



Dhammapada

Pupphavagga - Flowers

*As a flower beautiful and brilliant of hue,
but without fragrance, even so fruitless is
the well-spoken word of one who does
not practice it.*

*Just like a lotus, the disciple, by his wis-
dom, will shine among them that are ig-
norant, blind and uncultivated.*



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“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”
Albert Einstein

He who opens a school door, closes a prison.
Victor Hugo

If there were no schools to take the children away from home part of the time, the insane asylums would be filled with mothers.
Edgar w. Howe

Dear Members,

Once again, it's my privilege and pleasure to bring the first editorial of 2012 *Maya Puwath* to your homes. I would like to wish all the members and their families a prosperous and a blessed 2012! As we are looking forward to a brand- new year ahead of us with new goals and hopes, we want to reminisce on the past year we just said good bye to. Looking back, there were many occasions and also people who have touched our lives who we should be thankful for and some of us may have faced the challenges that will help us to shape up our lives and make us stronger in the coming year.

Reflecting on the history of MGCAANA, we are stepping into our 8th successful year. Our very first AGM was held in Seattle, Washington, on Saturday, August 13, 2005. At the AGM, one of the important decision we took was to start a newsletter to create fellowship among members. That remarkable day, we the attendees were so excited about forming an organization for ourselves in North America. I still remember how the idea of a newsletter was proposed at the meeting and as a result, the Newsletter Committee was formed, and a name for the newsletter was picked. I wrote my first editorial for the inaugural issue of *Maya Puwath* that was proudly published two months later in October 2005. Since then, we have published *Maya Puwath* every other month up to now to keep in touch with our beloved members.

In 2011, we accomplished our dream of establishing the Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund in Sri Lanka for the economically disadvantaged children at Mahamaya with a \$10,000 fund in a legally registered trust account, that is managed by an elected Board of Trustees. In 2011, ten scholarships were awarded to those children using its interest. Our goal is to add another \$10,000 to this Trust Fund in the near future. It is with much gratitude that we mention here about some of our members who continue to give personal scholarships to economically disadvantaged students at Mahamaya, in addition to the Trust Fund. Thank you to all those generous donors who helped to take care of those students' financial needs.

To grow as a successful association “staying connected” among the members is essential and our bi-monthly newsletter keeps you updated with current affairs, news and events happening in Maya community and also gives you information and an opportunity to support MGCAANA. Most importantly, we are open to your comments and suggestions to bring our association to the next level. Your comments can be sent to mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com.

As a chief editor to the current issue of *Maya Puwath* I would like to invite our members and their families to contribute your talents, knowledge and creativity with us to publish and share with the fellow members. We will be sending a courtesy reminder electronically with our deadlines for the articles and we hope this year we will stay more connected with our members to bring a quality newsletter to your homes.

Our 8th Annual General Meeting will be held in Bloomfield, Michigan on 27th May, 2012 and please try to attend this fun filled event with your family and make beautiful memories to cherish. You will hear more details about the AGM in the near future. Please make your travel plans before long. It is going to be lot of fun with good food, music, dancing, and most of all, wonderful company of each other.

Once again behalf of the Newsletter Committee, I wish you all a wonderful 2012 filled with Love, Peace and Joy !

Priyanka Jayakody
Chief Editor - February Edition



MGCAANA ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

The 8th Annual General Meeting

We have the pleasure of inviting all Mayans, their families, honorary members and well wishers to

The 8th Annual General Meeting of

Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America

*hosted by **Dr.Parakrama and Mrs.Deepthi Weerappuli***

Held at

Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church

2399 Figa Avenue

West Bloomfield Township, MI48324

on Sunday, the 27th of May , 2012, From 2pm to 5 pm

Dinner Dance

consorted with music by Pahan Silu

from 7 pm at the same place

If you have any questions, please email us @

mahamaya _alumnae@yahoo.com



More information

The official AGM invitations, agenda and the ballot information about electing your 2011/2012 board members will be mailed to you soon.

