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Thanks to PTA and Volunteerism

A huge thanks to the PTA with a large number of parent and teacher volunteers helping make the Spring Fun Day a super event. Once again the weather has been with us. Some of our very active community then worked on making the Pfrang Charity Gala a huge success raising more money to support education for Chinese students in more remote areas. The general level of volunteerism reflects well on our community. Each volunteer is a model for their children and their peers.

IB Exam Time

While most of us are looking forward to a May break our 12th Grade students will be starting their IB exams. These are the culminating examinations that will impact the university opportunities for those students that do not yet have unconditional acceptances. They and their teachers have put enormous efforts into preparation for these next three weeks. We hope everyone reaches their individual target as 'individual excellence' is the central tenet of our school mission.

Response to Yushu Earthquake in Qing Hai Province

From May 10-14 we will be collecting donations to help with the earthquake response. There will be a box at the cashier's desk in which to deposit contributions. The money will be sent to the Amity Foundation (www.amityfoundation.org), an excellent NGO in China.

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Upcoming Events:

Monday 3rd of May -
Friday 7th of May
Mid Semester Vacation

Monday 3rd of May
IB Diploma Exams Begin

Friday 7th of May
ACAMIS Drum Festival

Friday 14th of May
PYP Assembly

Tuesday 18th of May
PTA Final Meeting

Keyboarding Stars!

Our students in grades 3-4-5 are developing keyboarding skills. With the increased use of technology in our world today, good "touch typing" skills are essential for effective computer use. Students should be practicing their keyboarding skills at home on the website "Typing Master Online" located at: <http://online3.typingmaster.com/tmonline3/login?id=mbzug42gv> Thank you to parents who are encouraging their child's development of this necessary skill.

When students are ready to try and pass a level they make arrangements with their classroom teacher or Ann Martin, our Educational Technology Integrator. During the test time, they must type **with their hands covered**!! Students may practice a test at home to build their confidence and skills.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have passed a keyboarding test:

Grade 4A	Francis Velten	Basic Plus	18 WPM	77% Accuracy
Grade 4A	Yeeun Kim	Super Star!!	47 WPM	96% Accuracy

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES –TUESDAY, MAY 25th!

Student Led Conferences

Dear Parents,

Student Led Conferences are approaching. This is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you. The conferences will take place on **Tuesday, May 25th 2010**. Your child will give you an invitation with a time for you to attend.

The Student Led Conference is compulsory. This is a compulsory regular attendance school day. Although there are no scheduled classes, students must attend WITH THEIR PARENT(S) OR A “SURROGATE” PARENT. Student Led Conferences are an important aspect of the IB Programmes and for developing your child’s ability to reflect on and communicate about their work and progress.

This is NOT a Parent-Teacher Conference. If, at the end of the Student Led Conference, you have some questions, please make an appointment to see the teacher concerned at a later date.

PYP students will be given a time for their Student Led Conference by their class teacher, MYP students can come in either the morning or afternoon and need to sign in and pick up a Student Led Conference Cover Page when they arrive.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the relevant Co-ordinator.

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NIS PTA ELECTIONS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear Parents,

Our school currently has 38 nationalities represented and we want our school PTA to reflect the international diversity of our families. To do this we would welcome your participation on the Executive Committee of the PTA for our next school year. The committee is largely responsible for planning our scheduled events. Membership in the PTA is automatically granted to all current members of the NIS school community, but members must be elected for the Executive Committee.

Annual Elections for seats on the Executive Committee of the PTA will take place on Tuesday, May 18th at 8:10 in the staff room. At this time we will have the final PTA meeting for this school year.

The positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are open.

Please return the attached nomination form if you wish to stand for election to the PTA committee, or if you would like to nominate someone else.

If there is only 1 person interested in each position, elections will not be necessary.

Nomination Form Nanjing International School PTA Elections **2010-2011**

Name of PTA Candidate: _____

Position applying for: _____

Contact numbers: Tel: Home _____ Mobile _____

Nominated by _____

Upcoming Inter-House Events

June 18: MYP Inter-House Technology Challenge
(Note change of Date)

Inter-House Points

The tally so far !

