

# LS DRAGON BULLETIN

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

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## Important Dates

**Meatless Mondays:** April 17 and 24

**Grade 3 Wax Museum:** April 24

**Rob Schmitz** author visit:  
April 24 at 6:00 pm

**PYP Verification Visit:** May 4,5

**Soccer Days at SAS:** May 10, 11, 12

**PYP Exhibition:** May 11

**Field Day :** Grades 2/4 – 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Grades 3/5 - 19<sup>th</sup>

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## Expression Session

The first annual Expression Sessions was a total success! Over a month ago, we asked students to formally apply to audition and we had a huge response. In the end, over 80 students participated in a wide variety of memorable acts. We saw LED 'fire' spinning, comedy routines, dance numbers, singing, instrumental performances, martial arts, sports demonstrations, and more across three performance venues.

Experiences such as this give students an outlet to express a side of themselves that we don't usually get to see at school. This builds confidence and gives our students a larger voice in their community. Thank you for supporting the creative endeavors and passions of our learners. We are already looking forward to what the students can think of next year!

## PAFA

**Parenting Workshop**—Still a few spaces left! For parents with children ages 0-10 years old. This class is for both English and Chinese speakers. The workshop starts on Monday, April 24th, 10-12. If you are interested please email [PAFA\\_hq\\_msrep2@scis-his.org](mailto:PAFA_hq_msrep2@scis-his.org) by Friday April 21st.

**Culture and Craft Fair:** Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; ECE Campus, 2212 Hong Qiao Road. SCIS ECE and Lower School students, together with their friends, are invited to a day of making crafts from countries around the world. Vendors will be there selling food and drinks, too. This event is open to the public, but children must have an adult accompany them. Tickets may be purchased at the event for RMB 70.

**Lower School Coffee Morning**  
Thursday, May 18th, 10-11 am,

**Market Day:** Last one of the Year!  
May 18th, 11-2, courtyard

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### Important Links

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### Meatless Monday

Where's The Beef? Monday, April 17 and Monday, April 24 will be "Meatless Mondays" in the school cafeteria. The cafeteria will feature a variety of items as usual but no meat. The vegetarian menu is the direct result of the action taken by several of our students in both the Upper School and the Lower School as an extension of their learning. You can go to [Meatless Monday](#) to learn more about the cause these students have asked us to support.

Let me (Mr. Haggith) know what you think about having Meatless Mondays at school.

### Spring Music Concerts

Grade 4 and 5: Tuesday, May 23: Pirates 2!

Grade 2 and 3: Thursday, May 25: Possibilities!

Students and parents can find recordings and lyrics for the concert music at the link below.

<http://teachersh.scis-his.net/hqlsmusic/>

### PYP Verification Visit - Janette Haggith

From May 3 to 5, 2017, SCIS will welcome Tania Mansfield and Rebecca Tupling as members of the Visiting Team for the IB PYP Verification Visit. During this visit, the considerable work that has been put into preparing our school's Primary Years Programme will be assessed.

In order to make a meaningful assessment, the visitors will observe classrooms and meet with many stakeholders in the school. They will then prepare a report for the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) regarding the application to be authorized as a PYP School.

It is to be hoped that the visit will occur in an atmosphere of absolute normality—classes and all other activities will occur as normal.

We are proud of the rigorous process and conversation we have introduced, and we look forward to receiving this visit.

## Kids Summer Camp

Because FUN doesn't need to take a summer break!

Hongqiao Main Campus, Lower School Grade 2 – 5,

June 19 – July 14, 2017. Early Bird Registration now available April 14- May 15.

SCIS Hongqiao Main Campus, Lower School is excited to offer a specialized summer camp program consisting of developmentally appropriate activities, designed with the primary learner in mind. Our summer camp program is a non-academic, thematic program filled with action packed fun. Our program includes games, sports, outdoor exploration, water play, field trips, art, music & movement, drama, Mandarin language/culture fun, and free play. Children will be provided with various opportunities to work together, play, and have fun with their friends!

Students from the Shanghai community, who will have completed Grade 2 through Grade 5 during the 2016-2017 school year, are welcome to enroll (Date of birth ranging from November 1, 2009 through November 1, 2005). The program will run from June 19 - July 14, with flexible weekly enrollment options for families with limited availability or travel plans. Both full-day and half-day enrollment options include lunch service and all summer camp activity costs.

Early Bird Registration Forms are available on our website here: <https://www.scis-his.org/activities/summer-activities>

Please continue checking our website in the coming weeks for more summer camp updates. More detailed information regarding weekly themes and activities will be available soon.

## Mandarin Program

Students in Intermediate 2 and Experienced group had a Chinese character handwriting competition this week. In China, handwriting with pencil or pen is called “hard calligraphy” which is a popular calligraphy among primary school students. Our students demonstrated great passion and their best handwriting skills in this competition. 5 Mandarin teachers judged these handwriting works with standards of accuracy, conventions and neatness. Top 6 works from each grade level were displayed and awarded with prizes. Big congratulations!



**Visiting Author, Rob Schmitz**

Monday, April 24th, 7:30 pm, in the Forum

Rob Schmitz is giving a free presentation to the SCIS community similar to the one he did at the Shanghai Literary Festival and he will sign copies of his book (available for purchase that night) - *The Street of Eternal Happiness* - about Changle Lu and the people and stories from this street.

Rob is a Shanghai resident and a National Public Radio (NPR) contributor. The stories he did for the business podcast Marketplace that ultimately led to this book can be heard here: <http://robschmitz.com/radio-series-eternal-happiness/>