Closest Airport : Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport

Rogell Drive

Detroit, MI 48242

Airport Code : DTW

Accommodation

Note : We can arrange to get a group rate if at least 10 rooms are booked in the same hotel.

- Fairfield Inn & Suites, Detroit, Farmington Hills, MI

27777 Stansbury Blvd, Farmington Hills, MI

Tel. 248-442-9800

- Courtyard Detroit, Farmington Hills, MI

31525 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI

Tel.248-553-0000

- Extended Stay America, Detroit, Farmington Hills, MI

27775 Stansbury Blvd, Farmington Hills, MI

Tel.248-471-9220

- Comfort Inn

30715W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI.

Tel.248-473-4000

Attractions in West Bloomfield

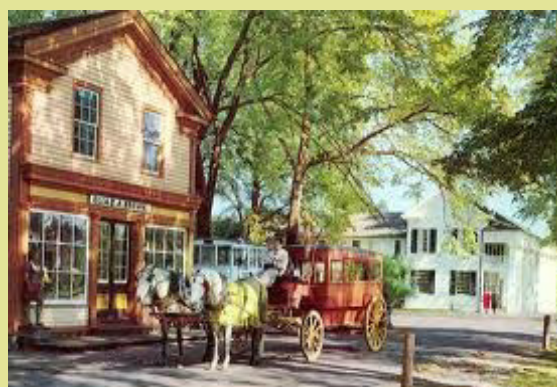
Henry Ford Village, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Mackinac Island, Traverse City and Wineries.



Sleeping Bear Dunes



Mackinac Island



MGCAANA ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES



Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipient!

We received applications from several of our alumnae who have demonstrated excellence in their academic achievements, leadership ability, and participation in extracurricular activities. We would like to thank all our outstanding applicants who took the time and effort to send in their application. It was not an easy task for the Scholarship Selection Committee to select the finalist from this most qualified applicant pool. Our goal is to motivate our student members to shine academically as well as personally, so we truly hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in the years to come. For your convenience, we have also made the scholarship application available online. As always, if there is anything that we can do to help you, please let us know.

We are extremely proud to announce our 2011-2012 MGCAANA Scholar – **Dilukshi Fernando**. She received a **\$250.00** scholarship.

Dilukshi Fernando is a graduate student majoring in plant development genetics (M.Sc.) at University of Winnipeg in Canada. After successfully completing the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination at Mahamaya in 1998, she entered the University of Peradeniya, where she received a Honors First Class in botany. At Mahamaya, she has served as both Assistant Prefect (1995-1996) and Prefect (1996-1997). As a member of the Girl Guide movement, Dilukshi has played in the Girl Guide's band. She has served as President of the School Science Society as well. At the University of Peradeniya, she has received the prize for academic excellence in extracurricular activities in 2004. She has served as Teaching Assistant in botany both at the University of Peradeniya and the Open University of Sri Lanka. Dilukshi received the University of Manitoba International Graduate Student's Entrance Scholarship in 2010. Further, she got the opportunity to attend the 2011 Plant Canada Conference in Halifax through a travel award granted by the Canadian Society for Plant Physiologists. Currently, she also serves as a Teaching Assistant for undergraduate courses, including biology and genetics. Dilukshi aspires to become a lecturer and a researcher in the field of botany. She has a four-year-old daughter.

On behalf of MGCAANA, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Scholarship Selection Committee would like to sincerely congratulate Dilukshi and wish her continued success in her academic and professional pursuits.

