

EtonHouse International School – Wuxi

无锡伊顿国际学校

Principals' Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

I was very pleased with the number of parents who were able to make the Parent Reception evening last Wednesday. It was a great opportunity for our parents to meet all the staff and also have an opportunity to listen to some messages I wanted to share regarding where I see EtonHouse going over the course of the year and beyond.

The core elements of my message to parents and staff were:

1. We want EtonHouse Wuxi to be a place where all students are happy, feel safe and are enthusiastic about their learning. We want to hear them proudly say “I go to EtonHouse Wuxi – it’s a great school.”
2. We want our Parents to be real partners and enjoy contributing to the life and programs we offer at EtonHouse. We want our parents to be equally proud to say “My children go to EtonHouse Wuxi.”
3. We want our staff to be strong and effective. They are knowledgeable and talented. We want all staff to have real pride in saying “I work at EtonHouse Wuxi.”



Over the course of this year we are prioritizing our PYP and MYP authorization process. This means we will have visitors from the International Baccalaureate coming to Wuxi to examine our curriculum and organizational structures. We are very confident of doing well with meeting the demands and standards of the IB.

Calendar and changes to the school year

I know Dr Paul Lieblich has sent home a note already regarding these changes. We are deeply grateful for the vast support we are receiving over this matter and hope those that have been adversely affected are able to understand the difficult situation this has caused and that the solution actually gives opportunity for staff to become familiar with the new literacy and Numeracy programs. This will be of significant benefit to your children.

Curriculum documentation

From this year on, all EtonHouse schools in China will be adopting the same curriculum documents. These documents have been developed with influences from many different curriculums, including those from Australia, New Zealand, The Bahamas, Singapore and those of the IB. Next week, Primary Years teachers will spend time in their teams creating detailed term overviews which will then be available for parents to view. If you have any questions about the PYP curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask Anna Davidson (PYP coordinator) or Belynda Seale (EY coordinator).

Korean Teacher and School Community Liaison Officer

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Eom our new Korean Teacher. Mrs Eom will be taking Korean classes with a focus on the written aspect. Mrs Eom has a wealth of experience in teaching Korean already in Wuxi and is very happy to become part of EtonHouse. We are also very pleased to announce we have appointed a new Korean SCL for EtonHouse Wuxi. Mr BokYoun will be arriving from Korea within the next two weeks. BokYoun has many talents to bring to EtonHouse especially his experience in working with parents and Schools in Korea. He will also be adding value to our Korean program by taking students for the reading and conversation component. We are excited that BokYoun has taken this opportunity to join our family and we hope you will all make him and Mrs Eom welcome and support them in becoming familiar with the EtonHouse community, the children and life in China.

PYP Corner

Communicators

The theme for this week is **communicators**. What does a good communicator look like? Well, they understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. Here at EtonHouse, we encourage students to communicate confidently in English and their mother tongue.

I wish to thank everyone for understanding the need for me to be in Australia at this time. You are welcome to request to speak with your teacher if you have any concerns or need things clarified. Also our three coordinators are more than happy to help you as well. Belynda Seale (Early Years Coordinator), Anna Davidson (PYP Coordinator) and Tony Valentine (MYP Coordinator). Finally, I have had numerous parents and staff request a copy of the poem I read at the Parent reception last week. It is written by Loris Malaguzzi the founder of Reggio Emilia approach to education. This is regarded as best practice throughout the world.

Have a fantastic week and keep smiling 😊

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

Fortnightly Calendar

<i>Monday 2009/09/14</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/09/15</i>	<i>Wed 2009/09/16</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/09/17</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/18</i>
ECA continues	Staff meeting 3.30pm	Swimming continues EAL continues	MYP to Suzhou ECA	
<i>Monday 2009/09/21</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/09/22</i>	<i>Wed 2009/09/23</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/09/24</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/25</i>
ECA	Staff meeting 3.30pm	Swimming	MS to Suzhou ECA	

One Hundred Ways

The child is made of one hundred.
The child has a hundred languages
a hundred hands
a hundred thoughts
a hundred ways of thinking
of playing, of speaking.
A hundred, always a hundred
ways of listening
of marveling
of loving
a hundred joys for singing
and understanding
a hundred worlds to discover
a hundred worlds to invent
a hundred worlds to dream.
The child has a hundred languages
(and a hundred hundred hundred more)
but they steal ninety-nine
the school and the culture
separate the head from the body.
They tell the child to think
without hands
to do without head
to listen and not speak
to understand without joy
to love and marvel
only at Easter and Christmas.
They tell the child
to discover the world already there
and of the hundred
they steal ninety-nine.
They tell the child that
work and play
reality and fantasy
science and imagination
sky and earth
reason and dream

are things
that do not belong together.
And thus they tell the child
that the hundred is not there.
The child says:
No way. The hundred is there!

Loris Malaguzzi