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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trekathon 2015

As part of SG50, Trekathon 2015 will be aimed at the wider community outside school. We have identified HCA Hospice Care as the beneficiary of this year's fund raising.

HCA Hospice Care is primarily a home hospice care provider which aims to enable patients to spend their last days with a good quality of life.

All pupils will be given a donation card in February. While not compulsory, we would like to encourage all parents to donate to this worthwhile cause. The cards are to be returned to the school by April 2015.

President's Award for Teachers 2015

The *President's Award for Teachers* gives national recognition to the critical role teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. The nomination forms are obtainable from the school's General Office or downloadable from: <http://www.academyofsingaporeteachers.moe.gov.sg>

If you know of any teachers who may be deserving of the recognition, we would like to invite you to submit a nomination.

The closing date for the submission is 24 February 2015 (Tuesday).

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Do you have any feedback or ideas for In-Touch?

Do let us know on our website at <http://www.frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/our-stakeholders/in-touch-feedback-form>

You can also view our past issues at <http://www.frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/our-stakeholders/in-touchfrontier>



Upcoming Events

Chinese New Year Celebration

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year 2015 on Wednesday, 18 February 2015. Pupils will be encouraged to wear their Chinese traditional costume (with black school shoes) on that day. If they do not have any traditional Chinese costumes, pupils will come to school in the normal school attire.

As **18 February 2015** is the eve of Chinese New Year, school will be **dismissed earlier at 10:15 a.m.** Pupils should report to school as usual at 7.20 a.m. Pupils will be engaged in a series of activities planned by the school to celebrate the occasion. There will be no lessons on that day. Pupils will return to school on Monday, 23 February 2015.

Total Defence Day

Total Defence Day (15th February) marks the British surrender of Singapore to the Japanese during World War 2 in 1942. This annual event reminds us that the task of nation-building is full of difficulties, and all of us have a part to play in defending our country. This year Frontier Primary will commemorate Total Defence Day on **Wednesday, 11 February 2015**.

The theme for this year's campaign is "**Our SAF: Giving Strength to Our Nation**". This theme should resonate with all Singaporeans as the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) has grown hand-in-hand with Singapore. The impact of the SAF is seen in the Singapore Story: from the prosperity of the thriving economy, to the social harmony across the heartlands, the SAF is our nation's inner strength. While we appreciate the men and women of the SAF, we must also remember that the responsibility of defending Singapore lies with each and every Singaporean.

The school will commemorate Total Defence Day with an assembly programme. In addition, the pupils will be having Social Studies and Art lessons related to Total Defence. Through these activities, it is hoped that pupils in Frontier will feel that they can play a part in the defence of Singapore, despite their tender age.



P1 to P4 Learning Journeys

The school believes strongly in providing all our pupils with an experiential approach to their learning. As such, all Frontierers will get to go on learning journeys every year. For this year, all our pupils will be heading for their learning journeys on **6 March (Friday)**. The school **dismissal on that day will be at 2pm** for all pupils.

The Learning Journeys for the different levels are as follows:

Primary 1—River Safari

Primary 2—Changi Airport

Primary 3—Singapore Discovery Centre

Primary 4—Singapore River

A separate letter with more details will be given to parents at a later date.

NE Chingay for P3 Pupils

Our **P3 pupils** have been selected to participate in the Chingay National Education (NE) Show on a Saturday evening on **14 February 2015**. This year's parade will be more fun and exciting as we are celebrating it with our nation's 50th birthday.

The Chingay NE Show provides an opportunity for students to watch a high-quality international parade up-close and personal. Through this unique experience, they could also get to see and feel for themselves the vibrancy and spirit of this uniquely Singapore parade which showcases our multi-cultural and harmony.

More details are available in the separate letter to parents of P3 pupils.





CCA & ENRICHMENT MATTERS

PE, Art and Music (PAM) Enrichment

As part of the school's efforts to provide pupils with a well-rounded and holistic learning experience, the school will be offering PE, Art and Music (PAM) Enrichment Programmes for pupils. These programmes serve to be an additional platform for pupils to pursue programmes of their interests, while at the same time develop closer bonds with their schoolmates as they learn together to acquire new skills. Participation is not compulsory.