Best regards,

Dharshani Nanayakkara

Chairperson, Scholarship Selection Committee

Thank you

*Pamuditha Mahadiulwawe and Vihara Dharmaratne were an interreg-
nal part of our Newsletter Committee for over 3 years.*

*Pamuditha joined us in August of 2008 & we soon got on friendly terms. She be-
came an invaluable member of the team. She contributed in any & every possible
way to make a success of the Newsletter. Busy as she was, she always found time
to reply the many emails that go back & forth when a Newsletter was in the
making. Personally speaking, without Pamuditha's support many of the News-
letters would not have been of the great quality that we all enjoy reading. She
was full of creative ideas & came up great articles to make the Newsletter a com-
prehensive read.*

*Vihara joined the editorial committee in October 2009. I must say she
really impressed me with her excellent English & high standard of writing. The
Newsletter layout that we use in every issue, was designed & created by Vihara.*

*We do value the experience of working with both these ladies. We appre-
ciate & acknowledge that the Newsletter would not have reached the high stan-
dard & the quality of production without their contribution. They were a very
important part of the Newsletter & will be greatly missed. We thank you both for
your time & your great company, and we hope you will stay in touch with the
Newsletter by contributing in any form as time permits. We wish you both the
very best in your future endeavors.*

*On behalf of the Newsletter Committee,
Nazrana Caffoor*

Welcome !

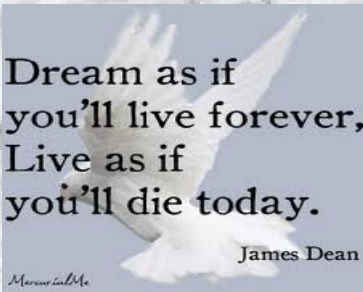
*Newsletter committee proudly welcome our new-
est addition to the Newsletter Committee, Asha
Ranatunga. We are looking forward to share and
enjoy her creativity in the future Maya Puwath
editions.*

I am Asha Ranatunga (nee Ransinghe), a home maker by choice. My life is dominated by the apples of my eyes- two girls that are 10 and 6 years old. I am married to the superhero of my life Vipul Ranatunga, who considers that there is no life beyond his books. He is a Mechanical Engineering professor at Miami University Ohio.

I left Mahamaya in 1994, got married in 1997 and migrated to the United States the same year for my husband's higher educa-
tion. At Mahamaya I was a Biological science student and also a member of the Photography committee. I completed my bache-
lor's degree in Business Administration at the Richard T. Farmer school of Business at Miami University. Currently we live in Springboro Ohio, a suburb of Dayton Ohio.

I enjoy reading, cooking and getting involved in my girl's school activities. I am an avid gardener and look forward to warmer weather every year.

Asha



Appreciation

Chandi (Chandralatha) Gunatunge nee Wickremasinghe

Founding Committee member of the Mahamaya Past Pupils Association, Colombo Branch, Chandi Wickremasinghe Gunatunge passed away peacefully on January 16, 2012 in Colombo, after a three-year battle with stomach cancer. She lived a wonderful life of 69 years, She was a devoted mother and a wife. She is survived by her loving husband Vinnie Gunatunge, daughters, Champika and Kaushalya, sons-in-law Vasantha Madugalle Seneviratne and Buddhima Gunatilake and grand children Lankika, Nilupul, Anuki, Chethin and Lehan.

Chandi was one of my closest friends that I had from Mahamaya days. We played in the school netball team together, acted in plays when we celebrated the Hostel Day once a year. She was the shooter in the team and she had the advantage of being 5' 10" tall. She threw the javelin and discus with her long limbs and became first in inter-house sports meets representing Sanghamitta. She was with us when we sneaked into the hostel pantry at night which was next to our Middle Dormitory and shared the tastiest plain bread on earth. She left the hostel in 1962 and went back to Kurunegala and got married soon after. We started our own families and continued to keep our friendship by visiting each other whenever possible. She was a genuinely loving friend who had a big heart. Her house in Colombo was opened to us any time when we went down to Colombo.

