

LS DRAGON BULLETIN

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

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- Jan. 25, 10:00am -**Open House for ECE Parents**
- Jan. 26 -**LS Assembly**
- Feb. 14 -**Chinese New Year Celebration**
- Feb.15 -**Chinese New Year Holiday begins**

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Olivia (middle) is one of many new students joining our SCIS Family. Her classroom buddies (XinYi and Elsa) are showing her around.

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I have heard a lot of stories about some great vacations. It will not be long until we will be celebrating another new year.

We are excited to report that we've receive many new students from around the world for semester two. The teachers and students of our warm community have been busy making them feel at home.

PAFA Connect

PAFA welcomes all our new students and families! And welcome back returning students and families!

Teacher Appreciation Week Committee

The planning committee for **Teacher Appreciation Week** will have their first meeting on Tuesday, **January 16, at 10:30 AM** in room A-211 on the HQ Main Campus. (this room is upstairs, behind the upper school library). Please join us if you would like to help out with the TAW festivities.

Lower School PAFA Reps

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As we announced last semester, the Grade 1 classes at the ECE will be relocated to the HQ Main Campus beginning in August, 2018. We've begun preparations to make sure the incoming grade 1 and 2 students have a smooth transition to the main campus. The current Grade 1 teachers will also make the move and continue the same grade 1 programming.

We do not anticipate that the move will cause any significant changes for the existing Grade 2-5 students. For example, we have enough classrooms and enough staff to accommodate the additional students. Our goal is always to improve what we offer our students.

Re-enrollment for 2018-19

SCIS welcomes over 100 new students and their families into our dynamic international learning community this month. We are excited for the continued growth of our school community and we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. While we are fully engaged with this school year, to ensure the continued success of our school and students, we must already look ahead to the 2018-2019 academic year. **Re-enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year will begin next Wednesday, January 17**. On this day, please check your email for the re-enrollment survey sent from the Admissions Office. This survey should take less than 5-minutes to complete. Re-enrollment will extend through March 16, at which time we will begin accepting new students. As always, we look forward to your continued support and essential involvement in fostering our school community. Please let the admissions office (admission@scis-china.org) know if they can assist you in any way throughout the upcoming re-enrollment process. Until then, we wish everyone a productive and successful 2018.

If you are interested in enrolling a non-SCIS sibling, please contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible so that a space can be reserved accordingly. Siblings of current SCIS students will receive priority status for enrollment.

PYP – Janette Haggith

SCIS is a fully authorized IBO World School and offers the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The PYP is a curriculum framework for young learners up to age 12 designed by the International Baccalaureate (IB). Founded on a philosophy that recognizes a child's natural curiosity, creativity and ability to

reflect, the PYP generates a stimulating, challenging learning environment to nurture those assets and foster a lifelong love of learning in every child. The PYP, like all IB programmes, is transdisciplinary, meaning students learn across subject areas while investigating big ideas.

In the PYP, students learn about significant concepts through units of inquiry. Units of inquiry interweave subject areas such as mathematics, language arts, science and social studies. This approach encourages students to make their own connections between what they learn in core subject areas and how it relates to the world around them. Here are the central ideas of the units of inquiry that our students are currently inquiring into:

- Grade 2 – Art reflects personal experiences and feelings.
- Grade 3 – Migration transforms individuals and communities.
- Grade 4 – External influences affect the function of habitats.
- Grade 5 – The form of government can shape a society.

There is more information about the PYP in the Parent Handbook, or you can visit the IBO Website www.ibo.org.

SeeSaw

Grade 2 is piloting the implementation of an app that will allow parents to see student work, receive messages and comment in a Facebook-like format. The app will increase home communication and help with the development of a digital portfolio. I am hoping that by the end of this school year it is used in all classrooms.

After School Activities Next Week

ASAs will begin on Monday, January 15. Please remind your child which ASAs they are registered for and which days they occur! Students need to be picked up promptly at 4:15 p.m.

Here are the ASA dates again:

Weeks of:

January 15
January 22
January 29
February 5
February 26
March 5
March 12
March 19

No ASAs the weeks of February 12 and February 19 because of Chinese New Year!

Session 2 Dates

NWEA MAP Winter Testing

LS NWEA MAP Winter testing has begun and runs through the end of January. Refer to your child's homeroom schedule for which days your child will take the reading, math and language tests. We can expect the results just before or just after the Chinese New Year.

English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessments

Students in our English as an Additional Language (EAL) program are also taking an English language Proficiency assessment during the month of January. The assessment measures social and academic English language progress and proficiency in the domains of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Parents of students in the EAL program will receive an ELP assessment report before the CNY holiday.