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Principal's Newsletter Week 18

Dear parents

This week we have had a lot of some fun celebrating reading, writing, and language in general during our XHIS Literacy Week, 2010. Thank you to those parents who have come in and shown so much support for this week's activities, to the students and teachers for their positive and creative participation, and of course, to the organisers of the events for the week, Ms. Stenson, Miss Simpson, and Mrs. Miller. It has been an interesting and educational week for the whole XHIS community.

This week also saw a visit from the owners of EtonHouse, Mrs. Ng Gim Choo and her husband along with Dr. Paul Lieblich. All visitors were pleased with the new look of XHIS building as well as the positive feeling among the students, teachers, and parents. It's been nice to see the completion of the school's renovations and decoration. We are making big strides this year in the development of our school thanks to the effort and support of the whole community.

As part of our ongoing efforts to move EtonHouse schools in China forward, Mr. Maclean is in Suzhou this week for a series of meetings with EtonHouse (EHC) principals, Mrs. Ng, and other EtonHouse board members. We look forward to his return and news from his visit on Monday.

Literacy Week 25 – 29 January

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to read to classes this week. Your time, effort, and support are very much appreciated. I have already had one offer from a parent to return to school for another guest reading time. If any of you are also interested in more time to read with/to students, please let us know. I know the students have really enjoyed the experience and we would encourage more of the same. Tomorrow Friday, January 29th, is "Wear a Word" day. Students, teachers, and any interested parents are invited to dress up in clothes that represent the meaning of a word. Many of you have likely already received information about this day from homeroom teachers. We are hoping that this week has raised interest in literacy overall. As part of our literacy focus this week, any parents who are interested in donating books to the school library are welcome to send these into the school with your child(ren). Of course, this is purely voluntary. New and/or used books in good condition are welcome as any book donations would be helpful in expanding students' choices in reading material.

Assemblies

Jan. 29 Literacy Week Closing Ceremony
Feb. 5 Chinese: Ms. Zhai

Upcoming Events

Feb.9th Chinese New Year Celebration/Open Day
Feb 12th End Term 2: School Day Ends 1.30pm
Feb 15-26 Chinese New Year Holidays:
No Classes

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Scholastic Book Orders

We have received many orders for Scholastic books. Please remember the final due date for this round of orders is tomorrow. Friday 29th January. If you would like to order books for your child(ren), please be sure to send forms in to Jessica tomorrow.

Chinese New Year Open Day: Tuesday, February 9th

On Tuesday February 9th, we would like to invite all parents to come in and help us celebrate Chinese New Year. The Chinese department teachers and students have been working hard to prepare performances and activities for the whole school to take part in. Performances will begin at 9am and run until roughly 10:30. After morning break/snack (10:50) students will be participating in a variety of activities highlighting aspects of Chinese and Asian culture. All parents are welcome to join us on this day to have a look or even take part in some of the activities.

Dolce Bistro

Based on the response from families, we have decided to move forward with the discussed plan to introduce catering by Dolce Bistro. We are, of course, taking into consideration all of the feedback received, and more information will be out about this in the near future.

School Houses

This week, we have started a School House system at XHIS. This system is used in all EtonHouse schools, as well as many other international schools, to encourage students to be active and interested in school activities and to reward students for doing a good job inside and outside of the classroom.

Having the chance to win points also introduces some fun, friendly competition between students. Points will be awarded to Houses as a reward for joining special activities, such as winning a poster contest, and for other occasions, such as receiving a Learner Profile award during our Friday assemblies. We will try to have many opportunities for students to win points for their Houses. At the end of the school year, a very special award ceremony will be held to honour the School House that has earned the most points.

All students, from Reception through Year 13, have been divided into four School Houses: Red, Green, Blue, and Yellow. This week, all students were informed of their School House colour by their homeroom teacher. Very soon, the House colours will be used to design t-shirts which may be used as part of students' PE uniform.

We are sure that this addition to our school will be highly positive for everyone. Any questions related to School Houses can be directed to Mr. G.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Van

Guest Readers



Authors' Day



Book Characters



Cosy Reading Party



XHIS International Department Lunch Orders

Date 2010/2/1 - 2010/2/5

Total RMB _____

Student Name _____

		Price	NO.
Monday (Subway)	Meatball (with salad)	15	
	Meatball (no salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	
Tuesday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet	15	
	Wild mushroom rice (Vegetarian)	18	
Wednesday (Village café)	Chicken Curry	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 Order Form: Feb. 1 – Feb. 5

Student: _____ Yes(√) No(×)

	Feb.1		Feb.2		Feb.3		Feb.4		Feb.5	
Morning	Orange		Bread		Apple		Banana		Yogurt	
Afternoon	Yogurt		Juice		Yogurt		Juice		pear	