

PARENT NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back from Spring Festival. We hope you had a wonderful holiday! Now that the holiday season has passed, there is still lots to look forward to here at 3e. As previously mentioned, we will be joined by a representative from Toning School of Drumming who will be performing for our students on March 11. We are excited to share this opportunity with the children and anxious to hear their feedback about the performance.

We also have our upcoming "I Love Reading" week sponsored by parent council. Teachers will be focusing primarily on literacy activities in the classroom prior to our closing event to be held on March 7. There will be guest story tellers, several literacy based activities and light refreshments. Please refer to the parent council section for further details.

Something else to be excited about is the 2009-2010 school year. Even though it is only February, early enrollment is underway. On page 2 of the newsletter you will find enrollment FAQ and answers. Also know that you can always ask your questions at the front desk and they will be addressed accordingly. In addition to early enrollment, 3e is prepared to move forward with the continuation of our early elementary expansion. The implementation of grade 2 this fall will take us another step closer to completing our program development. Plans for grade 3 are well underway and will finalize the expansion during the 2010-2011 academic year.

We hope that you are able to take advantage of what we have to offer in terms of coffee session and other community based events. If you have any suggestions or thoughts regarding other areas of interest or what else we might be able to offer, please let us know. Your participation is always welcomed and appreciated.

Regards,

Nadia Perez

TEACHER RECRUITMENT UNDERWAY!

It's that time of year again! 3e is preparing for the 2009-2010 school year and part of the preparation is teacher recruitment. We are happy to announce that our western Elementary classroom teachers have been secured. Grades K-2 will be supported by 3 highly qualified young women from the States. Candidates for Preschool and Nursery are currently in the interview process and plans to extend contracts are anticipated for the end of March.

All things considered, it is important that you remember that child placement is not solidified until late summer/early fall as it is based on enrollment and developmentally appropriate practices. Please keep in mind that even when all teachers are secured, you will not have confirmation of your child's teacher until just before the start of school. Teacher information will still be provided as soon as possible, however it is important that you keep in mind that class lists are considered at a later date.

As always, 3e is committed to providing quality care and education for all children. Please note that teacher recruitment is the best way to support this and is taken quite seriously. Your patience is appreciated.

FEBRUARY 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *March coffee-TBA*
- *Parent session with Yun Li:
March 2 @ 6PM-7PM
Cancelled!*
- *"I Love Reading" event:
March 7 @ 10AM-12PM*
- *Parent Council Meeting:
March 5 and March 19
2009*
- *Toning Drum Circle performance for students:
March 11*

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ENROLLMENT FAQ

When does enrollment for the 2009/2010 academic year start?

Enrollment has started for the 2009/2010 academic year! We are accepting registration forms at this time. The form was attached in an Enrollment Information email sent home on January 21. Registering and paying the invoice during early enrollment will earn special discounts. If you need another registration form, please let Victoria know.

What are the Early Enrollment Discounts?

As detailed in the email that went home before Spring Festival Break, there is a tiered system for early enrollment discounts for Pre-School and Kindergarten. Early Enrollment Discounts do not apply to Nursery and Elementary school. Deadlines are strict.

Pre-School and Kindergarten Discounts and Deadlines

Early Enrollment 1 (February 2-February 27) = **6% discount**

Early Enrollment 2 (February 28-April 1) = **5% discount**

Early Enrollment 3 (April 2-April 30) = **4% discount**

Are there other discounts I might be eligible for?

There are several other types of discounts available:

Students registering for Grade 1 or 2 receive a **7% discount** if tuition is paid before April 30, 2009.

Current 3e students will also receive a **3% discount** if tuition is paid by August 24, 2009.

Sibling discount - **5% discount** applied to the youngest child

What if I want to pay tuition by Term?

Families are allowed to pay just Term 1 tuition, but no early enrollment discount will be applied for Termly payments. Payment by term will incur a 3% fee. However, if Term 1 payment is made before April 30 during the early enrollment period, the Termly fee will be waived.

