

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."

Dr. Seuss



Dear Chatsworth East Community,

Our April holiday is just around the corner and with two weeks off during this period, the month will seem very short.

Last month we had Mrs. Holland and her husband being congratulated on the birth of their first child. This month we are pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins' first child, Flynn, into the Chatsworth community. Mr. Hutchins is a very proud new dad and both mom and baby are doing well. On behalf of the entire Chatsworth community, we wish he and his new family well.

This month we are excited to welcome a visiting author to our campus from the UK. Mr. Nick Toczec will join us on the 3rd of April and will run two separate assemblies in order to cater to our different age groups. We are fortunate to have secured a visit from Mr. Toczec as he is highly sought after from other international and local schools in Singapore. Mr. Toczec will entertain us with some of his poetry and stories, as well as take questions from the students and discuss what it is like to be an author. Mr. Toczec will also be signing and selling some of his books on the day if any students or parents are interested in purchasing a copy.

The March Swim Gala was a huge success and hats off to Ms Smith for a fun and exciting day of competition. We had, as always, a terrific turnout from parents in support of our young athletes and I think everyone in our neighbourhood heard the cheering!

Our PYP Assessment workshop in March was very informative and teachers now have even more tools to add to their ideas for assessing learning in the classroom. I am sure that Mr. Hynes will take interested parents through some of what we experienced in our workshop during one of his Coffee Mornings so please stay tuned.

This month, as always, we have some professional development taking place, both here at school and abroad. Ms Chong has been granted leave and will be headed to Italy where she will discover first-hand what it is like to be a part of a Reggio Emilia school. She will be gone for a week and Ms Rich, one of our previous classroom teachers, will be looking after her class. Also this month we have Ms Song Ding Ding, one of our Mandarin teachers, participating in a workshop for Mandarin teachers in Beijing at another IB World School. This course will assist us in further strengthening and developing our Mandarin curriculum. Finally, I will be out to Hong Kong at the end of the month for a few days to attend an education summit with Apple Inc.

Ms Fink and Ms Fitch are organizing some events in the school for Earth Week, to be held from April 20th through to the 24th. More information will be sent home soon but the main idea of the week is to get our students thinking more about the environment and the impact they can have, even just through the small choices they make and actions that they take.

I would like to remind parents and guardians to please close the front wooden gate by the Library when they go through it, as well as the side wooden gate by the girls' toilet and parking lot. It would also be very much appreciated if you could inform your helpers of the same as I know that some of them pick up and drop off the children. It only takes a moment to close the gate and it helps us to keep all of the students safe during busy traffic times of the day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

It is, unfortunately, that time of year again when various colds and the flu are going around. I would like to ask that parents please keep their children at home if they are unwell or have a fever so as to stop the spread of the virus through the classroom and school. Nurse Siti is always on duty to take temperatures and assess a child's health. If for any reason Nurse Siti feels a child should be resting at home, parents will be called.

The construction of the new roof across the field at APSN looks to be pretty much complete. There were teams playing football there this week so it looks like we will be back to normal shortly. We will hopefully have access to the road at the back entrance of the school when we return from the April break.

School photos went very well this year and the proofs with order forms have already been sent home. Please return the forms and payment when we return from our Easter holiday. We were lucky with only a couple of absent students on the class photo days and the rain held off (for the most part) for our outdoor group photos. As always, we were very impressed with the photographer and their interaction with our students.

The CPSG has received some feedback from parents regarding our school canteen and after meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Kee, we will begin seeing a few changes soon. Once we have the new menu sorted we will be seeing more fresh fruit, 100% juices and yoghurts in the fridges throughout the day, less of the sugary and fizzy drinks, and more vegetables on the lunch plates. As with any change in menu, it takes time to get it the way we want it but this is certainly a step in the right direction. The Kees are very happy to serve up whatever the parents are looking for and seek only to produce healthy meals.

The next Chatsworth Parent Support Group (CPSG) meeting will be held on the Thursday, 30th of April, in Tembusu Hall at 9:15am. All are always welcome and the CPSG encourages new parents to the school to come out and get involved in any way they can. Please note that the information display board for the CPSG is located near the canteen and you can find more information here regarding the meetings and upcoming events. You can also place your coffee order from Starbucks.

Important Upcoming Events for your calendar:

April 3 rd	Visiting Author Nick Toczek
April 6 th – 17 th	School Holiday
April 20 th – 24 th	Earth Week – events happening at school and in the classrooms
April 27 th – 30 th	Years 5 and 6 students on residential trip to Sebu
April 30 th	CPSG Meeting, 9:15 start
May 1 st	Labour Day – School Closed
May 4 th	Final CCA session begins
May 22 nd – 25 th	School holiday
July 3 rd	Last day of school for academic calendar
August 31 st	First day of new academic school year

A more complete Calendar can be found on the school website.

As always, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please do stop by my office, find me on the field in the morning, or drop me an email. I value and encourage the opportunity for discussion.

Sincerely,



Tyler Sherwood
Principal

School Calendar for 2009-2010

There have been a few requests for information on next year's academic calendar. Whilst we cannot provide you with a complete calendar until the Singapore government confirms a few of the public holiday dates, we can certainly provide parents with a fair amount of information now, at this point in the year, so that you can make holiday arrangements (some of you are booking Christmas holiday flights already!). We will issue the finalized Calendar as soon as we have confirmation on the dates for Chinese New Year 2010 (currently it is looking like the 14th of February but we will wait for the official word from the proper Singapore authorities), as well as Vesak Day. The finalized calendar will also be released on the school website once available.

Please note that the date for Deepavali has been changed from November 16th to the 17th of October, 2009.

The following dates below are confirmed (except where noted) and are also being released at the Orchard campus:

August 31 st	First day of new school year
September 21 st	Hari Raya – campus closed
Oct. 19 th -23 rd	School Holiday
November 27 th	Hari Raya – campus closed
Dec. 14 th -Jan. 1 st	Christmas Holidays
Feb. 15 th -19 th	School Holiday (CNY will most likely fall on the 14 th)
Apr. 2 nd -16 th	Easter Holiday
May 21 st -24 th	School Holiday
July 2 nd	Last day of academic year

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