



Hanoi International School Elementary Newsletter

August 2009

Head of Elementary's Message,

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year 2009-2010. I would like to welcome all the new families to our community. I would like to thank all parents, students and teachers for another great opening of school. Teachers have spent the last few weeks preparing and organising classrooms to begin the year. Teachers and students are now busy establishing relationships with each other as well as exploring the new curriculum that every student faces as they move from one grade to the next. Each new grade brings with it new and exciting challenges for students as they use prior knowledge gained and new language learned. The connection is important for both students and staff members as each of us strive to reach our greatest potential as life-long learners.

Prior to the start of school, students are outside from 7.30-7.50am. Students are asked to put their bag in their locker and play outside until the bell rings (weather permitting of course). At 7.50am students can come into their rooms and prepare for the day. Students are dismissed from school at 2.00pm except for when they have an After School Activity. Dismissal on those days will be at 3.00pm. **NO** students are to remain on the school campus after dismissal. We do not have the facility to cater for after school care.

Students are reminded that they **MUST** have a **hat/cap and a water bottle** for all outside play and sporting events. Water bottles, school hats and sports uniform are now available from the school stationery shop. Please note that cups will not be available for the students to use as of next week for environmental reasons.

After School Activities will commence in Week 4, beginning Tuesday 14th. After School Activity booklets will be distributed shortly. Please complete the required form and return these to the class teacher. After School Activities will be held on Tuesday- Friday.

All classes will begin Home Learning by Week 4. Please understand that we need time to get to know the children and to assess their ability. We ask that you support your child with the activities they bring home and make their home learning fun and productive.

A reminder about birthdays; whilst we are happy to celebrate your child's birthday we ask that you provide something small and simple. A cake, small cakes, fruit platter etc are sufficient.

Please organise these to be brought to the classroom, and the teacher will distribute them at a suitable time.

Communication between home and school is vitally important to the success of every child.

Please check your child's Student Planner daily.

Yours faithfully,

Christine Wills

Up and Coming Events in the Elementary School

Thursday 27th August 6-8pm - Parent/Teacher social evening

Wednesday 9th September 2.15-6.00pm - Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday 22nd September - Lower Elementary Swimming Gala

Tuesday 29th September - Upper Elementary Swimming Gala