



SCIS Lower School Dragon Bulletin



September 1st, 2014

Principal's Message

Andrew Powell

On a Personal Note...

As we move into our sixth year at SCIS my wife and I have made the decision that this will be our last. Our time at the school has been especially rewarding and we are grateful for the many friends that we have made here. Given the nature of our Lower School program, our diverse student body and committed faculty we expect that there will many high-quality applicants for the Principalship. I will be working with our Head of School, Katherine Brewer to ensure that there is smooth transition plan in place for the 2015-2016 school year.

Strengthening Professional Practice

This week we are hosting a visit by Kim Marshall, a prominent US educator who specializes in teacher evaluation and professional coaching. Kim is working with principals to strengthen their ability to give meaningful feedback to teachers, which we believe will have a direct link to improving instructional practice and student learning results.

How is your child getting home?

With the commencement of After School Activities this week there are changes to student transportation arrangements. To facilitate a smooth and safe dismissal process, can I please ask you to make a point of ensuring sure that your child knows how he or she is getting home of an afternoon. This may mean reminding your child of transport arrangements each morning before going to school.

NWEA Measures of Academic Progress Assessment

SCIS utilizes the Northwest Evaluation Association standardized tests and we are approaching our first testing window of the year. These tests are administered twice a year to grade 2 – 5 students and are norm referenced against American standards. Standardized tests are only one factor used in looking at academic performance. They do not cover all academic skills (NWEA tests only skills in language arts and math) nor do they cover such areas as physical, artistic, or interpersonal skills. Parents will gain a more complete picture of student performance by looking at this test in conjunction with a variety of student work samples including their child's portfolio and progress report, along with other assessments over a period of time.

School Uniforms and Dress Code

We believe that our dress code promotes a sense of orderliness and school community, helps with campus and field trip security, and reduces "fashion competition". As indicated in Ms. Brewer's recent note to parents we are expecting that all of our students will be wearing their school uniforms on a day-to-day basis. This should not be an issue for most Lower School students. Teachers have been asked to contact parents if students are not in uniform.

Students Leaving Campus with Parents

In order to account for children that have left campus with their parents of an afternoon we ask that all parents leaving campus before 3:30pm sign out with the Lower School secretaries. The secretaries will give you a yellow card that you will need to give the guard at the gate.

Upcoming Events

September 1st

After School Activities commence

September 5th

Assembly (5 Frolchenko & Zimmerman)

September 19th

Assembly (4 Deal & Walters)

September 16th

Passport Club

September 24th

G3 Soccer day

September 25th

G4 Soccer day

September 26th

G 5 Soccer Day

September 29th - October 3rd

Autumn Break

No School

Cafeteria Menu In Brief

Monday, September 1st

Thai grilled chicken

Sandwich bar

Tuesday, September 2nd

Beef goulash

Sandwich bar

Wednesday, September 3rd

Chicken wings

Sandwich bar

Thursday, September 4th

Roast pork

Sandwich bar

Friday, September 5th

Salmon cake

Sandwich bar

Salad, mixed vegetables and juice are served with every meal.



Please contact Mandy Ma for menu and other cafeteria related matters. Her email is as follows:

cafeteria@scischina.org