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Parent Information Session

Please join us for our next Information Session on:

Thursday October 15

8:45 AM

Topic:

Behaviour Management

Traffic

We thank those who have responded to our request to not park their car in the circular drop off zone in the front of the school. However, we still see a few who are doing so which runs the risk of blocking the buses from getting into and out of the circle. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.



Weather Warnings and School Closure

We draw your attention to an item referred to in the Parent Handbook regarding school closure due to weather warnings. When tropical storms affect Shenzhen, the Shenzhen Meteorological Bureau will issue warning signals via all local TV Media. The warnings can also be found on their monitoring site at: <http://www.szmb.gov.cn>. Parents can also call 12121 for updates.

When a Yellow, Orange or Red Typhoon Warning or a Red Rainstorm Warning is issued all Pre Schools, Elementary, Middle and High Schools are closed. Students are not expected to attend school. In these instances, the general procedure is to announce such a closing in a timely manner so that students, parents and staff do not board buses/cars to travel to school. Notice will be made no later than 6:30 am via messages sent to parents' and staff mobile phones. Adequate notice will also be given through email.

When a weather warning comes into effect during the school day and students and staff are already at school they will be kept at school until normal dismissal time or until such time as it is safe to dismiss. However, parents are permitted to pick up students and take them home. School buses may not run in such instances.



Professional Development (PD) for Staff

Please note that all staff will participate in PD activities on **Friday October 23**. There will be no school for students on this day.

2016/17 Admissions Process

Over the coming months we will hold a series of Information Sessions targeting student recruitment for 2016/17. These will each be followed by an Assessment Session in which students will be observed and assessed in small groups in classroom settings. Dates are listed below. All sessions will begin at 9:00 am.

We would appreciate it if current parents would inform interested friends of these dates and invite them to register for an Information Session by contacting the Admissions Department representatives.

Bonnie Bo:

bonniebo@mhis.education:

Mandy Deng:

mandydeng@mhis.education

Information Session 1- Saturday
November 14th

Assessment Session 1 - Saturday
December 5th

Information Session 2 - Saturday
January 23rd

Assessment Session 2 - Saturday
February 27th

Information Session 3 - Saturday
March 12th

Assessment Session 3 - Saturday
March 26th

Staff Profiles

The "Staff Profile" feature will appear on a regular basis in the Newsletter. With this edition we are pleased to introduce the talented team from K1A



Sylvia Gillett



Sarah Huang



Annie Li

Sylvia Gillett is a UK citizen and a graduate in Early Childhood Education from New England University. She is a highly experienced teacher who has worked at International Schools in Bangladesh (where she was the Pre School Principal), Papua New Guinea, Egypt, and most recently at Stonehill International School in Bangalore India.

Sara Huang graduated from Hohai University with a major in English language and Literature. She has also completed a post grad diploma in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language from Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Sara previously worked at QSI International as a classroom assistant and a Chinese teacher.

Annie Li is from Hunan Province. She loves children and working as a Classroom Assistant in the Pre School at MHIS. Prior to joining us at MHIS Annie worked as a volunteer at a local Chinese school.

After School Activities (ASA)

All students received an ASA confirmation form this past Wednesday to bring home to their parents. Please let us know if you did not receive this correspondence. The form identified the activities assigned to each student. ASA's begin on Monday October 12. We ask parents to make payment, as per instructions included with the form, by Friday October 16.

Air Quality Tests

A number of parents have asked us about air quality tests that were conducted at the school. These were undertaken on July 30 and September 2 respectively. The tests were managed by PETT Co. Ltd. which is a government authorised environmental testing and technology company. PETT representatives ran tests in every room in the school. The tests measured the levels of formaldehyde, ammonia, benzene, toluene and xylene in the rooms.

We are pleased to report that in all cases the levels met the safety standard requirement as determined by government health authorities. For those interested, a copy of these test results is available for parents to examine at the reception desk on the main floor in the school.

We are also in the process of sourcing air purifiers to install in the classrooms to ensure that our air quality is of the highest standard expected.

We wish to reiterate that we value your expressions of concern regarding air quality and assure you that your child's health is of paramount importance to all of us.

School Uniform

We suspect there may be some confusion regarding school uniform expectations. Part of this confusion rests with the fact that some parents were not able to purchase a uniform at the start of the school year as supplies ran out. This has since been rectified. However, as a result of the delay, it is possible that some parents would have seen other children arrive at school without wearing the proper uniform and assumed that the school had relaxed their policy. May we say respectfully that this is not the case.

We are expecting that all students will wear the prescribed school uniform for the entire day each and every day. **Specifically, students are required to wear the formal uniform on Monday and Friday and PE uniform from Tuesday to Thursday. In addition, students should not change from their uniform to other clothing during the course of the day unless in an emergency.** If a change is needed the child is required to wear a spare school uniform piece that he/she has brought to school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter. We regard the uniform as an important part of our identity and one of the ways we are able to build a strong sense of community within the school.

Halloween Celebration



We remind all parents and students that we will have our first whole school celebration on Friday October 30th. We will celebrate Halloween by inviting all our students and staff to wear fancy dress costumes. Please talk to your child about what they might like to wear on the day to give yourself time to prepare your costume.