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Dear Parents,

## Be the Change: Be Appreciative!



A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart. During Teachers' Day Celebrations this year, we were treated to an exciting concert as students came together to share their love for their teachers through performances and videos. A big thank you to the community: Parents, PSGs, students (both past and present) as well as colleagues for making us feel extra special. The positive affirmations will motivate us to strive to do better for every child that passes through our hands every year! As we celebrate Children's Day this month, let us see the "child" in our students and celebrate their successes, big or small. Let us also teach them to be thankful to always do their best with what they have!

### Our Pride and Joy: The LEAP Award 2018

The LEAP Award<sup>1</sup> (飞跃教师奖) was launched by the late former President S R Nathan in 2011 and awarded by Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan (SHHK) annually to recognise exceptional teachers who have made a positive impact in nurturing their students. The naming of the award signifies a leap of faith taken by a teacher us believing that students have the potential to excel beyond their capabilities. This year, a total of 577 nominations for 251 teachers were received from school leaders, fellow teachers, students and parents nationwide. We are proud to share that one of our very own colleagues, Mdm Brenda Peh, was selected as one of the 11 award recipients! Well done Brenda!

### Children's Day Celebration (Thu, 4 Oct)

This year, we will celebrate Children's Day with a host of activities! We have planned Games Carnival, Meet and Greet Photoshoot, Music Dedication and Movie Screening for P1 to P4 students. P5 and P6 students will do level-bonding games out of school. All students can come to school in cartoon-themed costumes/shirts or in PE attire. Students will be dismissed at 1.45pm and there will be no afternoon CCA or remedial/supplementary lessons.

<sup>1</sup> The LEAP Award stands for "Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress Award"

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### PSLE Marking Days

There will be no school from 15-18 Oct as our teachers will be out for PSLE marking duties. Home-based learning assignments will be given to students. We will send parents a separate notification nearer to date.

### “Learn for Life”, Preparing Our Students To Excel Beyond Exam Results

On 28 Sep 2018, MOE announced that schools will reduce the number of school-based assessments as part of efforts to reduce the emphasis on academic results. These changes will be implemented in phases in the next few years. Parents' support and partnership are crucial in making these changes impactful to our students. We will be communicating these to parents in 2019, to help parents understand the rationale behind the changes, and how it impacts our children, and also how we can help support our children in our own perspective towards learning, as parents. We will also be gathering parents' feedback and address parents' concern through regular updates and touchpoints, such as parents' briefing, Parent-Teacher Meeting and monthly memos.

### Significant Events in October

Mon, 1 Oct: PSLE MT Paper 1 & 2  
Tue, 2 Oct: PSLE Science Paper  
Wed, 3 Oct: PSLE HMT Paper 1 & 2  
Thu, 4 Oct: Children's Day Celebrations  
Fri, 5 Oct: Children's Day School Holiday  
8-30 Oct: SA2 Examinations  
15-18 Oct: PSLE Marking Days (No school for all students)

The recent announcements on the changes in the educational landscape, have made me pause to reflect and rethink about learning, and teaching. These changes provide an opportunity for us to relook and rethink how we can learn and teach differently as a teacher, a child and very importantly, as a parent. While we have been successful in our generation with our given context, we seek to prepare the next generation to try and surpass us in theirs. *Our ways might no longer be their ways, our paths no longer theirs to follow.* As they walk their own paths of learning that is new even to us, we can gird them with the wisdom of years and the values from home. These anchors will certainly help to center them as they advance into as future that is uncertain, yet promising.

I will leave a link to a School Bag article on “Developing a Growth Mindset in Kids” below for your reading. Happy Children's Day!

With gratitude,



Mdm Sarah Leong  
Principal



MOE Press Release  
on Changes to  
School-based  
Assessments



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