

The Bear Essentials

Principal's Monthly Bulletin September 2010

After the first two weeks of school I am happy to say that our new students are getting to know each other and our school routines are pretty well established. We have welcomed three new students: Shadi Almousa and Alexis Vogiatzis in grade 4 and Gianfranco Nasuti in grade 2. We have fine tuned the schedules, so your child will have a copy of the schedule in their homework folder this week. Resource and Greek lessons have begun and all non native English speakers have been screened and grouped according to their skills. All in all, we're pleased with the smooth start and thank you for your support.

- **Firstly, on behalf of the faculty I want to thank the Parents Group for the wonderful breakfast they offered to us all on Friday. It was a welcome and much appreciated treat! THANK YOU!**
- **Congratulations are due to the following students who were duly elected as Student Council Representatives!** Limberis Lymberopoulos and Bieke Grunewald in grade 6, Jason Mandilaris and Ery Platanitis in grade 5 and Billy Kapetanis and Tom Grunewald in grade 4. Their first activity will be to assist with Jeans for Genes Day on October 15th. Thanks also go to all students who ran for office this year, prepared speeches and made posters – it was the largest number of nominees ever!
- **I am concerned that some parents have not yet returned the Health Forms we distributed at Orientation Day.** Your child's health and safety are at stake – please return them tomorrow so the nurse's records are accurate. If you have misplaced the original forms, please ask Ms Pauline for copies.
- **Students in grades 1 are dismissed at 3.40 p.m. and grades 2 – 5 are dismissed to parents at 3.45p.m. from the Multi Purpose Area.** Do please respect our school rule on safety by ensuring that students do not climb on the walls and fences at the side and front of the building after they have been dismissed. Unless your child is attending a school supervised activity, **no student should remain in the primary school building after dismissal.**
- Please note the **November PG Coffee meeting will be held on Nov 23rd not Nov 24th** as stated in the letter you received from Dr Thanopoulou.
- **A canteen form is attached to this bulletin.** As stated in the Parent-Student handbook, Primary School students do not go independently to the canteen – all food must be ordered in advance for students in grades 1 – 5.
- **In response to a question about recess** – students can bring toys, books etc. from home on the understanding they accept full responsibility and do not trade them on a permanent basis! Electronic games are not to be brought to school as it is impossible to supervise the content of the games, many of which we do not consider appropriate for young learners.
- **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People** is the charity in England to whom I forward all the used stamps families give me. So please don't throw those envelopes out without cutting round the stamp area, and giving the stamps to your child. Perhaps you can ask your work colleagues to do the same?

Thank you! **We will be having a Bake Sale on Thursday 21st October to raise funds for the training of 5 new puppies – more news later!**

An important reminder: "Play dates" are special for youngsters and may well be an important social event in your child's life. However, parents are responsible for letting us know in advance if there is any change to the dismissal routines or school transportation arrangements they have made for their children.

- A note must be sent to school in the passport /school diary indicating any change, or a call made to the school.
- **Students are not allowed to call parents at the end of the school day** – all arrangements must be made in advance.

Please help us keep our students safe and secure!

DIARY DATES

Breaking News

Mrs Demopoulos will be talking to students this week about the annual READATHON which begins October 1st!

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE!

October 5 and 12: Grade 2 to Airport

October 12: First Parent Coffee meeting at 2.15 p.m. in Dr Thanopoulou's office on the first floor of the main building where the ISA Learning Center is located. Ms Myrto Kogevina will begin the year with a presentation on "Adjustment – ways to help your child and your family adjust to the new school year." Friends of ISA parents are most welcome to attend these informal, but informative, discussions.

October 15: Jeans for Genes Day is a fund raising event run by Student Council to raise awareness and funds for research into childhood genetic disorders. More details to follow!

October 19: Parents will receive Mid quarter reports.

October 21: Bake Sale

October 27: OXI Day performance at 9.30 a.m. in ISA theater.

October 27: Read-In for grades 4 – 6 in library from 7.00 – midnight to celebrate the end of the Readathon.

October 28, 29: Mid term break for Primary, Middle and High School.

