

IN-TOUCH @ FRONTIER

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Chinese New Year 2014

The school will be celebrating the Chinese New Year 2014 on 30 January 2014. Pupils will be encouraged to wear their Chinese traditional costume (with black school shoes) that day. If they do not have any traditional Chinese costumes, pupils will come to school in the normal school attire. As 30 January 2014, Thursday is the eve of the Chinese New Year, school hours will be from 8.00am – 10.00am. Pupils will be engaged in the various activities planned by the school to celebrate the Chinese New Year. There will be no lesson on that day.

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday, 4 February 2014.



Refinements to Dismissal Arrangements

We would like to thank all parents who have partnered with us in providing inputs on how we can continue to improve our dismissal arrangements to increase efficiency while maintaining safety of our children. We would like to announce these refinements to our processes

1) Dismissal from Gate B on rainy days

With immediate effect, we will allow parents to come into the canteen area on rainy days while waiting for their children to be dismissed. We hope that this addresses some difficulties parents and children have faced in locating one another in such situations. Do be seated at the canteen benches while waiting for your child to arrive at the canteen so that we parents and pupils who are ready to leave the school can do so quickly via Gate B.

2) Dismissal of Primary 3 pupils from February 2014 onwards

As our pupils grow older and more motivated, we will allow them to have more independence. Hence, we are allowing our P3 pupils to be dismissed at Level 1 instead of the various gates. This arrangement will come into effect in February 2014. P3 pupils have been briefed that they would still continue to meet their parents/guardians after dismissal as per existing arrangement. Do help to remind your child of this too.





Trekathon 2014

The school is organising a Trekathon for all staff members on 4th of June 2014 to raise funds for the following objectives:

- 1) Support pupils' participation in enrichment programmes that contribute to their holistic developments.
- 2) Support needy pupils so that they are able to partake in all aspects of the education that we provide in the school.

All pupils will be given a donation card. While not compulsory, we like to encourage all parents to donate to this cause. We will be collecting the cards from the pupils in April 2014.

Science

Primary 3 pupils will be taking Science as part of their curriculum for the first time this year. The eco-garden is one of the many resources that the pupils will be using to complement their learning of Science. Apart from the Science lessons within the classrooms, the pupils can also look forward to other platforms for Science learning such as Science experiments. We hope to make the learning of Science an enjoyable and exciting experience for our pupils

Subscription to Science Magazines

There will be a subscription drive for Science magazines. The vendors will be setting up their booths in the school in early February. Parents interested to subscribe to the respective magazines can complete the subscription forms which will be issued to all pupils prior to the drive. Further details will be communicated to the pupils nearer the date.



PAL @ FPS 2014

We have a wide range of interesting and engaging PAL modules planned for our pupils. The PAL schedule and module objectives are shown below for your information and reference. To have a better understanding of PAL at Frontier Primary School, you can also go to our school website under **Our Key Programmes**.



Level/Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Pri One (8 Classes)	SCATA (1Ry, 1Rt, 1Re, 1Co) DaMo (1Ca, 1Cr, 1In, 1Jo)	SCATA (1Ca, 1Cr, 1In, 1Jo) DaMo (1Ry, 1Rt, 1Re, 1Co)	Sports & Games Fun "Olympic Mania" (All Pri 1 Classes)	Mother Tongue Languages Speech and Drama
Pri Two (8 classes)	Art Alive! (2Ry, 2Rt, 2Re, 2Co) RhyMo (2Ca, 2Cr, 2In, 2Jo)	Art Alive! (2Ca, 2Cr, 2In, 2Jo) RhyMo (2Ry, 2Rt, 2Re, 2Co)	Senses In Exploration (SE) (All Pri 2 classes)	English Language Speech and Drama

Level	Domain	Modules	Objectives
Pri One	Sports & Games	Olympics Mania	<p>Pupils will explore the various sports and games that are staples of the Olympics. These sports and games have been modified to make them age-appropriate for our Primary One pupils. Activities such as Track and Field will provide opportunities for pupils to learn and demonstrate Olympic and Core School values.</p> <p>At the end of the programme, pupils will learn sportsmanship and build character values as they stay active and have fun together. Pupils will also have an opportunity for Social Emotional Learning.</p>
	Visual Arts	SCATA (Stories Come Alive Thru Art)	Pupils will gain creative insight through the development of visual perception and combined usage of fine motor and multimedia skills. They will produce an illustration with the use of clay modelling (jumping clay), based on a STELLAR SBA book story. The creation process will enable students to confidently extend their creativity into physical and illusionary space. Provides opportunity for Social Emotional Learning.
	Performing Arts	DaMo (Dance & Movement)	In this module, pupils' awareness and interest in dance are heightened through a kinetic, creative, intellectual and social experience. Pupils will understand the meanings behind various dance steps and appreciate the cultural significance of dances and moves learnt. Pupils will be engaged in the technical, spatial, dynamic and rhythmic domain and have opportunities for Social Emotional Learning.

