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The month of June 2006 began with an inspection of our examination system by The University of Cambridge. The report by Mr. John Gwinnells endorsed our belief that the alignment, fairness, technical quality and feasibility of our conducting the examinations was satisfactory.

This was followed by the graduating event of the PYP, - the Student Led Conference. It was a formal conference where children were involved in discussing their work and their progress through out the session with their parents. The children, with the support and guidance of their teachers selected their work (based on predetermined criteria) to be discussed. They were given time to not only select their work but also practice their presentation. The value of the Student Led Conference is that the children reflect on and consolidate their progress and share the responsibility of informing their parents about their educational journey.

The final examination for Grades 6 – 8 started on 1st June and the whole school completed their annual summative papers by 9th June 2006. We all understand that nobody grew taller by being measured; however, we would believe that assessment techniques help student answer questions such as, Where am I going? Where am I now? and How can I close the gap? One of the strongest motivations is the opportunity to look back and see the progress. I am sure by now, you are all aware of your child’s annual performance. The overall school results for the academic year 2005-06 shows that there has been an increase of over 25% from the last academic session. Extremely good teacher profile, and a system of having Faculty Heads, who were responsible for monitoring teaching practices of their departments were some of the reasons for this improvement.

What needs to be done is to step up academic rigor in the middle school, develop extensively on the idea of problem - based learning and insist on research and projects being done in class as part of regular teaching and learning process. Ensure international best teaching practices are adhered to in every aspect of School life.

More about our mission and key result areas in my next newsletter.

Work is in full progress to complete our 3rd Girls Hostel and 4th academic block by the end of July 2006, so that we can kit it up to receive our fourth batch of Eagles.

Indus has had two visitors this month. Mr. William Bickerdike, he was accompanied by Mr. Vinayak, Asst. Manager Customer Service, of Cambridge International Examinations. He was on his first visit to our School after having taken over as the Regional Manager for South Asia. We discussed the prospects of introducing India studies and Korean as a Second language in the IGCSE. The suggestions were well received by the visiting team.

Our other Guest was Mrs. Goldie Malhotra, Principal, Modern Public School, Delhi, a leading CBSE school in the country. Interacting with her was a positive and enlightening experience.

The school seems lifeless without them students. I am sure they are enjoying their break.
Happy Vacations!

Warm Regards,
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