

# DRAGON BULLETIN

SCIS Mission: To develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring learners who contribute positively to their communities.

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## Some Important Dates

- May 1** No School (Labor Day)  
**May 7** Spring Concert G. 1/2  
**May 9** Spring Concert G. 3/4/5  
**May 14** G4 Market Day  
**May 15-17** Soccer days  
**May 21-23** Field Days  
**May 13-31** MAP Testing  
**June 3** ASAs: Final Week  
**June 5** G5 Exhibition  
**June 12** G5 Promotion 2pm

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Scenes from Last Friday's Expression Sessions!

Last Friday's Expression Sessions brought us many smiles and delight. Our school brims with creativity, talent and courage! If you walked through our halls this week, you may have seen Grade 5 students waiting in eager anticipation to deliver their "Passion Pitches" to a judge in preparation for their PYP Exhibition Projects. You also may have seen our energetic music teachers and students pouring all their effort into music concert rehearsals and our Grade 1 students practicing for their amazing Assembly Performance. It's moments like these in the culminating weeks of school each year that give us so much gratitude for the SCIS community.



April 26, 2019

### English Language Proficiency Testing - EAL Program

Students in the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program in grades 1-5 took the MODEL English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment this month. It assesses social, instructional and academic language growth and proficiency. SCIS teachers are now collaborating to make data-based EAL program progression and exit decisions based on the results of the MODEL assessment as well as other assessment criteria. Parents of students in the EAL program will receive MODEL English Language Proficiency assessment reports on Tuesday, April 30.

### Subs Needed

The Lower School is in need of more substitute teachers for the remainder of the school year. If you or someone you know has teaching credentials/experience and is interested, please email Vice Principal Kristie O'Brien at [kobrien@scis-china.org](mailto:kobrien@scis-china.org)

### MAP Growth Spring Testing

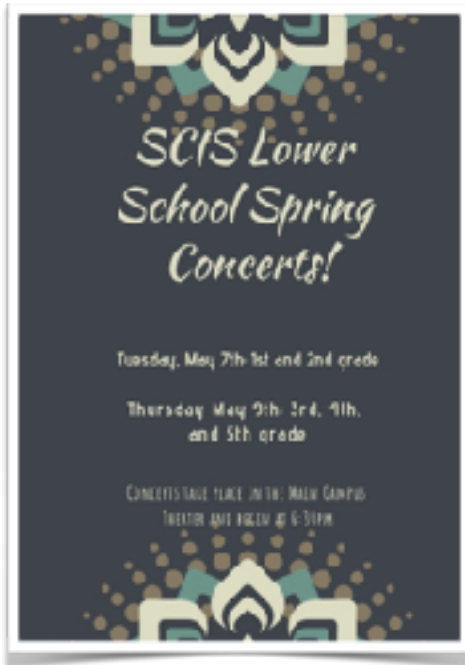
Lower school students in Grades 2-5 will be taking the Language, Reading and Math MAP Growth tests between May 13-May 31. The MAP Growth is a broadly administered standardized assessment based on the Math and English Language Arts Common Core State Standards from the United States of America. The Common Core Standards are SCIS's adopted standards that we use within our PYP IB framework. MAP Growth computerized assessments are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward the assessment experience.

SCIS students in Grades 2-5 take the MAP Growth every fall and spring. There is nothing students need to do to prepare for the tests besides getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and drinking water. The data from the MAP Growth assessments gives students, parents, and educators an overview of a student's current achievement level, including specific areas of strength and weakness, as well as a student's growth over time. SCIS also uses the data to evaluate academic achievement and growth at the grade and system level, as we are able to compare our school's data with the norm group, which is from the United States. We use our MAP scores as one assessment amongst many other assessments to inform our decisions about programming and instruction. The MAP data points alone do not summarize a student's learning.

Parents of students in Grades 2-5 can expect to receive their child's individual MAP reports in June. If you have any questions about the MAP Growth assessment, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher, Kevin Haggith or Kristie O'Brien. More information about NWEA and the MAP Growth test can be found at [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)

### Soccer Days at Shanghai American School (SAS)

"Soccer Day" field trips to SAS take place on May 15, 16, and 17 (for grades 3, 4, 5, respectively).



### Lower School Field Days at SCIS

Our field days take place on the soccer field and parents are invited to participate in the fun! See below for the dates and times relevant for your family.

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Grade 1 Field Day (8:15 – 10:15)

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Grade 2 Field Day (8:15 – 10:15)

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Grade 4 Field Day (12:30 – 2:30)

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Grade 3 Field Day (8:15 – 10:15)

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Grade 5 Field Day (12:30 – 2:30)

### SCIS Summer Camp

It's never too early to start thinking about summer! SCIS is excited to announce that registration for our Summer Kids Camp is now open, with an early bird registration discount available until March 29. We have an exciting summer program planned and hope you can join us for the fun. Please visit our camp website through this [link](#) or by scanning our QR code for more information!

<https://scis-hq.managebac.cn/login>

### Grade One Assembly

The Grade 1 Team shared their learning with us in an energetic and creative way. There were movies and dances and lots of sharing. Well done students and thank-you staff for organizing. It was wonderful to see so many parents in the audience cheering them along.

### SCIS Swimfest

Our swimming students enjoyed Swimfest and some friendly challenges in the pool this week. Thank-you to our excellent pool staff for ensuring safe participation and Mr. Newman and Mr. Barrs for organizing the event.



### PAFA CONNECT

Cultural Craft Fair at the ECE Campus--Save the Date!

April 27, Saturday, 10:00-2:00 pm at the ECE Campus. This is an annual event for students of ECE, lower school and their families to come for a day of international arts and crafts. Students will receive a passport that will be stamped for each country once they complete a craft. They get to take all their crafts home! Tickets are 80 RMB the day of the event, or 60 RMB pre-sale. Pre-sale forms were sent home the week of April 15th. Plan to stay and have lunch from one of the vendors selling delicious food and drinks.

### Heart To Heart Clothing, Toy and Toiletry Drive

Volunteers Needed April 29th from 10-12 and 1-3 to help sort and box the items donated for Heart to Heart. The sorting will be done in the basement room of the cafeteria. Volunteers also needed on April 30th to help with delivery to H2H. Please email [pafa-hq-events@scis-china.org](mailto:pafa-hq-events@scis-china.org) to volunteer or if you have questions.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**MON-TUE, 29-30 APR**

**We're looking for Volunteers!**

29th Monday  
**Lost & Found tidy up, Clothing Drive sorting**  
10am to noon  
1pm to 3pm

30th Tuesday  
**Heart to Heart delivery**  
at 10am

Sign up thru your grade's **PAFA** rep or room parent

PAFA@scis.com



**Cultural Craft Fair**

Date: April 27th, 2019 10:00-2:00 at ECE Campus  
Tickets: \$5 \$100 in advance and \$5 at the door.  
pre-sale items will be sold from April 1-5th.

Local vendors will be on campus to sell food and beverages

Come join us for a fun family arts and crafts event!

**SCIS PAFA HQ/ECE**