30th April 2010

Xuanwu 玄武 2466

Wutaishan 五台山 2496

Taiping 太平 2461

Very Important Notice Regarding After-School Activities

Due to there being only 4 weeks available for after-School activities after the May holiday break it has been decided that there will be no new registrations for ASAs in Cycle 4. Cycle 3 will continue during these 4 weeks and students should continue in their current activities. If you have any questions about ASAs please contact me.

ASA Schedule

Week 32 Cycle 3 ASAs

May Holiday Break

Week 33 No ASAs

Week 34 MYP Exam Week - No ASAs

Week 35 Cycle 3 ASAs continue

Week 36 Cycle 3 ASAs continue

Week 37 Cycle 3 ASAs continue

Week 38 Cycle 3 ASAs continue (ASAs Finish Friday this week)

Week 39 No ASAs (Last week of school)

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Chinese Writing

Spring has come, everything is growing and changing. Angela, Anthony and An Dong have chosen their favorite animals to observe and they would like to share their writing in Chinese with us, enjoy!

Sunny Wang
(Mandarin Teacher- Language B Department)

蚂蚁

G2A 陈钰颖 *Angela Chen*

蚂蚁既灵活又勤劳。它的身体黑黑的，头很大，身体分两部分：上身圆圆的胖胖的，像个元宵；下身尖尖的，像个葫芦。蚂蚁的腿细细的，像弯弯曲曲的钢丝线，但跑起来很快。蚂蚁的触角也非常细，他们用触角来打招呼。

蚂蚁很爱钻洞，不分早晚，所以他们的工作每天都有进步。

蝌蚪

G2B 陈钰霖 Anthony Chen

蝌蚪是一种灵活的动物。它的脑袋又黑又亮，身体也是黑的，尾巴很长，尾巴四周有鳍。游泳的时候身体扭一扭，尾巴甩一甩，很灵活。

蝌蚪不睡觉，每天都游来游去，如果它们累了，就会一动也不动地趴在水草上休息。蝌蚪很爱吃鱼食，当两只蝌蚪同时发现一块面包屑的时候就会你争我抢，互不谦让，非常好斗。

蚕

G2A 李安东 An Dong Li

蚕的头大大的，皮肤光光的，有很多脚，尾巴上有刺。蚕喜欢吃桑叶，不停地吃。它会扭动着身体向前爬，就像毛毛虫。

蚕是一种多变的动物。蚕会吐丝来结茧，把自己包住。它会在茧里住两个星期，然后它会啃一个口，钻出来，就变成蛾子了。

蚕吐出的丝可以织绸，用丝绸做的衣服很漂亮。

Nanjing International School

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 15th April 2010

Apologies: Jacci

1. Expo Feedback:

All believed it was an excellent concept this year and almost all feedback has been positive.

In future we just need to make sure that countries are allocated cordoned off areas outside if needed.

To avoid the heat in the gym room we need to allow air to freely flow in the area. Maybe have some doors open or put the air conditioner on early enough to cool the room down. For the entertainment and dance segment, music should be prepared in advance to the performance.

2. PYP Dance :

Thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

Feedback was that 5pm – 6.30pm was too short for all to enjoy.

Suggested time for the next PYP dance was 6.30pm – 8.30pm then children would go home first after school had finished.

3. End of Exams dance:

A committee to be formed to discuss this at further length.

Angela, Suzy, Wendy and Joe have volunteered for this.

4. Spring Fun Day:

Set up to take place on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning prior to the event.

All is arranged with the bouncy castles.

Parking available at Sugo and McDonalds

An SMS message would be forwarded to all parents if the day was cancelled.

5. New Merchandise:

Arek reported that he would have a meeting with the purchasing team.

10th May a part of the new building will be completed - 17th May the admin team will move over.

6. Directors Report:

A positive response from all regarding the events held over the school year has been received.

It is good to see enthusiasm from all the new teachers for next year. They expressed the school seemed to have very good school spirit.

A school survey will be sent out regarding: - mission statement, goals for the school, facilities and planning for future years.

An issue regarding the automatic teller machine money – the bank guards must not be carrying weapons at the school and an appropriate time must be agreed when refilling the ATM.

The Haiti Relief Fund target was above target and 4000 RMB has been raised so far.

Great feedback from the organization as well.

