

IN-TOUCH @ FRONTIER

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Partners in Education (PiE)

You may be aware that we had our MOE Work Plan Seminar and some of the Frontier staff members were actively involved in the planning exercise. One critical point Minister shared was the importance of supportive parents in education. In this respect, Frontier has been fortunate because our parents have been very supportive of the school's efforts. We thank you for the kind support which motivates us to provide a quality education for all Frontierers.

In the MOE Work Plan Seminar, the Parents in Education (PiE) website was launched. The website would have resources which parents can tap on to help better support the education and development of their children. The website contains articles on parenting tips, educational news, information on the school curriculum, and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home.

Please use the following link: <http://www.moe.gov.sg/parents-in-education> to access the PiE website. We hope that these resources will be useful to all parents!

PAMI Programme (Play A Musical Instrument Programme)



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In our aim to develop aesthetics excellence in Frontier Primary School, we are kicking off our **PAMI** programme in Term 4, week 3. Pupils will be introduced to and taught how to play the **Ukulele**. The programme will be run during their music lessons over a period of six weeks. Pupils will learn to read strumming notations, grasp fundamental strumming techniques and play simple chords. The PAMI programme provides pupils the opportunity to learn a musical instrument both for enjoyment as well as for bonding with their friends.

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Social Emotional Well-being @ Frontier Family

In the Frontier Family, we believe in the holistic development of the whole child. The social emotional development of the pupils is important and often recognised as one of the predictors of later academic, social, and emotional success. It refers to skills to manage self, relate to others and make decisions. Children equipped with social and emotional skills, displays the capacity for self-confidence, self-control, trust and empathy. They also develop the abilities to interact with teachers and peers, care for each other and share their ideas, as well as work out their differences as they cooperate on projects. Such abilities build the communication skills necessary for learning and success throughout a child's life.



Teacher Pupil Party (TPP)

The TPP provides communication and well-being opportunity for the teachers and pupils to plan, connect, bond and learn from one another. It is a chance to share information, as well as give extra attention to one another. We believe that the sharing of food and drinks can foster warmth, security and love, as well as feelings of belonging like the family meals the pupils have at home. It can be a unifying experience for the pupils and teachers. Such strong family networking can promote desired behaviours to care and share.

Meals prepared and eaten at home are also usually more nutritious and healthy. We also hope that TPP will be similar to family mealtimes to provide a platform for the pupils to exercise the right choice in the selecting their food, snacks and beverages with the healthier choice logo. This makes them responsible for improving their own eating habits. The pupils are also given a chance to display appropriate table manners, meal etiquette, and social skills such as sharing of food and drinks and caring for each other while keeping the mood light and relaxed, making their classrooms not only a conducive environment for learning but also a warm and inviting place for sharing, caring and loving. In addition, the Frontier Canteen will continue to promote good eating habit by preparing healthy set meals to ensure that the pupils have a balanced diet.



Heart²Heart Talk (HTHT)

The HTHT provides the opportunity for all form teachers to conduct one to one student-teacher conferencing with all the pupils in their classes. It is a platform to know the pupils better and foster stronger teacher–pupil bonding. In Frontier, we feel that it is important for the pupils to establish a good relationship with their teachers, to perceive their teachers as caring and supportive role models. In turn, we can also reassure anxious students and motivate pupils to work hard. It provides quality interaction time between form teachers and pupils.

**Lessons on Value Education (L.O.V.E.)**

LOVE is a weekly platform that enables our staff, pupils and parents to share their experiences on values they find important in their life. We are inviting parents to share with the pupils and staff because we believe that such sharing enables us to learn from each other and foster closer ties as a family. We also hope such sharing experiences will bridge any learning differences between home and school. L.O.V.E. role models fundamental values and good behaviours that facilitate positive character development in our pupils to be a good and useful citizen. In our efforts to provide a holistic education, we hope to achieve the desired outcomes for every student to be a confident person, a self-directed learner, an active contributor and a concerned citizen.

**Announcements****School Bags**

We have noticed that some of the children's school bags are getting heavier. The pupils should use the timetable to guide the packing of their school bags. The school has collected some of the pupils' workbooks, files and material and placed them in the classrooms. This is to help the pupils to better manage the weight of the school bags. We seek parents' assistance in guiding the children to pack their bags according to the timetable. We trust that our collective efforts will ensure pupils' well-being is taken care of.

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Term 4 Calendar

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
10 Sept	School Starts	
11 Sept	Parent-Child Workshop "Strengthening Bond through Sharing Stories"	Evening Conducted in Mandarin
15 Sept	Parent Empowerment Workshop "Raising Children without Raising Your Blood Pressure"	For Parents who Signed Up
17 Sept	Mother Tongue Languages & Cultural Fortnight starts Official Opening of the school's Learning Hub – I ³	
18 - 20 Sept	Health Trail	
20 - 21 Sept	Language & Cultural Trail @ Chinese gardens	After school programme Only for pupils who offer CL
24 Sept	PAMI – Play a Musical Instrument Programme (Ukulele) Starts	
25 Sept	Parent-Child Reading Workshop "Strengthening Bond through Sharing Stories" Malay Cultural Camp	Conducted in Malay Only for pupils who offer ML
25 – 27 Sept	School Health Service: Annual Health Visit	
28 Sept	Frontier Family Fiesta Mother Tongue Languages & Cultural Fortnight ends	Whole Day Programme
01 – 03 Oct	Speak Good English Movement Frontier Kindness Month starts	
04 Oct	Children Day's Celebration in School	
05 Oct	Children's Day	School Holiday
15-18 Oct	PSLE Marking	School Holiday
26 Oct	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
13 Nov	Deepavali	Public Holiday
14 Nov	Year-end Graduation Celebrations	
15 Nov	Last Day of School	
16 Nov	*Meet the Parents	*Only for Invited Parents No lesson for pupils
17 Nov	Orientation for P1 cohort of 2013 School Holidays Starts	

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Acknowledgement of *In-Touch@Frontier* September 2012

I, parent of _____ of Primary _____,
acknowledge receipt and have noted the contents in this September issue of *In-Touch@Frontier*.

Name of Parent: _____

Signature and Date _____