In 1984, when our principal Mrs. N. K. Pilapitiya decided to start a branch of the Old Girls' Association in Colombo, about 15-20 of our alumnae living in Colombo gathered at Geetha Gunatilleke's house at Maradana, and had several meetings on weekends. I attended those meetings along with Mrs. Pilapitiya as the Joint Secretary of the Mahamaya Old Girls' Association at the time. Chandi gave her fullest support in starting the "Colombo Branch" and became a member of the inaugural Committee. Chandi was a student of our games teacher Mrs. Manel Weerasinghe. When we had to take Mahamaya children to Colombo for athletic meets, tournaments, training, etc., after 1984, we always had the support of the committee members of the Colombo Branch including Chandi, in finding accommodation. Lot of times they provided accommodation in their homes. Even after leaving Mahamaya Chandi did not forget her duties to school. She remained an active member of the "Colombo Branch" since its inception.

. She also enjoyed doing social work. She was a practicing Buddhist, full of love and compassion. She spent countless hours engaging in religious and social activities until she became very ill. She lived a fulfilling life and never feared death. When I called her about a week before she passed away she said that she is calm and ready to accept anything that would come her way.

Chandi, you will be deeply missed by many of us. We will cherish the memories of good times we had together. May you attain the bliss of Nibbana!

By Sujatha Werake



Chandi second from left with her two daughters, husband and three of her grandchildren and Sujatha Werake in 2006 in Colombo



"Hostel Day" drama preparation, in costume behind the Study Hall in 1962: L to R.: Sujatha Bandaranayake (Werake), Chandi Wickremasinghe (Gunatunge), Jayantha Aluvihare (deceased), Sunanda Weerawardane (Australia), Lalitha Dassanayake (deceased), Nalini Yatigammana (retired med. doctor, UK).

POEMS

Off the Track

Images in mind to red-dot focus come
To burst froth in rich array,
In sunless January, quelling the heart's dismay.
A king-made lake within a hill-ringed fortress;
A home on the hill striding red-tiled roofs lower;
White dagobas (burial tomb dour);
Rising resplendent above rain-tree flowers,
Up to a red-hot sun sizzling down
Upon retaining wall chiseled by ancient hands
With dwarfs and elephants between a frieze of lions.
White clad women under evergreens,
Their red-stained mouths intoning prayers,
For one-way flights to heaven
From lives poorly endowed, karma driven.
Endearing sounds, I also hear:
Waves lapping the golden-green shores of Minneriya;
And your prayers' beneath a sacred Bo tree
That witnessed the birth of this man-made sea;
Were they for a bountiful life for me?
Or for riches, that with him you never knew?
Feelings too: the caress of your hand
Gentle as a morning breeze,
As I skip alongside, in quick short steps at ease,
On sunny days of which so few
Where I now live.
Blame you not, 'tis I who diverged without guilt,
From the yellow brick road you painstakingly built.
Tread trembling on frozen ground,
With my breath, escaping like smoke-rings
From incense wands you lit
Before an enigmatic Buddha
To light your path to Nirvana.
Can't clear mine.
I've left those temples behind
And their grounds where you meditated
Under sun full skies,
As the unseen sinks o'er phantom hills,
My heart so full of you and yours,
Fondly remembers those days that are no more.

The Sweetness of His Song

The westing sun glows the fields of corn.
The freeway undulates between, on and on.
Slouched beside, staring into the streaking gold
Of farmhouses, cows and horses unfold,
I listen, with tightening heart,
To songs of before, arrive and depart.
The music quickens; emotions thicken,
Remembering places forsaken,
People long-gone; events unforgotten.

His song, she softly sings;
A deeper pain stirs.
His face, past change, appears
Atop tears.

In the deepening dusk, sight disappears.
How harsh it strikes the heart,
As sun-sights depart!
Flip the switch to begin
His song. Again and again,
It plays on and on, the fond refrain,
Re-tracing the man, his times and terrain.
I listen, under the spell of darkness,
To the song's bitter-sweetness.

Both Poems were composed by our very own Mayan, Nalini Jayapalan in remembrance of her parents. Please visit her website, drnalinijey.com to get to know her and enjoy her creativity.

