



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

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Principal's Newsletter Week 19

Dear Parents

I had a wonderful principals' meeting in Wuxi last week. We discussed the new innovations at EtonHouse, and where the schools will be moving in the future. We have new literacy and numeracy equipment arriving soon; this is happening EtonHouse wide. Paul Lieblich has already organised video conferencing on how to implement the use of the new materials, and we will have a parents' information evening as soon as it all arrives at school to discuss the new material, WASC, and other items in progress at the moment.

This week I am off to India, to lead an MYP conference on Middle Years development. It has been an honour to be asked to run this. I will be working with MYP schools from around the world and there is no doubt that I will bring some useful information back to our school.

I was away last week and I know Mr. Van has already thanked Mrs. Miller, Miss Simpson, and Ms. Stenson, but I would also like to thank them for organising such a wonderful Literacy Week. I know Mrs. Zhai, Ms. Lin, Ms. Xu, Miss Sudborough, and Mr. Gallerno have been putting in a lot of work into our upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations as well. I am sure that, as a school, we will be 'wowed' next Tuesday, February 9th.

Open Day: Chinese New Year Celebrations

As mentioned above, next Tuesday, February 9th XHIS will be holding our Chinese New Year celebrations. This will also be an open day. All parents are invited to come into school to watch the children perform. This will start at 9 and run through until roughly 10:30. After interval the students will be moving from classroom to classroom participating in different Chinese New Year activities.

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to come and look around the school. A lot of you have seen the changes and I will be available to chat and show parents around the school. Please come and see the changes at school and become involved in our New Year's celebrations.

Assemblies

Feb. 5 Chinese: Ms. Zhai
March 5 Nursery, Reception, Year 1

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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School Website

We should have a new website in the very near future. This will be a portal where you arrive at a common EtonHouse site and can then click to visit the school you want. As an organisation we have to keep moving forward with our curriculum. As we are becoming more proficient with our video conferencing, we have already begun using this to link with other EtonHouse, China (EHC) schools to further develop – as I have always said a good curriculum changes and evolves.

Dolce Bistro

I have sent out information over the last two week with regard to an alternative school lunch system. Thank you to those of you that responded. Since the original notice was sent out, I have taken into account your feedback. Some of the suggestions were that the lunches had a large amount of food and the feeling was the children wouldn't be able to eat all the lunch served. Secondly, the lunches are too expensive. Again, I have taken this into account and spoken to Vivien, who has come up with what I believe is a great solution:

1. A menu will be placed online every week
2. Parents/teachers can access this online menu and choose what they would like to eat for lunch each day. Rather than being committed to the entire menu, you can choose just what you want. Each item will have its own cost. This will allow you to choose what you know your child will be able to eat.
3. Payment will need to be made in advance. This can be made to the school or Dolce. When you check your account online, you will see your balance. Everybody will have an individual account.

I hope you like the concept of the new lunch system. This is just a brief overview and I will have more detailed instructions out after Chinese New Year.

Sunday Sport

Sunday sport will resume on the Sunday after our Chinese New Year holiday. We hope students, parents, and hopefully some interested teachers will be out for a strong showing on Sunday, March 7th.

Sincerely,

Alasdair Maclean

Zhai Lao Shi de Chinese Assembly

Spring is coming at last, and everything is full of vitality. With the arrival of spring comes China's most important holiday—Chinese New Year. In order to express our joy for the appearance of spring and the coming holiday, students will share songs and dances to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

This assembly consists of two programs: first, students will sing and dance a Chinese song: Happy New Year. Next, students will perform a dance: Learn from Lei Feng, A Good Example.

These performances highlight two parts of IB's Essential Elements:

1. **Knowledge:** Students can learn more about Chinese New Year culture through their performance.
2. **Action:** Dancing can enable students' body actions to be more agile. At the same time, dance performances are artistic and healthy.



Thanks sincerely from Ms. Zhai

February 4, 2010



XHIS Chinese New Year's Festival: Open Day

On Tuesday, February 9th, XHIS students will have performances to celebrate the Chinese New Year from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. After the entertainment, a variety of activities related to this special holiday will be held for the rest of the day. Parents and community members are cordially invited to watch the performance and join in activities.

Chinese New Year Festival Activities: from 10:50-12:20 and 1:20-3:30*

● Making Chinese shadow puppets	● Cardboard fireworks craft
● Cooking sweet rice balls (tang yuan)	● Paper cutting
● Flour clay Chinese Zodiac animals**	● Cooking dumplings
● Chinese calligraphy writing	● Watching Chinese New Year's cartoon

In addition to enjoying the performances and activities, parents who haven't seen our school for awhile may also take this opportunity to see our new look. Many recent improvements have been made to the international department at XHIS, including updating library furnishings, adding banners throughout the school, and upgrading all restrooms. There are lots of other additions that we are proud of, as well. Tours will be available upon request.

We also have some activities planned which students may participate in to earn House Points. Monday, February 8th, will be "**Red Day.**" Students will win 10 points for their House for each piece of red clothing worn (not including the school uniform). For example, a student who wears a red shirt and a red hat would be awarded 20 House Points. Results of this activity will be revealed at a special assembly on Tuesday, February 9th.

Also on Tuesday we will have "**Get Caught Speaking Chinese Day.**" To earn points and prizes for this activity, students must be "caught" on video using Chinese *outside of Chinese class* by selected teachers.

Notes:

* Parents should contact homeroom teachers if they wish to participate in or help with activities.

** A guest instructor will lead this activity. She will have samples available for sale if students wish to purchase sculptures.



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XHIS International Department Lunch Orders			
Date 2010/2/8--2010/2/12			
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 (Bacchus))	Cannelloni	24	
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 Feb.8--- Feb .12

Student: _____ Yes(√) No(×)

	Feb.8	Feb.9	Feb.10	Feb.11	Feb.12
Morning	Orange	Bread	Banana	Cake	Juice
Afternoon	Juice	Yogurt	Juice	pear	