curriculum and way of learning and absorbed what was taught with passion. In return, they provided students and teachers with new perspectives on various issues and made some very effective contributions in class across the curriculum. In addition, they immersed them self in the Indian culture and context, at school and outside, and settled in successfully by learning the national language Hindi, so well, for example.</p> <p>By displaying the ability to adapt and be a part of a whole new world and context, both academic and cultural, with so many new challenges to overcome, Both the students truly lived up to the spirit of an international student exchange programme.</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>Number of students who have participated in any sort of RS Conference in the last 5 months</p> | <p><u>Young Round Square Regional Conference ,Sanawar 2010 (20th April to 24th April, 2010)</u></p> <p><u>Peace-</u></p> <p>Four girls. Two boys. Six young children from the fifth and sixth grades experienced a world so different from theirs, that it left them yearning for more. The Lawrence School, removed from the hustle bustle of city life and with its quiet, pine-scented pathways, lush forests and pure, serene air, is a beautiful school that looks frozen in time. For a couple of the children, this was their first adventure away from home. Although the first day saw a little homesickness, by the second day the nestlings were ready to fly! Whether it was an early morning yoga session or singing during a peace march under an overcast sky or brainstorming at barazas or putting up street plays, our children did it all! And what's</p> |

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| | | more important is that they had fun while they were at it. There was at every step, a hurdle to be overcome, a challenge to be met and our children emerged, winners! |
| 4. | Number of students who have participated in any sort of RS Service Camp in the last 7 months | NONE |
| 5. | Has your school had any cultural, service or sporting contact with any other RS schools? | <u>Event - Paigam</u> Paigaam was first established by the Dhirubhai Ambani International School in 2006. Young people from the three nations – India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, came together in an attempt to bring our countries and their youth closer to each other by celebrating these bonds, and concentrating on our similarities rather than our differences. The conference involves discussions that focus on our past, or on recent events, and present unconventional activities that involve getting to know one another, or doing away with stereotypes. Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis actually live together for that one week, strengthen these bonds, and help the youth of our countries understand one another for what we truly are, rather than as a faceless 'enemy'. Paigaam 2010 – brought together students from different parts of India like – The Assam Valley School, The International School of Bangalore, The Canadian International School of Bangalore, Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai, and from our neighbouring countries like, Mastermind School, Dhaka and Karachi Grammar School, Karachi. |
| 6. | Any teacher exchanges? | <u>Teachers Exchange-</u> Nishanth Nagavar and Yogesh Dhingra had seven eventful and exhaustive weeks trained on a program TEA (Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program) planned by an educational NGO, IREX (International Research and Exchange Board) in collaboration with the US govt. IREX further tied up with College of Education and Research Centre of Art and Sciences at University of South Florida for further conduct of the program. The program, started with 3 days opening conference at Washington on 1 st February 2010 and concluding conference at University of Lincoln at Nebraska on 18 th March 2010. During the 6 weeks Nishant and Yogesh spent at University of South Florida, they were fully engaged in all seminars enriching their teaching content and skills, and interacting with highly effective and caring educators from all over the world. They participated in seminars on topics such as – 'Teacher expectations and creating a positive classroom', 'Active learning styles and strategies'. It was a wonderful opportunity to share innovative teaching approaches and issues at large in all such sessions carefully and well led by skilled people. |

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| | | <p>They spent two weeks at American High Schools working in tandem with their American partner teachers who were friendly and helpful individuals to discuss their educational system.</p> <p>They were made to feel the part of both the USF community and community in Tampa, Florida at large. There were many opportunities to learn and grow as educators and also lot of fun. . The 2010 T. E. A. Program was a resounding success in every way.</p> <p>The 2010 T. E. A. Program was a resounding success in every way.</p> |
| 7. | Have you paid your subscription for 2009-2010 due in July/August 2009? | YES |
| 8. | Any other information you would like to add | <p><u>Adventure: Adds to the Venture International Award For Young People</u> Students learn to tackle problems and overcome their phobias in these adventure trips. Additionally, they trek, climb commando nets, jumar and a host of other activities that build and boost team-spirit, confidence and resilience of the mind.</p> <p><u>Snow Leopard Adventures Trips:</u> <u>13th March 2010 – 20th March 2010</u> These trips aim to introduce students to the natural and cultural heritage of India. The programs include easy rafting, trekking, rock climbing, rappelling, cycling, jeep safaris, nature walk, bird watching, outdoor skills and nature education.</p> |