About the Author : Thisara Jayasinghe is 11 years old and attend Sanborn Elementary School in Andover MA. He loves outdoor activities and enjoy swimming and basketball and other sports as well. He is a Boy Scout of America and a talented piano player. The following essay was written by Thisara for an essay contest for all the 5th graders in Andover Town. The children have been asked to respond to the question, “How he /she has learn- ing about The Warrior Way made you a better teammate, classmate or friend?”

Thisara was the fifth grade winner of the contest. Thisara’s future goal is to become a member of a college basketball team.

Sportsmanship

By: Thisara Jayasinghe (T.J)

Unsportsmanlike conduct in a football game and ejections in a basketball game are some of the things that can happen due to lack of sportsmanship. I am going to tell you about the Warrior Way and how it has made me a better person. The Warrior Way is being sportsmanlike in sports and other activities. No only that, but it also means being a good academic student. Being responsible and getting good grades are part of being a good academic student. The dictionary definition of *Sportsmanship - fair play, respect for opponents, and polite behavior by someone who is competing in a sport or other competition.* But in my own words Sportsmanship is being honest, re- spectful, kind, and courteous not only in sports, but in school, towards your family and also to your community.

I exhibit sportsmanship on the playing field. I mainly play basketball and like in any other sports it is good to exhibit sportsman- ship. While I was playing, the ball was tipped into the air. It went out of bounds. The referee signaled it to our team. That meant we had possession. I did what I thought was right and told the referee that my hand had touched it last. You feel very guilty when the call is wrong and you are involved. How can you think of getting away with lying? I felt happy and warm inside. I knew I had done the right thing.

Another place I exhibit sportsmanship is in class. This is a place where sportsmanship should be exhibited not only with grades but with other students as well. When I got a score on a test, I was disappointed. But I took the score and learned from my mistake. I did not shut myself in my room and get upset. I studied hard and on the next test I got a score that I was proud of. I exhibit sportsmanship with other classmates by being respectful of their feelings. I do not make fun of how they look, dress or talk.

I also exhibited sportsmanship when I helped one of my friends, Kevin. We were practicing a dance for a concert at our temple and all children in my age group had to participate. Kevin was in my group. We were learning the dance moves and he was having a hard time. I was taking a break when the teacher came over and asked if I could help Kevin. So, I went over the moves with him one on one. I told him the beat, how long we were supposed to wait before going to the next move, etc. On the day of the performance he did wonderful. I helped a friend to do something when it was difficult for him and the outcome was great not only for him but for our whole group. Be- cause when one person messes up so does everybody else.

In conclusion, I have done a lot of sportsmanlike things. But what I have learned the most from the Warrior Way is that being re- spectful of others and being honest not only helps that person but everybody else. Sportsmanship is a valuable thing. If we did not have a sportsmanship, athletes would be fighting over the smallest things and only lies and betrayal would exist, instead of honesty and loyalty. When one person falls the others have to help to pick him/her up. That is what a team is. A team can become a well oiled machine if you have a sportsmanship. I also have learned that grades are just as important as sports. The grades that you get affect you very much. To play sports in high school, you need a certain Grade Point Average (GPA). Getting good grades mean studying hard, being responsible, and asking for help when needed. If you plan your life using the Warrior Way, if you make it the code you live by, you will succeed in life. I have followed it, feel good inside, and am happy. Everyone should follow the Warrior Way.



Play; Avenue for child growth

It is considered that the American society is highly dependent on new inventions and technology. From the new born kid to the elder generation most people who live in the USA rely mostly on simple yet highly developed machines and apparatus. Microwave oven, dishwasher, food chopper are few of the products that have been developed for the “betterment” of the modern human being. However, it is so pathetic to see how the younger generation are addicted and are being absorbed by the newly “invented” electronic play stations. Different forms of video games have newly defined the word of “play”. Most oftenly, these play stations require only a couch, a television, and fewer physical movements. Further, the most austere health problem prevailing in the USA is Obesity. It is also a common disease among children in America. It is believed in the American society that the less physical activities coupled with heavy consumption of wheat and sucrose have led the children of America in the 21st century to fall into the pit of obesity and diabetes. Apart from these diabolic diseases, such modified and “developed” games do not infuse any qualities that play should accommodate for the betterment of children.

