

# CAPS NEWS



January 31, 2011

**"Teach me and I will learn,  
show me and I will understand,  
involve me and I will remember."**

**Author Unknown**

## **From the Director's Desk:**

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2011!

The new year is a great time to make a fresh start. We should take the time to reflect on the past and make goals for the future. As a school, please let's make a resolution to be on time. This includes arriving to school on time as well as picking up your child(ren) on time. It is a recurring issue and is often times not the fault of the student. Traffic cannot be to blame. Our students that live the farthest away are the first to arrive each day. It is unfair to the students who are on time to constantly be interrupted by latecomers. You can start by making a plan. As a family, prepare for school the night before by packing lunches, picking out clothes, checking homework, and making sure backpacks are ready.

I would like to commend the students featured on the following page who have come to school on time every day for the past two quarters. Your sense of responsibility is truly appreciated. It shows that you have a great respect for your education. I hope that others will follow your example.

Miss Helga

## **Upcoming Events**

### **February 2nd, 3rd, 4th: International Program**

Parents are invited to come see their child's presentation.

A schedule will be sent home by the classroom teacher.



### **February 14th: Valentine's Day**

Students will be able to buy flowers and candy to be delivered to a friend.



## Off to a Great Start Every Morning!

These students are being recognized because they have come to school on time every morning since the beginning of the year. Congratulations!

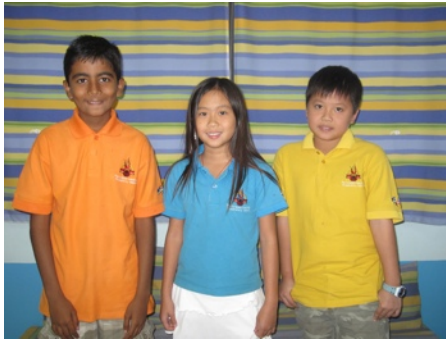


### Miss Mariana's class:

Riven  
Heer  
Jose Carlos  
Amro  
Nicholas

### Miss Roshini's class:

Zanzi  
Sabrina  
Chris  
Pranav  
Moksh  
Ajay  
Micaela



### Miss Ann's class:

Dheeraj  
Raymond  
Jia Yan



### Miss Linda's class:

No one

### Miss Hanna's class:

Kamyia  
Lisandro  
Adriana  
Alexa  
Julian  
Richard  
Kashish  
Celina



### Miss Kristin's class:

Hannan  
Alejandra  
Andres  
Carolus  
Asam  
Priya



### Miss Annmarie's class:

Priyanka  
Dilsha  
Nattaniel  
Abdul  
Ibraheem



### Miss Marianne's class:

Abed  
Mateo  
Mako  
Graham  
Darrick  
David  
Neftali

This list accounts for 28% of the student body. I KNOW we can do better. I am hoping that I can print a much longer list the second half of the year.

\*\*\* Next month be on the look out for our feature on students with perfect attendance. \*\*\*

## **Miss Mariana**

### **K-3/K-4**

We are working very hard in all areas, especially in social studies. We are learning facts about Brazil. We learned some Portuguese words and danced to Brazilian music. We hope to see you in our classroom for International Day.

Miss Renata, Heer and Isabella celebrated their birthdays this month. Congratulations!

## **Miss Roshini**

### **K-5**

The K5 class is learning about Nigeria for their International Day presentation. The children have been busy making flags, art work, and learning important facts about Nigeria. Zanzi's mom, who is a native of Nigeria is teaching the children an African dance. She has shared a recipe for a typical Nigerian stew which we will make. Thank you Okama for helping us!

The children are excited about their weekly spelling tests. They did a great job learning how to spell number words. In math, we are learning how to tell time, and how to create simple graphs.

Mohamed, I am so sorry that you fractured your wrist, I hope that you will be out of your cast soon.

Vansh and Reinaldo celebrated their sixth birthday in January.

## **Miss Linda**

### **Grade 1-2**

First and second graders have been busy learning about China. The children have been bringing artifacts to decorate our classroom. We learned about some of the different kinds of dragons and what they represent. Each student chose a dragon to make and use as a decoration in the entryway to our classroom. The students learned a song in English and Chinese that they will present next month.

