



PATHLIGHT
SCHOOL

The learning journey

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

7 November 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians,

UPDATE

OVERSEAS LEARNING TRIP TO BEIJING, 17 – 22 October

Our students and teachers had an enriching and enjoyable time in Beijing! Renowned sites such as the Great Wall of China and Tiananmen Square captured their imaginations. They also experienced the local culture such as the rampant bargaining at the market and the sale of fried insects as snacks. Besides fun and exposure, there was also much peer interaction as the older students played chaperon to the younger ones. They learnt independence and living in a community, and contributing to it. They also learnt to show care to the orphaned babies and toddlers at the Hope Foster Home and also helped with spring cleaning the children's toys and quarters.

RAFFLES INSTITUTION (RI) FORMAL DINNER, 25 OCT

Pathlight School was once again privileged to be invited to the RI Formal Dinner. For the first time, selected Primary 6 and Secondary 1 students attended the dinner. To prepare them for the occasion, teachers coached them on the appropriate dining etiquette. They were all dressed up for the evening and had a rousing good time!

BULL RUN, 12 OCT

Organised by the Singapore Stock Exchange, our Pathlight School Building Fund will receive approximately \$160,000 from the Bull Run event. Our student, Joshua Chong (Birch) painted a miniature bull which was presented to a donor of the event. The selected Secondary School students had the thrill of receiving the Guest of Honour, Minister for Education and 2nd Minister for Finance, Tharman Shanmugaratnam. They chatted with the Minister and also played hosts to the other guests at the Pathlight reception area.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR

TERM OUTINGS

- Preparatory Track - 12 & 16 NOV

The PP students will be going on an educational visit to the **Gardenia Bread Factory**. They will see the actual production of bread and be educated on the goodness of bread and importance of a healthy lifestyle.

- Track 2 Primary 1 – 6 students & Track 3 (Handel, Chopin, Mozart, Einstein, Edison and Galileo) Students, 16 NOV

The students will see marine life up close as they visit the Underwater World and the Dolphin Lagoon at **Sentosa**. This educational visit is sponsored by Hewlett Packard (HP), who has been fully involved with our teachers to ensure a meaningful outing for our students. HP will also have 90 volunteers accompanying our students on this trip.

- Secondary School Students, 7 NOV

Students will go on a **Chinatown Heritage Tour**, organized in a fun and experiential way. The teachers have been working with undergraduate volunteers from the Singapore Management University (SMU) to organize an outing focusing on community integration, honing our students' life skills, learning our history and social integration. Students will experience our history and significant spots in Chinatown in a fun Amazing Race style.

PARENTS COMMUNICATION & TRAINING NIGHT, 15 NOV **IMPORTANT!**

Please block your time to attend the quarterly compulsory Parent Communications & Training Night, to be held on **15 November from 7 to 9.30pm**.

Parents and guardians are very important partners in providing a total education for our students at Pathlight.

You will be updated on the school's latest events and curriculum highlights, which will impact your child. In addition, this term's parent training topic will focus on the **School Holiday Programme**, which will also be distributed that night.

Training will begin first at 7pm. Please be punctual. We would appreciate it if you could bring some food items to share with the other parents. Thank you.

YOUR CHILD'S BOOKLIST & CLASS FOR 2008

Information on your child's booklist and class for Academic Year 2008 will be mailed to your home by end November 2007. Parents will be informed of when you can come to Pathlight School to purchase the books and uniforms for 2008.

SCHOOL TERMS

Last day of Academic Year 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16 November 2007, Friday Pathlight Preparatory, Primary School and Track 3 classes• 9 November 2007, Friday Secondary School Students
Start of Academic Year 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 January 2008, Wednesday All Classes

We look forward to seeing you on 15 November, as we close the eventful school year!

Warm regards,



f Ms Linda Kho
Chief Operating Officer

Cc Ms Denise Phua, School Supervisor/Acting Principal
All Staff