

# ECE DRAGON BULLETIN

ECE Vision: *Inquiring minds that grow. Authentic hearts that care.*

## Important Dates

**Jan 15/16th:** School Pictures

**Jan 16th:** K/G1 Passport Club

**Jan 23rd:** 5pm, Family Music Night at ECE campus

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## Principal's Message,

Welcome to 2018. Our first week back has been incredibly smooth and enriching.

Students have enjoyed sharing their worldly travels and holiday traditions. But most of all, they have been excited to reunite with their friends.

Planning for 2018, The ECE staff is planning & collaborating for engaging Units of Inquiry. In addition, teachers are assessing student progress at this mid-point through the Teaching Strategies Gold checkpoints as well as reading and math assessments for our Kindergarten and G1 students. It is a time for us to check-in on the learning progress of your student in order to set new goals and expectations for their learning.

### **Musical Family Night:** Tuesday, January 23rd @5pm

Plan to join us for a fun filled night of music ([see flyer](#)). All families and students are invited to explore, experiment and simply enjoy all kinds of music. Bring the whole family!

### **Chinese New Year Student Celebrations:** February 13th

Come celebrate CNY at ECE. [See schedule](#) for specific times your student's class will be sharing their knowledge & talent.

### **Love and Logic**

We are planning for another session of the powerful, common sense **Love and Logic** program. All parents are welcome. Our first session will begin March 7th, we are offering both a 10am and 5pm workshop time. Please RSVP ([see flyer](#)) by January 26th so we can plan for resources.

## Important Links

[2017-2018 Parent-Student Handbook](#)

[2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

[2nd Semester 8 day schedule](#)

[Weekly Lunch Menu](#)

**SCIS** *has a mission to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring learners who contribute positively to their communities*

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

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.

## Re-enrollment for 2018-19

As we begin this new year and new semester together, SCIS welcomes over 100 new students and their families into our dynamic international learning community. 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](mailto: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.

## Developing Language in our ECE students

Do you have a child who struggles to pronounce certain sounds correctly? Perhaps she calls a cup a "tup" or asks for his toy "wabbit", instead of rabbit.

Join us at **6pm on January 31** in the HQ main campus Forum (next to the Café) to learn some basic understanding, strategies and exercises for developing language! We will discuss the development of different sounds for different ages. Take home some activities and helpful materials to use with your child. This workshop benefits all parents.

Please contact Maria Burnham, ECE SCIS speech-language pathologist with any questions about this evening.

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## Primary Years Programme (PYP) – Janette Haggith

I would like to welcome the new students and families that have joined SCIS this month. 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. There is more information about the PYP in the Parent Handbook, or you can visit the IBO Website [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org). Here are the central ideas of the units of inquiry that our students are currently inquiring into:

**Nursery** – Journeys take us where we want to go.

**Preschool**– Things move the way they do for many reasons.

**Pre-Kindergarten**– Living things use senses to discover and explore the world.

**Kindergarten**– People express themselves through traditions and celebrations.

**Grade 1** – Understanding weather patterns informs decision making.

## NEWS for Kindergarten and Grade 1 families

The second session of After School Activities (ASA) begins next Monday, January 15th for our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. If you registered your child for an activity and have not received confirmation regarding your SCIS sponsored activity, please email Heather Knight at [hqece-asa@scis-china.org](mailto:hqece-asa@scis-china.org) .

### Transition to Main Campus for 2018-19

LS Administration and teaching teams would like to invite all ECE Kindergarten and Grade 1 parents to an Open House at the Main Campus, Hongqiao Rd. on January 25, at 10:00am. The Lower School team will be sharing information about the transition to the Main Campus from the ECE. There will be a brief presentation, opportunity to ask questions and a tour of the facility if desired. We will meet with ECE parents at least three times during Semester 2 to provide information and listen to your questions. We are very excited to have the new Grade 2s join us next year and the opportunity to host Grade 1 on the Main Campus!