Below is a list of the PAM Enrichment Programmes which will be offered this year:

Level	Domain	Programme	Duration (Weeks)	Commences in Term	Day/Timings
P1	Sports	Inline Skating	5	3	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>On Mondays</u></p> <p>Most of these programmes will be held from <u>2.15pm-3.45pm</u></p> <p><i>Timings will vary for each programme and may be subject to changes</i></p>
	Visual Arts	Sculpture Art	5	3	
	Performing Arts	Violin	16	2-4	
		Chinese Dance	8	3-4	
P2	Sports	Badminton	6	2	
	Visual Arts	Mosaic Art	5	2	
	Performing Arts	Violin	16	2-4	
		Chinese Dance	8	3-4	
P3	Sports	Softball	6	3	
	Visual Arts	Mural Painting	5	3	
P4	Sports	Floorball	6	2	
	Visual Arts	Watercolour	5	2	

Please note that the cost of these programmes will be **borne by the participants**. The actual schedule, cost and other programme-specific information will be made available through a separate letter to parents at a later date.



ICT MATTERS

ICT Baseline Training for P4 Pupils – Excel-IT!

As part of our 6-year ICT training plan, our **Primary 4 pupils** are undergoing a basic Microsoft Excel training this term, from **26 Jan to 27 Feb**. We are incorporating the ICT training into English and Mathematics lessons to increase its relevance and applicability.

The objectives of this training include knowing the basic interface of MS Excel, creation of tables and creation of charts (specifically bar graphs and line graphs, in alignment with the P4 Math topic on ‘Tables and Line Graphs’).

At the end of the module, pupils should be able to tabulate a given set of data, present the data in an organized table and create a related line graph. Parents are encouraged to go through some of these skills with your children during the weekends or leisure time so they can have opportunities to practice.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) is organized by Insafe in February each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world.

Safer Internet Day 2015 will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 10 February 2015** with the strapline, “**Let’s create a better internet together**”. Throughout the year, our school will be planning programmes and activities to enhance the pupils’ sense of cyber wellness and the possible implications of their online behaviour.

We hope to work closely with parents to educate our pupils and nurture them into discerning and responsible ICT users. Please visit <http://www.saferinternetday.org> to find out more about the event and activities.



ADMIN & OPERATIONS MATTERS

Use of Pens by P4 pupils

As our first batch of pupils reaches P4 this year, we believe that they now have the penmanship skills to smoothly make the transition to writing using pens.

The school would like all our **P4 pupils** to adopt the use of **blue or black-ink pens** in their daily written assignments by the end of Term 1.

From Term 2 onwards, **all** written assignments completed by P4 pupils are to be done using blue or black-ink pens, including the Continual & Semestral Assessments. However, P4 pupils will still need to use their pencils for work such as drawing and underlining. Green pens are to be used to complete corrections.

Update on Sale of School Uniform & PE attire

In response to parents' needs, the school has arranged with the vendor for an additional sale day of the school uniform and PE attire. This special arrangement will be for Term 1 only.

<u>Usual Arrangement</u>	<u>Special Arrangement</u>
Day : Every Last Wednesday of the month	Day : Every Tuesday in Term 1
Time : 2 pm to 5 pm	Time : 9 am to 3 pm

Sale Venue : CCA Room 2 (Level 1)

Name of Vendor : Ascencio

Do contact the vendor at 9666 5970 should you have any queries.

Ready for start of school

We would like to thank parents in helping to arrange for your children to be at school at **7:20 am every morning**. Pupils who arrive at school after that time will be asked to assemble at the foyer to sing the national anthem and recite the pledge. This is because they will not be able to reach their classroom or the hall in time for the flag raising ceremony.

We hope you can work with your child to instil the value of punctuality so that they arrive ready for school every day. Gates A and B are closed at 7:30am. Pupils who arrive at school at **7:30 am or after** are **late for school**. Disciplinary measures will be meted out to pupils who are late for school repeatedly. Pupils who are late for school will need to enter the school via the main gate.



Parent Partnership Community (PPC) Spotlight

It's Chinese New Year!

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with lots of yummy goodies. Support our PPC in this fund-raising event!

Funds raised will be used to sponsor a series of PPC-initiated events for Frontierers. Last year, PPC sponsored a bouncing castle for Children's day and the children loved it! It was made possible because of your generous support.

We are looking for talented parents in PPC! If you can bake and are willing to help, please volunteer and join us in this meaningful project. Please email us indicating your interest, the items which you can bake, the estimated costs (if you are sponsoring, it will be great!) and contact details. PPC Exco will get in touch with you.

And each evening before the following day of the fund raising event, we will upload one CNY promotion post on our FPS PPC Facebook page. Please visit the page daily to find out how your child can get a 'Special' gift from us!

