



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

The International Department

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Principal's Newsletter

Week 24

Dear Parents

I sent a flyer out this week with date changes for upcoming school events. Please be aware that we have changed these dates to be accommodating and meet requests from the school community. I feel this is a better fit for the school calendar. Also, please find attached the school calendar for this year as a reminder. We have a long weekend on the 3-5th of April. The school will be closed for a national holiday; Tomb Sweeping Day.

MYP Work Shop

The workshop for MYP parents and students will be held next week, Wednesday 31st March. We will start at 8:45 and work through until 3:30. As stated last week, parents are invited to come. Please find the agenda below.

8:45 – Introduction to the day

9:00 – Burning issues, questions – “Parking lot” activity

9:15 – What is Assessment? What does assessment look like in the classroom? What should we expect from teachers?

- What is modified criteria?
- How do we use task Specific Indicators?
- Assessment cover sheet

10:00 – Assessment activity – writing an assessment task

10:30 – Snack

10:50 – Carry out assessment task

- Peer assessment
- Self assessment

12:20 – Lunch

1:20 – Planning, Action, Assessment

- What is the unit planner, and does this affect us as students?
- Areas of interaction – what are they???????
- What is an MYP report, and how do we understand it?
- Ms Sudborough – Advisory programme

Assemblies

March 26 Numeracy Week Assembly
April 2 Year 4
April 9 MYP/DP Humanities with Miss Sudborough

Upcoming events

April 5 School closed: Tomb Sweeping
April 20 International Day
April 26 - May 4 School closed – May holidays

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Coffee Morning

Friday March 26th, 10am: This will be held in the school staffroom. One of the items on the agenda will be International Day. We will discuss activities and how parents would like to chip in. I hope to see you all there.

International Day: Tuesday, April 20th

This is a great opportunity for you to introduce traditions and crafts from a country by running one or more activities at a "stall". The country could be your home country, one you have lived in, or simply one you have an interest in. This is a wonderful way for the children to learn about different cultures from "experts".

Each stall will be run by a parent or preferably a group of parents. We will arrange the stalls outside, weather dependent, with a table and chairs, play area and a label. At each stall, the children will be able to try out different activities linked to the country represented there. The activities will last for about fifteen minutes per group. All the children will be visiting the stalls in house groups. Because of this, each age group should be catered for.

Other events of the day include the morning parade and the "Food from around the world" lunch. During the parade the children are given the opportunity to show off costumes (or country colours) from a variety of countries. For lunch, **every** family is asked to bring in a plate of food and share an international buffet style lunch. **Please help your child to organise their costume/clothes and bring one plate of traditional food.**

International Day is a GREAT opportunity for the whole school community to share in our many cultures and we look forward to the support of our parent body. This day can only be a success with your contributions of time and effort.

We look forward to seeing you this week and to a GREAT International Day, 2010! ☺

Thank you,

The International Day 2010 Committee

International Day 2010: Tuesday, April 20th Proposed Timetable of Activities

Approximate Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:45	School parade
9:45 – 10:00	Organise into house groups (2 groups per house)
10:00 – 11:00	Parent-run activities: Children work around the stalls with staff members
11:00 – 11:20	Break time
11:20 – 12:20	Children finish working around the stalls
12:20 – 1:20	Potluck (shared) lunch and play time
1:20 – 3:00	Teacher-run activities
3:00 – 3:30	International Day closing assembly
3:35	Home time (Buses run as usual, no clubs this day)



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Tomb Sweeping Day

School will be closed Monday 5th April for Tomb Sweeping. Enjoy the long weekend.

Sunday Sports

The focus will be on touch rugby. We are hoping to compete against another team in the upcoming weeks. If you are interested please come along.

School Calendar

Please find attached the school calendar. There has been some confusion over instructional days due to the change over October break, and the taking away from long weekends. I have attached an up-to-date calendar.

2010/11 Enrolments

I would like an indication of who is returning to school next year. At this stage I realise that some decisions aren't made, but an indication would be helpful for planning classes and course for next academic year.

Can you please complete the form below and return to Jessica.

Many thanks.

2010/11 Indication form

Family Name: _____

1. I will not be returning next year.
2. I will be returning next year.
3. I am undecided as yet.

Sincerely,

Alasdair Maclean

Numeracy Week 2010

This week has been a wonderful experience for our students, as they explored the wonderful world of Mathematics. We had fantastic activities that enlightened students and made them more aware of how useful and necessary Math really is in their everyday lives. A big thank you to all who made this week a success: the numeracy team - Karen, Kareen, Margaret, and Rhandy, other members of staff and faculty and the parents who gave us all a glimpse into how they use Math in their own daily lives.

Finally to our students, this would not have been possible without you guys.

YOU ROCK!!!!!! ☺





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XHIS International Department Lunch Orders

Date: 2010/3/29--2010/4/2

Total RMB

Student Name		Price	NO.
Monday (Local food)	Chinese bread with meat	4	
	Fried noodle (Vegetarian)	5	
Tuesday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet	15	
	Wild mushroom rice (Vegetarian)	18	
Wednesday (Village café)	Spaghetti	15	
	Quesadilla (Vegetarian)	20	
Thursday (Bacchus)	Vegetarian Pizza	15	
	Fried chicken wings with vegetable and rice	24	
Friday (Subway)	Roasted Chicken (with salad)	15	
	Roasted Chicken(no salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	

Snack: March 29-- Apr .2

Student: _____ Yes(v) No(x)

	Mar.29	Mar.30	Mar.31	Apr .1	Apr .2
Morning	Orange	Bread	Yogurt	Banana	Cooked rice and preserves
Afternoon	Yogurt	Juice	Pear	Juice	Yogurt