

*"A leader is one who demonstrates what's possible"*

*- Mark Yarnell*

Dear Parents,

We have had a very successful start to the year and a fantastic two months with the children! The children have done a great job at settling into their new environment and adapting to the routines of the school. They have established good relationships with their peers and the adults that they interact with. The teachers have demonstrated excellent patience and perseverance and they have done a fantastic job at helping all the children settle into the school. They have also been receptive towards the needs of the children and the parents.

Given all the children have settled into their classes, the teachers have begun serious implementation of the curriculum in all the different areas of learning. We have already noticed many children making good progress towards achieving their targets and it's very encouraging to see their enthusiasm and love for learning. It's this positive attitude we want to develop and inculcate in our children!



### Goal Setting

July was a month with the goal setting week for our students. The Indus vision is to create 'Global leaders of tomorrow' with the objectives of goal setting, self science, critical thinking, reflection, communication and community service. Our unique feature lies in delivering the 'Leadership Curriculum' to our students. We set goals by identifying the strengths of students and helping them achieve these within a given time frame. We look forward to the continuous support of the parents in helping their child achieve his goal.

### Grandparents' Day

24th of July was a day to honour the Grandparents. What children need the most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort and lessons of life. There is a need to respect them and love them. Grandparents were invited to take part in various activities such as games, entertainment and involvement in creative art. Children made some wonderful tokens to express their love and affection for Grandparents as these moments would be cherished forever. We thank all the Grandparents for their whole hearted participation and enthusiasm to have made it for the day.



### Parent Volunteers

The students of the whole had some exciting time at school when they saw the parents of some of their fellow classmates walk into the classroom as a Mystery reader or as an Art helper. It was indeed a great experience to watch the excitement among the children when they spent some special moments with their classmates' parents at school. We look forward to parents' continued support in volunteering their time at school.



### Teacher Training

As you know Indus believes in ongoing professional development for our teachers. We have professional development sessions for all our teachers periodically as knowledge is unlimited. Our teachers underwent training on the PYP pedagogy two weeks prior to the commencement of the school and the training continues on one Saturday each month. We do this in order to ensure all teaching faculty have a common understanding on the curriculum expectations as well as the Indus vision.



### Field Trip

Field trips help students interact with what they are learning. Not only do these field trips educate the children, but they also are a fun filled and are a great bonding experience for everyone involved! The PP2 students went on a field trip to 'Hyper City' to inquire into healthy and unhealthy food choices that people make. Students of PP1 visited 'Shilparamam' to know more about Indian culture. Students of Reception visited 'Kidihou Museum' under their ongoing unit on 'Play'.



### The Importance of Routines

Young children love to follow routines and to know what is going to happen next. It is important to establish healthy routines especially for sleeping and eating. Children feel comfortable and secure when routines are consistent. Routines aren't just good for children but also help caregivers to prepare and plan their day effectively. Just like there is a routine to their school day there should be a routine at home as well. Simple routines could be eating meals at regular times and sleeping at the same time each day. Once a good routine is established it makes for a more peaceful day at home and at school!

For more about routines, please see the article links below:

- Three ways to make your child healthier this school year
- Why is it important to have routines in childcare?
- Love, Learning, and Routines

### Events for the month of August, 2014:

14 August	: Independence Day celebrations & Poetry Recitation Competition
17 August	: Cleanliness drive
28 August	: Open Forum
31 August	: Fire Safety drill

Looking forward to another fantastic month ahead!

Warm Regards,

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