Continuation of PAL @ FPS 2014

Pri Two	Outdoor Education	Senses In Exploration (SE)	Pupils will cultivate an appreciation for nature and a caring spirit through learning activities outside the classroom. Inter-disciplinary in nature, it includes photography, outdoor experiential learning & leadership development. Pupils' character, leadership and 21 st Century Competencies will be developed in this module.
	Visual Arts	Art Alive!	Pupils will dabble, explore and experiment with paint – activities that encourage creativity in an open and non-restricted environment. They will have a platform for artistic expressions and productions, and opportunities for Social Emotional Learning.
	Performing Arts	RhyMo (Rhythm & Movement)	Pupils will be introduced to a new, unique tuned percussion instrument: the Boomwhacker. They will develop a musical sense through fundamental concepts in rhythm, harmony, pitch and melody, and be instilled with the joy of music-making and an appreciation for musical expressions.

Total Defence Day 2014

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 not easy, and that we must work to preserve our present prosperity and stability. In Frontier, we will be commemorating the event on 14th February; Friday.

The theme for this year's campaign is "30 Years of Total Defence: Because You Played A Part" This theme is a reaffirmation of the role and contributions of all Singaporeans united through common Total Defence experiences. And that we are able to enjoy what we have in Singapore today because each of us has played a part, in building this nation, our home.

The school would 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 would feel that they can play a part in the defence of Singapore, despite their tender age.





PE/CCA Safety

As a school, pupil safety and well-being continues to be our priority as we engage our Frontierers in their Physical Education classes and Co-Curricular Activities. PE and CCA is important to a child as not only does it develop a child's motor skills to enable him/ her to be physically educated, it also broadens a child's learning experience holistically and imbues many other positive values and traits such as resilience and sportsmanship while empowering them with important life-skills such as movement skills and concepts of sports safety. The school currently has the following processes to ensure that our pupils' well-being is taken care of and will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to keep the school environment a positive and safe place for our pupils.

Our PE/ CCA Safety practices include:

- Maintaining a record of pupils' health status through Pupil Profile Forms and School Health Services
- Visual and verbal well-being checks made on pupils to ascertain their health status prior to activities
- Hydration breaks between activities, with water cooler facilities situated within close proximity of PE venue
- First Aid trained PE teachers and Office Staff
- Excuse from PE / strenuous physical activities if pupils recently recovered from flu, cough, fever or other respiratory illnesses (for up to one week after return from medical leave)
- Pupils with respiratory illnesses to carry their inhaler along with them during physical activities, with proper knowledge to use the device
- Progressive activity levels to allow pupils to adapt and develop appropriate fitness levels to handle physical activities
- Safety briefings to pupils prior to attempting a new physical activity/ programme

On this note, we would like to thank parents who have been communicating with us through letters to inform us about your children's health status, especially after their absence from school. We would also like to request for parents to similarly provide us with updates on your child's medical status when available so as to maintain updated records of our pupils' medical history.



Reading Incentive Programmes (English and Mother Tongue)



The Rainbow Reading Programme for Primary 1 and Primary 2 was started in 2012 to encourage pupils to read widely and extensively. Pupils are awarded tokens and badges for reading and completing simple book reviews.

The Avid Reader Programme for Primary 3 will start this year. Pupils will complete a simple task or mini project for each book that they read. They will be awarded badges for each Avid Reader card that they complete. Your child's English/Mother Tongue teacher will provide more information to him/her at a later date.

To give recognition to our pupils for their effort, badges are given out on a termly basis. We hope you will continue to encourage your child to read as we cultivate the love of reading in our pupils.

Returning of Frontier Library(I³) books to the National Library Board (NLB)

We are pleased to see that our pupils have been enthusiastically visiting I³ to read and borrow books. However, we have noticed that some of our pupils are returning our school library books to the NLB. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child returns our school library books to I³, and not to NLB. To instil the value of responsibility in the pupils, they will be informed to collect the books back from NLB to be returned to I³.

Storytelling Workshop for P3 Parents

As part of Holistic Assessment, the oral performance task for the P3 pupils is Storytelling for both English and Mother Tongue. The pupils will put up a short storytelling performance in class. Besides the teachers training the pupils in class, the school has also collaborated with NLB to conduct a storytelling workshop for our P3 parents and pupils. The workshop will cover the following areas:

- Benefits of storytelling
- Types of storytelling techniques
- Traditional oral storytelling demonstration
- Demonstration of other storytelling forms

Details of the workshop are as follows:

- Date/Day: 15 February 2014, Saturday
- Time: 9am – 10am

Please go to <http://bit.ly/LEyHc1> to register your attendance by 30 January 2014 if you are interested. Due to limited spaces, we apologise that we can only allow one parent per child to attend the workshop.

We hope that this session will give you some ideas on how you can support your child as he/she prepares for the storytelling performance. Thank you for playing an active role in your child's learning and development.



Road Safety Matters

We thank you for your partnership in making the assembly and dismissal of students neater and safer. The current dismissal points for the children are Gate A (along St 61) and Gate B (along St 63).