Website
<http://ppc.frontierpri.net>

Email
ppc@frontierpri.net

Honey Cornflakes

Love Letters (chocolate/strawberry)

Pineapple Biscuit

Chessy ball snack

And many more Chinese New Year snacks

Chinese New Year Event
 05, 06, 09, 10 Feb 2015
 Recess Time
 School Canteen

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Organized by PPC



SchoolBag

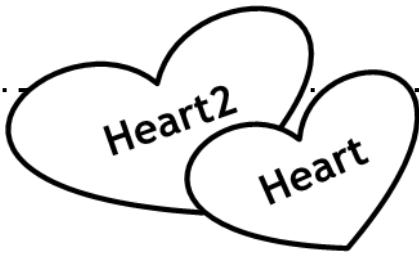
Healthy, Wealthy and Wise tip for February 2015

'Use Money to Love People - Care and Share.'

Chinese New Year is approaching and our children will be receiving the red packets from family and friends. Here are some tips to educate our children on the importance of spending the money wisely.

1. Set aside a portion of the red packet money for your child to use to buy things he/she would like.
2. Insist that he/she should save a sum of money first before spending the collected amount.
3. Plan with your child what he/she would like to buy.
4. Encourage your child to purchase items for their sibling or friend to show their care for them.
5. Guide your child in understanding what is a want, wish or need so frivolous purchases are not made.
6. Your child can calculate how much he/she will need to buy the intended items so that he/she does not overspend.
7. For every purchase, get your child to record down the expenditure. This will allow your child to monitor the amount available for the next purchase.
8. Gently highlight to your child if you believe he/she is going to burst the budget or when the sum of money is running low.
9. Get your child to evaluate how much he/she has spent and whether the items he/she has bought are useful.
10. Urge your child to share his/her items with siblings and friends so he/she learns the value of sharing.





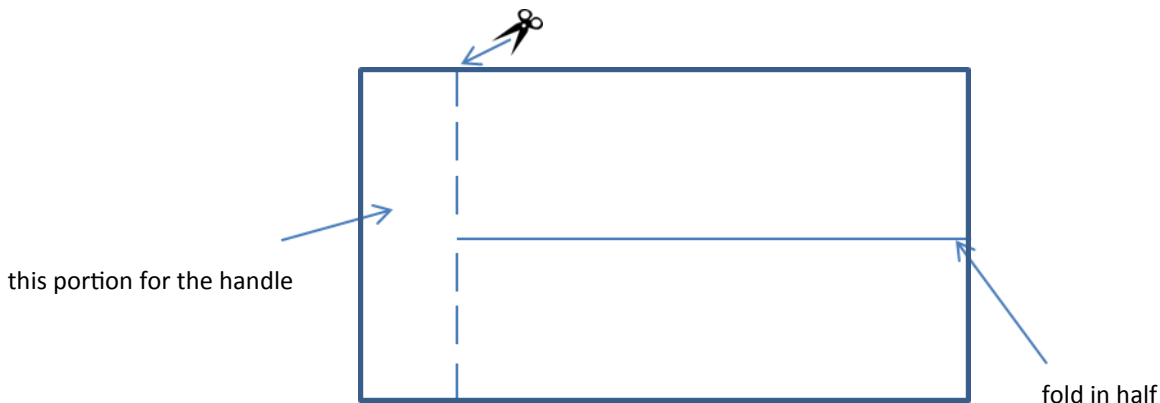
Making a Paper Lantern

Things you need.

- One Piece of Paper (*You can use a drawing block.*)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Colour Pencils or Crayons (*Optional*)
- Stapler or Scotch Tape

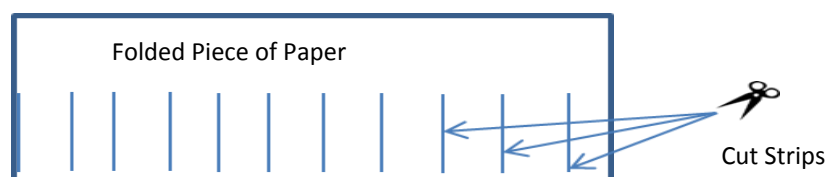


1. Use a ruler and make a straight line about 4cm away from one of the edges. Cut this strip off and set it aside to be the lantern handle.



2. Fold the piece of paper in half, lengthwise, making sure you line up all the edges.

3. Now, take your scissors and, starting at the folded edge, cut a strip from the folded edge up to the line you drew. and continue to cut several strips along the piece of paper.



4. Once all your strips are cut, you should unfold your piece of paper and refold it lengthwise.

5. You can now color or embellish the outside of the lantern.

6. To assemble the lantern simply roll the paper into a tube and staple or tape the edges together.

7. Finally, using the strip you cut out of the paper, attach the handle by taping or stapling the ends of the strip of the paper just inside the top of the lantern.

8. Your completed lanterns can be hung up or set on a table for decoration. These lanterns are only for decorative purposes and should not be used near open flames such as candles. Have fun!