Play in its purest meaning is a path for toddlers and children to apprehend explore and acquire information, experiences and events around him or herself. Jean Piaget, developmental psychologist, referred play as the “language of childhood” . Thus, play vehicles and represents a child’s inner thoughts and his prior experiences. They attempt on understanding the physical and social worlds around them through play. Lev Vygotsky and other developmental theorists elucidate that play nourishes a child soul and is vital for their development. Play fosters physical development by promoting the development of sensory exploration and motor skill. Thus, play is a crucial aspect for a healthy development of a child, as it promotes social skills, intellectual enhancement and psychological development.

Almost all kinds of activities children tend to participate from infancy, share qualities pertaining to the physical growth. Infants start playing by moving parts of their bodies and objects. These movements help them recognize their capabilities to touch, and move. Playing outdoors help children explore different types of kinetic experiences. Climbing up a hill, running with peers, playing catches would help children to acquire, identify and ameliorate their physical capabilities. Further, other sensory and motor skills are also developed by enabling them to play outdoors. Children love to play with water and sand, some others like to wander, picking flowers, leaves, pebbles and other objects with different colors and shapes. Such activities help them to explore and develop their perceptual motor skills. This too enhances the biological growth of a child, as fine muscle coordination and refinement occurs when children are using those kinds of material. Play is also a means to develop the emotional aspect of a child. Children most often express themselves and master emotional experience through play. Play functions as a means of expression, enabling them to be psychologically puissant. Play also leads the child towards a prosocial experience where he or she gains experience on dealing with a group, and in return this has an impact on his or her interaction with a macrocosmic society at later stages of life. The intellectual development too is being reinforced through play. Children who participate in facilitated play shows improvements in school-related areas, which includes verbal comprehension, speech, organization, thinking, and sequential activity.

Thus, Play is the key expressive mode that children are naturally endowed to express their feelings, to use their imagination, and solve problems. A child’s play varies with their development. However, through different kinds of play like constructive play, dramatic play, make – believe play, out-door play, they attempt to acquire different qualities. A child would accomplish social interaction, physical growth, intellectual development, emotional amelioration and self regulation through his or her own simple play. These accomplishments that he or she achieves through play are the proper foundation for his or her entire life, which in my personal view is difficult to obtain through more modernized play stations, where only the isolation, individualism is promoted.

By : - Prabodani Samarakoon

Pic courtesy:
http://www.pinklemonadeoflife.com/2010_08_01_archive.html



Editor’s Book Nook

Outliers By Malcolm Gladwell

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book during my winter break. It 's a book about revealing how successful people really get to where they are today. In this book Gladwell examines the factors that contribute to the high level of success in people. Its very interesting how he point out “ 10,000—hour rule ” , explaining that key to success in any field is to practice the specific task for total around 10,000 hours.

His writing kept me interested through his parallels and examples and he brings the lives of real people, from the past and present, into his theory about why some people succeed, and some don't. This book is part psychology, part sociology, part history, and very fascinating. Be sure to pick this book up when you have the time to read because you won't be able to put it down!

Priyanka Jayakody

From the Editor’s kitchen

Grilled Salmon with Grilled vegetable Salsa

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| 2 lbs salmon fillet | Salsa |
| 2 tbsp olive oil | 1 yellow bell pepper |
| 1tbsp red wine vinegar | 1 red onion |
| 2tbsp minced fresh cilantro | 1 tomato |
| 1 jalapeño chili, seeded and minced | 2 jalapeño |
| Salt to taste | 1/4 cup minced fresh Cilantro |
| | 3 tbs red wine vinegar |
| | 1 tbsp olive oil |

Combine oil, vinegar, cilantro, jalapeño and salt in a bowl and pour over the fish. Let it sit at room temperature for 30 min.

