



Mrs. Sarojini Rao

Dear Parents,

The month of November was quite exciting and eventful. The students returned after their Autumn and Diwali break on 12 November, 2007.

Colin Powell, the sixty-fifth US Secretary of State once said, "Leadership is not about organizations. It is not about plans. It is not about strategies. It is all about people." This is what the Indus Parent Advisory Committee is all about. Together we endeavour to make people leaders who think globally and act locally. We bid adieu to our first Parent Advisory Committee under the able leadership of Dr Mani and welcomed in the new Parent Advisory Committee on 15 November, 2007. We cannot but acknowledge the contributions the first PAC made in every aspect of the school and thank them for the spirit and commitment with which they did it. I would like to place on record our profound appreciation to Dr Mani, the Chairperson, and her team members. The Chairperson of the new PAC is Ms Sowmya Srinivasan. We wish her and the team the very best as they take over the baton. We are sure that this team will continue to lend their support and be partners in our endeavour to make education more meaningful and holistic.

Children's Day was celebrated in the truest spirit of the day. The students were spoken to regarding the relevance of the day and were motivated towards becoming visionaries with a definite goal and purpose in life. The teachers put up various programmes and the students thoroughly applauded the efforts teachers made to celebrate and commemorate them.

The Primary Years Programme had a variety of events happening in their arena in spite of their busy schedule in their preparations for the Indus Day which is happening on 14

December, 2007. On Children's Day the students had a Fancy Dress competition and from 19 to 23 November, 2007 they had an Art competitions, the results of which will be announced soon. Grades 1 to 3 went to Rangashankara, to witness a play based on Global Warming on 29 November, and on 30 November, some of the students and parent representatives with teachers of the PYP visited the orphanage in Kandanahalli to provide them with some provisions, as a part of their CAS activity. Grade 1 visited the Butterfly Park as a part of their UOI field trip on Mini Beasts.

For the first time, Indus International School celebrated the Math Day in the Middle School on 23 November, 2007. The students were given an opportunity to put up a plethora of cultural events which they connected with mathematics. The students also made presentations of Math and its relevance in today's world with special emphasis on Vedic Math. The chief guest on the occasion was the CEO of Indus Trust, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray, who spoke on the importance of Math and Science and Indus' vision in focusing on these areas in the days to come. He also commended the efforts of the Mathematics Department in putting up an event of this nature and caliber.

The second Indus Schools' Principals' Conference was held on 24 and 25 November, 2007. It turned out to be a very fructifying event and the schools are working towards developing Centres of Excellence in Early Childhood, Science and Technology and Special Educational Needs. The research teams of Indus International School, Bangalore, made presentations on research which have been carried on over for about six months. The research was conducted in Early Years and how learning takes place right from inception, Artificial Intelligence, Nature as a Classroom, fMRI and how it can be used in education as a diagnostic tool, Spirituality and its role in education and DNA and Genetics studies with the help of which learning can be enhanced. The details of the research and the actions Indus will take based on the research will be informed at a later date.

Some of our students participated in the South Indian Math Olympiad which was conducted on 28 November, 2007. Mallika Kapur, Sagar Lachhwani and Vriti Vasudev Sachanandani reached the finals of the Cicero's Challenge debate competition conducted by the Indian Institute of Planning and Management in Delhi. Abhinav Rai, Arjun Jairaj, Deepti Kalani, Dhruv Seth, Sonia Rasquinha and Taran Raghuram participated in the Bangalore Model United Nations in which sixty schools took part. Our students also participated in the under twelve and under fourteen Sunfeast Football Tournament. The under fourteen team reached the semifinals.

Grades 6 to 8 are all set for their Half Yearly Examinations and am sure that they are working hard towards it. We wish them all success in the examinations.

"Leaders are called to stand in that lonely place between the 'no longer' and the 'not yet' and intentionally make decisions that will bind, forge, move and create history. We are not called to be popular, we are not called to be safe, we are not called to follow, we are the ones called to take risks, we are the ones called to change attitudes; to risk displeasures, we are the ones called to gamble our lives, for a better world," said, Mary Lou Anderson, who has served as vice chairman of the board of directors and secretary of the Forbes company since May 2004. It is our labour and aspiration for each of the Indus Eagles to take risks, change attitudes, risk displeasures and gamble their lives for a better world. We are sure that our students will work towards these aspirations.

With warm Regards,

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