The school dismissal times are as follows;

Day/ Level	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3
Monday	3 pm		
Tuesday	1.30 pm	3.30 pm	
Wednesday	1.30 pm		
Thursday	1.30 pm		
Friday	1.30 pm		



** If your child participates in an enrichment programme after school hours, the dismissal time will be indicated in the consent forms given.

The school is also in active partnership with LTA to keep our roads safe for our students when they come to school as well as when they return home from school. Signs and banners have been put up to remind all road users of the school zone to avoid jaywalking. Jaywalking endangers the pedestrian as well as the motorist and we would like to urge all parents and guardians to refrain from jaywalking at all times. Do make use of the traffic lights situated on both St 61 and St 63 when crossing the roads.

Parents and guardians picking students up are reminded to observe traffic rules. Please refrain from obstructing traffic along St 63 as there tends to be heavier traffic in the mornings. The usual traffic rules of parking close to the junction, a fire hydrant, a road bend and the entrance to the building do apply as it makes it more difficult for the rest of the road users.

We would like to remind all parents and visitors to use Gate A and Gate B if they are coming in before or after school hours and to use the main gate at the guardhouse if they are coming in during school hours. There is traffic moving in and out of the school and we would like to ensure the safety of all visitors to the school. As such, please assist us in walking along the pavements and corridors when entering or exiting the school and to refraining from cutting across the car park or the bus bay.



Safety and Security

The year has started off smoothly with the P1 students easing well into the school environment and routine. We ran a 3-day buddy programme in week 1 to encourage friendships between the P1 and P2 children. It was well received and the children enjoyed the opportunity to take care of someone other than themselves over the 3 days. The buddies are encouraged to meet up and play together during the recess and lunch breaks after the programme ended.

We thank you for allowing your child to develop self-discipline through independence in bringing his own books and materials. We view this as being very important in inculcating a sense of responsibility in the child by encouraging him to pack his own bag, among other routines such as jotting down homework, revising his work when at home and completing homework prior to returning to school. These are some of the values we hope to instil in our students as they encourage the development of positive work attitudes in them for their future.

We prioritize the safety of our students and as such, wish to minimize the entry of unauthorized visitors to the school. Please alert your child's teacher if you wish to change your child's dismissal routine or if someone else will be picking your child up from school. This will help us in ensuring your child reaches home safely upon dismissal.

We have shared the school rules with the students on various platforms over the weeks. We have adopted the acronym 'LEADERS' as a comprehensive collection of the school's rules and the students will have these displayed in the school environment. The details of the school rules can be found in the student handbook. We view discipline and pastoral care for our children as of utmost importance and your child's needs do come first. We would like to emphasize that late coming and absenteeism from school without a valid reason are poor habits which we would like to deter our students from developing. Please assist to ensure your child is in school by 7.40 am everyday as our preassembly programmes begin at 7.45 am. All absences from school must be accompanied by an MC or an excuse letter from you, the parent or the guardian.

Together, we are able to ensure safety for our students, their parents and the broader school and neighbourhood community.



Greetings from Frontier's PPC!

Objective of PPC

The Parent Partnership Community (PPC) has been established with the objective of enhancing the experience of our children in Frontier by supporting school initiated events. PPC also aims to provide a channel for parents to play an active role in their child's school.

To date, the PPC has 78 members and a newly set-up committee comprising six parents. The committee is involved in planning events and carrying out the activities in school. We hope to make school life enriching and fun for the pupils.

Benefits of Active Parental Involvement

Active parental involvement in the school has shown many positive effects on children. There are opportunities for more parent-child interactions. When both the parent and child are involved in a school event, there are more things to talk about! Your child will be delighted to spot you volunteering in school! Another benefit of being part of PPC is to be able know more about the school's staff, curriculum and developments. Visit our website now and join us as a PPC member today!

Upcoming Events

Frontier's PPC parents are looking forward to our first PPC-initiated fund raising event for the pupils.

To celebrate the coming Chinese New Year, we are organising a sale of Chinese New Year goodies from 21st to 23rd January 2014 during the school recesses. The Chinese New Year goodies on sale will come in small packaging. They include goodies like pineapple tarts, love letters and ngaku (arrowhead) chips. Each packet will be sold at S\$1. There are halal and non-halal goodies prepared for all pupils. Our booth will be located in the school canteen.

Do support this fund raising event generously! Happy Chinese New Year!

PPC Committee

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Sale of School Uniform

Do take note of the following information if you need to purchase the school uniform

Venue : CCA Room 3 Time : 2pm to 5pm	
Month	Date
January	29 th
February	26 th
March	26 th
April	30 th
May	28 th

School Uniform	Asencio Pte Ltd HP – 96665970 (Mdm Yeo) Tel – 67643102 Fax – 67641032
PE Attire	Kosmo Trading HP – 91804116 (Ms Danrong) Email – Florence@kosmos.com.sg