We are practicing addition and subtraction facts in math. In time they will know the facts by memory.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we learned about the importance of equality for all people and the importance of nonviolent ways to solve problems. We watched a video about Dr. King's life and how the world is a better place because of the work that Dr. King did in his short lifetime.

## **Miss Hanna**

### **Grade 2-3**

The students came back refreshed from their holiday vacation. We started to work on the International Day Project. The students chose to study the Hawaiian islands and are learning about pineapple plantations, surfing, and volcanoes. The students are very excited about giving their presentation to the other students in the beginning of February. We have also started

learning division in math.

Everybody is working hard in Grade 2-3 and I am very proud of their efforts.

## **Miss Annmarie**

### **Grade 3-4**

The third and fourth grade class jumped right back into school after the break. All the students performed a reader's theater presentation for the class. Everyone was excited to create their own costumes and props for the plays. In preparation for International Day, we read a research book called Mummies and Pyramids. We learned about Egyptian religion, mummies, pyramids, tomb treasures and tomb robbers! We also watched a documentary on the Valley of the Kings. In math, we have finished our fractions unit and will be moving on to decimals. In science, we learned about how we hear sound and how sonic booms are created.

## **Miss Ann**

### **Grade 4-5**

The fourth and fifth grade class was excited to be back in school after the holiday break. We made New Year's resolutions for 2011 and have displayed them on the front bulletin board. Academically, the class has enjoyed learning about endangered animals in science, writing stories about travel adventures, and taking part in "heated" contests during math. The class' favorite time of day is

## Miss Ann (con't.)

recess where many students have started playing a large group game of tag. The class is looking forward to seeing the movie "Harriet the Spy" after we finish reading the book together. We have been preparing for International Day to display the United Arab Emirates and cannot wait to see what the other classes have prepared!

## Miss Kristin

### Grade 6-7

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade have been working on many exciting things in January. They are looking forward to International Day and their presentation of Scotland. They have learned about the history of the country and its culture. In writing, everyone is writing a research paper that they will present to the class in the beginning of February. They have enjoyed reading mysteries in language arts. It has been a joy working with this class and I look forward to getting to know them better in the following months.

### A note from Miss Annmarie:

Extra help will be given for math every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 7:10-7:45am. Homework Help is also available Monday through Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm for ANG 10.



## Miss Maggie

### Art

The theme in art class for January was Multicultural Art in preparation for International Day. The classes have made Brazilian masks, Nigerian Adire cloth and weavings, Chinese dragons, Hawaiian leis, King Tutankhamun masks, Islamic tiles, Scottish travel posters, Mexican Amate, and Japanese Notan. The students' artwork is terrific. Please come and look around!

## Mr. Edward

### PE

Activities for January:

K3-Gr. 2: Long rope jumping exercises

Gr. 3-Gr. 7: Short and long rope jumping exercises

Virtual: Fitness activities and soccer

Very good short and long rope jumpers:

Gr. 1-2: Sheryl, Kaylee, Jian Ming

Gr. 2-3: Carlos, Kai Lan, Kyon, Jared

Gr. 3-4: Aton, Alejandro, An-Mei

Gr. 4-5: Zack, Emily, Avanish, Paola

Gr. 6-7: Rim, Pip, Carolus, Kamal, Asam

## Miss Kathleen

### Library

The library would like to thank everyone who ordered books this month. With the points we get from these orders we will be able to add many new books to the library.

Parents, please remember you are also welcome to check out books from the library.

## Miss Krissy

### Music

All of our CAPS music students are hard at work preparing for the upcoming International week.

K3-4 are learning a Brazilian Carnival Circle Dance accompanied by a Samba rhythm. K-5 is working on an authentic Nigerian song and dance.

Gr. 1-2 are preparing a bilingual Chinese song entitled: "Fong Swei."

Gr. 2-3 will be singing a bilingual version of the Hawaiian classic, "Tiny Bubbles," to which they can Hula.

Gr. 3-4 are preparing to sing & dance to "Walk Like an Egyptian."

Gr. 4-5 are learning to Belly Dance. Many thanks to Zack's mom!

Gr. 6-7 will be performing a classic Scottish song, "Loch Lomond."

There is much to look forward to and learn from our music students when International Week rolls around!