How to prepare salsa: Just before grilling the fish make the salsa.

Place onion, tomato and jalapeños and bell pepper on the grilling rack and cook for 4 min or until tomato is browned and cracked and onions and peppers are tender and browned.

Remove seeds and the charred skin from the peppers . Coarsely chop the peppers, onion and tomato; place in a small bowl. Stir in oil, cilantro, vinegar and salt

Grill the fish fillet 2-3 minutes on each side or until cooked.

Spoon some salsa over the fish and enjoy !!!!

Priyanka Jayakody

Back to 70's

The city was Kandy, the date was July 31st, 2011, a much anticipated day for many Mayans who lived across the globe. The class of 80 reunion was held at Ganga Addara Hotel. It was a grand ceremony; our organizers in Sri Lanka spent a great amount of time and energy since January to bring this event momentous for all of us. Few were able to visit our homeland just for this purpose including myself. The few days we spent in Ganga Addara hotel was filled with laughter, bitter-sweet memories from our childhood and few tears as well.

Many of us never seen each other since we left Mahamaya. Many lost touch with each other over the course of 30 years of our life journey. Though it took only few seconds to reconnect and walk down the memory lane. Through tears and laughter we bonded again stronger than ever and kept a promise to keep in touch.

Fifty of our classmates were able to attend, and the event was fantastic and filled with so much amusement, delicious food, and music and dancing. The day ended with many of us visiting our school. It was the weekend but was pre arranged that we could "hang out" in our own Maya grounds few decades later, visiting our classrooms reminiscing the good old days. For moments we were just 16 or 17 year olds and free spirited. I sat in the same place where I took my A/L exams (hallway outside the classroom) and stared at the clear blue sky remembering my thoughts and feelings that day; soon enough I would have to say good bye to Maya . We were there for few hours and we left the grounds with heavy hearts and mixed feelings.

Following morning few of us went back to school and met with the principal and staff. We were treated with Kiri Bath, Kevum and all traditional style breakfast. It was served in the physics lab and once again we had "stories" to share and connect.

Monday morning assembly was held to honor the most talented sportswoman in Sri Lanka, Madhavi Weerathunage. With the support of some generous members a new sports fund was initiated. The Class of '80 Scholarship Fund was established to stipend four financially disadvantaged medical students through their academic career. Once again the Mayans stepped in for the need of others.

I saw "me" standing there in the assembly looking up to our teachers, our dear old Mrs. Fernando and dreaming big for the future. It was phenomenal to watch similar young faces filled with hopes and dreams, in white uniforms and doing what I did more than 30 years ago; dreaming big for the future.

Today I know those classrooms, stairs we hung out after school or the assembly grounds and mostly our dearest teachers guided me to become who I am today as a grown up woman, an educator, a wife and a mother. I'm so thankful for the education, discipline and the guidance I was given and wishing our dear school Mahamaya Girls College a successful 80th anniversary !!!

Sent By Priyanka Jayakody (Class of '80)



Madhavi Weerathunge was awarded as the most talented sportswoman of 2011 at Sri Lanka Schools Colors Awards Night. Her achievements were recognized at the essembly.



Traditional breakfast with principal and staff in our very special physics lab.



Anoma Kulathunge(nee Ranasinghe), Games Captain 1979 giving a speech about the importance of believing in yourself and how you can achieve anything that you believe in.. Currently she resides in Bethseda, Maryland.



Lanka Cooray (nee Kanakarathne) , School Captain 1979 giving a speech about how MCK helped her to build up her character and advising students to use the resources available. Lanka is currently residing in Victoria, Australia.



Hyacinth Wijesinghe , games captain 1979 , currently coach for Sri Lanka Net Ball team was addressing the students about importance of extra curricular activities.

