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Principal's Newsletter: Week 25

Dear Parents

As many of you know, the Maclean family has returned to New Zealand this week to attend to a family matter. A notice was sent out earlier this week to explain that Mr. Maclean will return to school on Tuesday, April 6th, that Mrs. Maclean will be away for three to four weeks. Mrs. Maclean's classes are being taught by other teachers according to plans she prepared and left before leaving. As well, Mr. Maclean's MYP Workshop scheduled for parents and students this week will be rescheduled upon his return.

Tomb Sweeping Day (Qingming Festival)

Please remember we have a long weekend this weekend. The school will be closed on Monday for Tomb Sweeping Day.

Sunday Sports

To allow everyone the opportunity to take advantage of the long weekend and XFBF Eater lunch at the Golden Flower Hotel Sunday (see attachment), there will be no Sunday Sports on 4 April. This will resume on 11 April at 10am.

2010/11 Enrolments

We have only received a few responses to last week's request for indications as to whether you and your family plan to return to XHIS next year. If you have not done so, please complete the form below and return to Jessica.

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.

Many thanks.

Jeremy Van

Assemblies

April 2 Year 4
April 9 MYP/DP Humanities with Miss Sudborough
April 16 Year 5

Upcoming events

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

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International Day 2010

Tuesday, April 20th

Dear XHIS Parents

Many thanks to those parents who have offered to plan and run a country stall for International Day 2010.

It's now three weeks to the BIG day!!

Country Stalls: 10am – 12:35 (Break time: 11:00 – 11:20)

Please note that due to the wonderful response from parents, there will be 10 country stalls, each with one or more countries represented. As such, the display time has been changed slightly and now goes to 12:35 in order to allow for all students to participate in all of the stalls. There is still a break for parents and students at 11 o'clock. Students will have their usual snacks at this time.

We are really looking forward to seeing which activities parents will prepare for the stalls. This day will undoubtedly be a fun learning experience for all.

Food from Around the World: 12:35 – 1:30

“Potluck” (shared) lunch

Each family is asked to bring in a plate of food which is popular in their home country. If each family brings in a plate of food, there will be plenty to eat and share for all. Food will be laid out in a buffet format in the primary lunch room.

Please indicate below the food that your family will prepare and share.

Family	Food Please include a brief description. <i>The Intl. Day committee will use this to make a label for the food to place on the buffet table. Please include estimated quantity.</i>

Please return this form to Jessica as soon as you can. It will help us in our planning to know which foods will be shared and give an indication of quantities.

Afternoon activities: 1:30 – 3:30

All students will participate in teacher led activities until 3:00.

Thank you.

- The International Day 2010 Committee ☺

25 March—23 April 2010

The fourth edition



Year 4 Newsletter

Unit of Inquiry

The title of our next UOI is *People on the Move* under the organizing theme of *Where We are in Place and Time*.

The central Idea: Human migration is a response to risks, challenges and opportunities.

Inquiry into:

- The reasons people migrate
- Migration throughout history
- Effects of migration on communities, cultures and individuals.

As a tuning-in activity, students had to move, without prior warning, to another class and follow the lessons for the whole period. After the activity the students did a self-reflection where they relate how they felt after experiencing sudden movement. In the next activity, the students were required to register for a specific subject based on their own personal preference. In the last activity

specific city that they wanted to stay in based on specific information related to each city. The students had to write a letter to the mayor explaining why they wanted to stay in that city. Some other activities that are scheduled for this unit will include a number of guest speakers.



Mathematics

To help the children master the multiplication and division facts, they use many strategies they used in the previous year level when learning addition and sub

traction facts. Games are a wonderful way to take them to the tedium out of memorizing the facts. Because children enjoy playing games, they are more likely

volunteer for facts practice.



Literacy

The children learnt about the concord (verb agreement). They will continue improving their skills at verb by focusing on the tense. They will learn about simple present and simple past tense.

Recap of the previous Unit of Inquiry



PYP 4 students have just completed the *Transdisciplinary Theme How We Express Ourselves*. As a summative activity we invited parents from Year 4 students to join us on March 24, 2010. The PYP 4 students were able to share the classroom activities and could explain what they have learnt during the unit independently to their guests. They showed confidence and independence when explaining their work to our visitors. We would like to thank you the following parents from coming and enjoying our Art Museum Day: Mrs. Khoo, Mrs. Mueckenhaupt, Mrs. Jang, Mrs. Fu and Mrs. Wang.



We're on the web!
<http://www.etonhouse-xian.com>

2nd Annual
XFBF Easter Brunch
With the Golden Flower
by Shangri La



Break out the Sunday best, hide some eggs,
and get ready for a few surprises.

The Golden Flower by Shangri La
has once again thrown open its doors for the whole family.

Place: Golden Flower by Shangri La

8 Chang Le Road West (长乐西路 8 号)

Date: Sunday April 4th

Time: 10:30am

Price: Members CNY 100.00,

Non-Members: CNY 120.00

Children half-price,

Infants No Charge

Please RSVP in advance to patrick.antony@xianfbf.com
or by calling 13609193295



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XHIS International Department Lunch Orders

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

Total RMB

Student Name		Price	NO.
Tuesday (Local food)	Chinese bread with meat	4	
	Fried noodle (Vegetarian)	5	
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: April 6 – 9

Student: _____

Yes(No(x)

	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
Morning	No classes	Bread	Yogurt	Banana	Cake
Afternoon		Juice	pear	Juice	Yogurt