

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 2! We have an exciting semester planned for you and your family. Our morning coffees are set, the children and teachers are well into the curriculum and our parent council has some wonderful projects in the works!

Upcoming coffee session include discussions on “Promoting Positive Behaviors,” “Parent/Ayi Relationships and Communication” and “Eating Healthy in Beijing.” A special event that is to be hosted by our Parent Council is “I love Reading” week in March. Teachers are supporting this event by focusing their instruction primarily on language and literacy throughout the week. Additionally, there will be a parent talk one evening to discuss English and Chinese language and literacy development. Ms. Yun Li of ISB has been invited to join our discussion in order to share her expertise on Chinese language teaching. Dates for all events are provided under the “Upcoming Events” section of the newsletter.

Recently we were visited by Tania McCartney, children’s book author, and it was a great success! As a result of the children’s interest and in order to provide continued support to our curriculum, we have arranged another visitor for the month of March. Our preschool, kindergarten and grade 1 students will be visited by an instructor from “Toning Drum Circle” who will lead the children in a session of music and drumming. Details will follow.

We look forward to all of our community events this term! As always, your ongoing support and participation are appreciated.

Here’s to another successful term!

Nadia Perez

## TANIA MCCARTNEY VISITS 3E!

It was a great honor to be visited by Tania McCartney, author of “*Riley and the Sleeping Dragon*.” 3e first graders prepared our library for her visit with red paper airplanes and white paper chains depicted as clouds. With the scene carefully set to reflect the setting of her book, Tania spent the morning in our library reading the story to our preschool, kindergarten and first grade students. What a success it was as the children remained engaged and interested as they listened attentively and asked meaningful questions! After her book reading, Tania spent some time visiting with parents and staff during a short book signing session. We are appreciative of Tania’s time as she will soon be leaving Beijing. Not to worry! We have already started planning her next visit for the fall! We look forward to hosting Tania again and thank her for not only her time but for sharing such a wonderful literary work with us!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Spring Festival Party: Friday, January 23 @ 10AM-12PM*
- *New Year Holiday: Jan. 26-Jan 30*
- *January Morning Coffee by Dr. Anne Soderman: Tuesday, February @ 9AM*
- *Parent session with Yun Li: March 2 @ 6PM-7PM*
- *“I Love Reading” event: March 7 @ 10AM-12PM*
- *Parent Council Meeting: January 22 and February 5, 2009*

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## 3E PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to all the families that contributed to our Giving Tree, to raise funds for **Blue Sky Healing Home**, a medical foster home in Beijing. By all reports, the students enjoyed making their special red envelopes and contributing to those less fortunate than themselves. Don't forget to take a look at their creative work on display in the foyer on the tree. Stay tuned for details of how we helped Blue Sky.

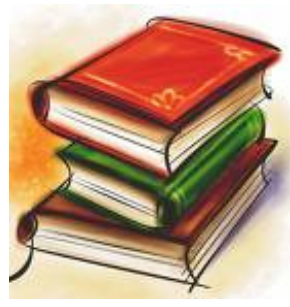
Reading is a fundamental building block of learning. To celebrate the launch of 3e's new electronic borrowing system in the library, the Parent Council is plan-

ning a special **I LOVE READING** morning on **Saturday 7 March from 10am-12noon**. Mark the date on your calendar now. The morning will be a celebration including story times and a 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).

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.baird@gmail.com). Upcoming Parent Council meeting dates and some special topics for Term 2 are January 22; February 5 (Offsite: Delivery of goods to Blue Sky Healing Home), February 19 (with special guest Gilbert Choy); March 5 & 19; April 9 & 23; May 6 & 20; June 3.

## Library



Our library is open Monday to Friday from **8:30am – 4pm** if parents would like to check out books.

If you would like to use the library please inform reception on your way in to school so that the duty librarian may be notified.

**Library update:** Our electronic library system is currently being worked on and is anticipated to be completed for "I Love Reading" week. Additionally, 3e has increased the number of titles and varying levels of literary works to better suit the needs of our students. We look forward to the ongoing efforts that both our staff and parent council are making in order to improve our library. We have already made great strides in the progression and anticipate many more in the near future!

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| 4   | 5                 | 6              | 7                           | 8                              | 9                  | 10                |
| 11  | 12                | 13             | 14                          | 15<br>Charlotte Lin<br>Jany Hu | 16                 | 17<br>Victoria Li |
| 18  | 19<br>Jinnie Sohn | 20             | 21<br>Theresa Cao<br>(YaYa) | 22                             | 23                 | 24                |
| 25  | 26<br>Kenneth Kim | 27<br>Li Siyao | 28                          | 29                             | 30<br>Joshua Chang | 31                |

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| 1   | 2                 | 3<br>Aaron Teo                       | 4                | 5   | 6   | 7               |
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| 15  | 16<br>Ronan Wang  | 17<br>Sophie Zhang-<br>Murphy        | 18               | 19  | 20  | 21              |
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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 them-

### UPDATES AND REMINDERS

**3e Outdoor Weather Policy:** If the temperature is below -12° C or 10° F children will remain indoors. Even on snowy days, children will go outside unless it is too wet. Children should come to school appropriately dressed so they can enjoy play yard activities. If children are too sick to go outside, they are too sick to come to school and should be kept home to prevent the spread of any contagious illnesses. *Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the spread of colds and flu.*  
(<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/decwintertips.cfm>)

**Illness procedure:** Please be reminded of our illness policy and procedure on page 30 of the parent handbook that is available to you on the parent website. It is important that parents be respectful of our policies and guidelines supporting this issue as we take precautions seriously. 3e reserves the right to send home any child who shows signs of any contagious condition including those listed in our handbook.

## Early Enrollment Begins in February!

Please be advised that we are starting early enrollment and registration for the 2009/2010 academic year.

Current **3e students will also receive a 3% discount** in addition to the following early enrollment discounts. Please note the tiered system for early enrollment –all deadlines will be strictly enforced.

### Discount Payment Tiers 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**

- Early Enrollment discounts do not apply to Nursery Program
- Discount applies to **annual** tuition fee payment. All invoices for the 2009/2010 school year will reflect **annual** tuition fees.
- No discount applies to Termly payments. Payments made by term will incur a 3% additional fee for both Terms 1 and 2. If Term 1 payment is made before April 30, NO Termly fee will be charged for Term 1.