What are the procedures for signing up for Grade 2?

There is a special Grade 2 meeting taking place on February 20 where information about the Grade 2 (and eventual Grade 3/lower elementary program) will be shared. Families must confirm their enrollment in Grade 2 by March 15 for proper planning of the Grade 2 program.

What happens after Grade 2?

3e will finalize early elementary expansion with Grade 3 in the 2010-2011 academic year. 3e has a transition plan in place and has connected with other local International schools to support the transition plan if students are to move on to other programs in Beijing. Your child will reap the benefits of a dual language immersion program for his/her early years and still experience a smooth transition into other programs.

What level will my child be in next academic year?

Age as of cut-off date of October 1, 2009	Class Level
18 months- under 3 years	Nursery
3 years -under 4 years	Pre-K 1+2
4 years- under 5 years	Pre-K 3+4
5 years- under 6 years	Kindergarten
6 years- under 7 years	Grade 1
7 years- under 8 years	Grade 2

Is there anything else I should know about enrollment?

Space is limited in classes and students will be enrolled on a first-come first-served basis.



MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Kiran Bishop Ariel Bishop Shuo Han Wang
8	9 Bowen Murphy	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Gustav Abele Chloe Choi	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Alan Wang				

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Aaron Teo	4	5	6	7
8	9 Ernest Zahng	10 Maggie Zhang Jorge Guajardo	11	12	13	14 Rain Wang
15	16 Ronan Wang	17 Sophie Zhang- Murphy	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Alison Zou	26	27	28



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3e Mission statement

Our mission is to develop critical thinkers and passionate learners who can move confidently and fluidly across cultures.

3e Philosophy

We work from the premise that diverse educational settings offer distinct and valuable advantages for the child's learning experiences. We combine the western styled, child centered, progressive approach to learning with the teacher directed, systematic instructional practices of the East. Each approach is intimately connected to its respective language, and culture.

Our Principles

We at 3e International strive to fulfill our mission by abiding by our philosophy, employing our approach effectively and living up to our principles. Our staff is committed to decisions and actions that follow these principles:

- All children have the capacity to learn and succeed.
- Children need to have a positive image of themselves as learners, individuals, and community members.
- Diversity of culture and language is a valuable learning resource.
- Community members contribute to the child's positive learning experiences.
- The school environment acts as another teacher as children learn about themselves and their world.

Parent Council Update

COMMUNITY EVENT – SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Parent Council is hosting a celebration on **Saturday 7 March** from **10am-12noon** called **I LOVE READING** to celebrate the launch of 3e's new electronic borrowing system in the library. Join special guests and the school community for a morning of storytelling, performance and activities designed to enhance literacy. Keep an eye out for more details closer to the day.

Reading is a fundamental building block of learning. Boost your home resources at the event's book fair, sponsored by both **Big and Little Books** and **Poplar Kid's Republic Picture Book Shop**. Big and Little Books will also be selling books in the school lobby during school hours March 2-6.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

Thank you to all the families that contributed to our Giving Tree. We raised more than RMB7000 for **Blue Sky Healing Home**, a medical foster home in Beijing. On 5 February, four parents (Jessica Li, Molly Lloyd, Carol Chow and Sonia Cahill) visited Blue Sky to deliver a busload of goodies and meet some of the 17 foster children. We were proud to donate 1600 nappies, along with nappy wipes, baby cereal, milk powder, toiletries and cleaning products. A special thank you to Jessica Li for coordinating the project.

ABOUT US

Join 3e Parent Council and take an active role in the school community. We meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30am and welcome all parents to attend our meetings to share great ideas or raise concerns. Our main areas of interest this term are the library, school lunches and community outreach projects. For more information or to add an agenda item, email Sonia Cahill (cahill.sonia@gmail.com).

Upcoming Parent Council meeting dates for Term 2 are March 5 & 19; April 9 & 23; May 6 & 20; June 3.