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INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**
Since 1986

VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS families and friends,

Many parents wonder if they should read to their children in their native languages or in English. Some parents have asked me if reading to their children in their native languages will confuse them as they try to learn English.

While it is important to encourage and support your child's efforts to learn English, research shows that children who are read to in their native languages will have an easier time learning to read in their second language (English). The benefits increase for children who learn to read first in their native language. The good news is by developing your child's literacy skills in your home language, you will be making it easier for them to learn to speak, read, and write English in the future.

What if your child is fully bilingual? My husband is Russian, I am American. Although we can speak each other's languages, our practice (based on research) is to speak to our children only in our mother tongues. We have a wonderful tradition of reading bed time stories to our children in our native language. These steps are some of the ways we have helped our sons be fully bilingual. I encourage you to try it, too. A five to ten minute night time story (no matter the age), is a wonderful family tradition, and a gift they will keep for a life time.

Kind regards,
MaryKay Gudkova

Principal

LANTERN FESTIVAL

Just a reminder that the Lantern Festival is coming up soon (October 4th). Parents are most welcome to come along so look for an invitation letter to be sent home soon.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 22-23rd -OVERNIGHT CAMP
- October 4th -LANTERN FESTIVAL
- October 13th -LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- October 23rd -FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
- January 2nd-10th 2018-SA 1 EXAMS



STAFF UPDATE

Thank you for your patience while we searched for our new Chinese teachers. We are pleased to inform you that Ms. Chen Mu Han has joined SIS@BDNC. We are still waiting for the confirmation of a second teacher.

YEAR 1 TO 9 PROGRESS REPORTS

Next week we will be sending home Progress Reports. Not all students will receive a progress report. However, if a student is having any difficulties academically, socially or behaviourally you may receive a report. If so, we encourage you to come and talk with the teacher to see how you can help your child have a successful year.

OUTWARD BOUND AND OVERNIGHT CAMP

On August 23 Outward Bound Vietnam visited SIS@BDNC and ran activities with our students in year 6 to 9. Take a look at some photos attached with this newsletter. Year 2 to 5 were recently involved in the annual overnight camp. Thanks to all the teachers who gave up their time to make this such a wonderful event yet again.



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SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS

KinderWorld is continuing to improve how we measure student's achievement and as part of this process the Singapore International School has SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS that all students can work towards.

The SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS or SLG's for short and help teachers and students explicitly know what they are aiming for throughout the year. Here is a list of what we are working towards at SIS@BDNC;

Singapore International Schools seek to nurture:

- 1. Academic Achievers** who:
 - a. Meet or exceed year level expectations
 - b. Demonstrate academic growth
 - c. Strive for continuous improvement
- 2. Confident communicators** who:
 - a. Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening
 - b. Work collaboratively with others
 - c. Use creative forms of expression
- 3. Critical Thinkers** who:
 - a. Apply rational, higher order thinking skills
- 4. Technologically literate students** who:
 - a. Effectively use technology to access, organize, evaluate, create and communicate information
 - b. Understand responsible use of social media, communication and networking tools
- 5. Active and Responsible citizens** who:
 - a. Understand and respect their own and other cultures
 - b. Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others
 - c. Understand the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle
 - d. Understand and demonstrates a set of universal virtues

To help teach the SLGs we will be running competitions for our students throughout the year. Below are the winners of our first Critical Thinkers competition, Khang and Khoa, Year 4 Integrated.



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