

DRAGON BULLETIN

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

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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

Important Contacts

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<https://hq.scis-his.net/content/lunch-menu>



Grade 2 Zoo Visit

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. Parents of students in the EAL program received 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

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. 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

Upper School Coffee Morning ~ Topic: Successful Transitions

This Wednesday, May 9, the Upper School Counseling Team will present information to help parents and families prepare for upcoming transitions. The presentation is geared toward parents with children in grades 6 - 12 who are either repatriating or moving to another city. The talk, *Cross-Cultural Kids and Repatriation*, will take place at 10:00am in the Plaza. Parents with children in grades 4 - 5 who are facing upcoming transitions are also invited.

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). Students will spend the day in friendly soccer games at the SAS Campus. More information will follow.

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 21st Grade 1 Field Day (8:15 - 10:15)
Wednesday, May 22nd Grade 2 Field Day (8:15 - 10:15)
Wednesday, May 22nd Grade 4 Field Day (12:30 - 2:30)
Thursday, May 23rd Grade 3 Field Day (8:15 - 10:15)

Thursday, May 23RD 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>

PAFA CONNECT

A BIG Thanks to all the Ambassadors and parent and student volunteers that helped make the ECE's Cultural Craft Fair so successful last Saturday. We had a great turnout of families and fun was had all around! Thank you!

Market Day--May 9th, 11 am-2 pm, in the courtyard. Come out and enjoy lunch or a snack from one of our delicious local vendors.

Thank you to all the parents that came out and volunteered their time to help sort all the items for the Heart to Heart Clothing Drive and tidy up the Lost & Found area. The donated items were delivered to Heart to Heart on April 30.

Save the Date--PAFA's Annual End-of-the-Year Spring Picnic, Saturday, May 25th, 4-7 pm, HQ Main Campus.