NIS swimming pool has been completed but the water and testing of water still needs to be done.

7. Ongoing Activities:

Bookmarks for birthdays - still being done – Thanks Jacci

8. Financial Report:

Brigette reported 20,000 RMB in bank account at this time. The hoodies sales of 10000 RMB has not been included in this report.

9. T Shirts:

Now on sale. All monies should be banked everyday as the cashier is open from 8am-4pm everyday.

10. Snack Packs:

A suggestion was put forward to provide students visiting the school via ACAMIS to have snack bags for them. Included would be water, biscuits etc.

11. PTA Website:

Not discussed at this time.

12. Principal's Report /Calendar 2010-2011:

The Principal reported and left a 'work in progress' calendar for the PTA to look at and block in events that they wanted to hold during the school year so no clashes would happen.

A discussion took place regarding the difference between student led and invitational conferences.

Parents and teachers should be pro-active and that any meetings needed outside these two conference days with teachers is encouraged as all teachers are open to individual meetings to discuss any concerns parents have.

13. Pfrang Association:

Discussions took place regarding assisting in the future. Maybe children can attend the school and "live for a day" in the life of. As this is an education program it is important for children at NIS to see others in different situations.

14. Ideas:

The footpath leading to the school at the moment will not be the main thoroughfare in the future as the new building will have its own pathway which will be used on a daily basis. Car parking has been a problem for some time now but hopefully once the new building is completed this should be less of an issue.

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 18TH MAY 2010**

Access and Parking at NIS from Monday, 17 May 2010

Dear NIS Community,

With the completion of the construction of The Centre, NIS will introduce a number of changes to our access and parking procedures. Initially, we will implement those changes gradually. With full implementation scheduled for August 2010.

Outline:

- School will introduce new gate - GATE #2 - this gate will be used as an exit gate for all cars
 - This gate will only be open during the "Drop Off" (0730h to 0815h) and "Pick Up" (1500h to 1530h) times.
 - School will introduce additional "Drop Off" and "Pick Up" zones. Please use the curb in front of the entrance to The Centre for drop-offs and pick ups- **NO PARKING**.
 - School will maintain limited number of parking spots (current parking area) for parents, drivers or ayiees who walk students to the classroom.
 - Bikes and motor bikes parking area will be moved to the South of the parking area next to the new GATE #2.
 - All bikes and motor bikes must enter and exit school ground through GATE #2 (drop off and pick up times)
 - Student Buses will access school campus through GATE # 1
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- **Drop Off 0730h to 0815h**
 - All cars to enter school grounds through GATE #1
 - Drop Off - **turn right**, use the curb in the front of entrance to The Centre - **THIS IS A NO PARKING ZONE**
 - Exit through GATE #2
 - **PARKING** - For parents, ayiees and drivers who walk students to the classroom - **turn left**, park in available space (front wheels first).
 - Exit through GATE #2 (new gate)
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- **Pick up 1500h to 1530h**
 - All cars to enter school grounds through GATE #2
 - Pick up - turn right, use the curb in the front of entrance to The Centre - **THIS IS NO PARKING ZONE**
 - Exit through GATE #2
 - **PARKING** - limited space, turn left, park in available space
 - Exit through GATE #2

Please note, additional information will be provided in Week # 33's Bulletin. Bilingual flyers will be issued to drivers.

Please help ensure the safety of all students, parents and staff by adhering to these procedures as well as following NIS parking rules and speed limits.

Thank you for your assistance in this important and successful process.

Arek Owczarek

OFM

ALL ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE CENTRE MAIN LOBBY.

From Monday 17 May 2010, all persons (students, parents, staff, visitors) will enter school grounds through the main lobby of The Centre. Please note that all other gates will be closed and use only in case of emergency.

In August 2010 NIS will implement ID Card access system - more details to follow.

WE ARE MOVING

With the “soft opening” of The Centre, our Operations and Finance Team will move to the new location. This will include:

- Admission Team*
- Parents and Teachers Association*
- Accounting Team*
- Cashier*
- Purchasing Team*
- Human Resource Team*
- Financial Controller*
- After School Activities Team*
- Director of Athletics*

We will see you at The Centre as from MONDAY 17 May 2010 0800h.

No change to phone extension numbers