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“If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.” –Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed your Summer Break and we are pleased to welcome our students and families to IELC as we start the new academic session together. We look forward to a year full of inquiry, innovation, creativity and development of new skills and competencies. Our Teachers at IELC are enthusiastically preparing to receive their students on the 8th of August. Being fully engaged in extensive professional development, classroom set up and planning, we are ‘almost’ ready. Are you?

Teacher Allocations for 2016-17

Nursery – Ms. Christine

Reception – Ms. Chaitra, Ms. Joya and Ms. Ekta

Prep 1 – Ms. Amelia, Ms. Nancy, Ms. Payal and Ms. Farah

Prep 2 – Ms. Ranjeeta, Ms. Anusuya and Ms. Flore

Specialist Teachers:

Ms. Jyothi – SEN/ESL

Mr. Valentine – PE and Dance

Ms. Yurrison – Music

Ms. Asha – Swimming coach

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Engaging parents in the education system activates a built-in support system that works to help both students and teachers do a better job. This is possible with an organized program involving the school and the parents in activities linked to the school goals. A well-structured partnership program improves the school, strengthens families, and increases student achievement and success. With this goal in mind, we would like to initiate a Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) for the parents of Indus Early Learning Centre Whitefield following the guidelines of the PAC at Indus International School Bangalore. The features of the committee are given below:

Aims and Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for IELC parents to share their ideas and mutual concerns on every facet of school life.
- To provide on-going communication between parents and the Team.
- To keep all parents informed of school policies and issues, and provide continuous feedback.
- To endorse, recommend, and collaborate on school initiatives.

Joining the Committee

Parents are requested to give their acceptance to be a Parent Representative of the IELC to the Grade teacher of their children. Closing date: 15th August 2015. In case of more than 3 interested Parents we will collate a list and request the Parents to vote for the listed candidates. The top 3 elected parents will become Parent Members of the Parent Advisory Committee IELC. (PAC-IELC)

The Advisory Committee will include 3 parents and Head of Centre. PAC Members will serve on the committee for a period of one academic session.

Criteria for Membership to the Advisory Committee

Every parent (mother/father/legal guardian of the child studying at Indus Early Learning Centre Whitefield) can be a member of the Advisory Committee.

Parents of students who have completed at least five months in school are eligible for nomination to the Advisory Committee.



Second Languages – 2016-17

We are happy to announce that Second Language classes will be offered for all grades. You may opt for Spanish or Hindi. Please email us your choice before 8th of August or inform the teachers during CRM Day, 2nd Language classes will commence in the second week. For students with English as a Second or Foreign Language (ESL) the Spanish/Hindi option may be dropped and the allotted time spent on further developing English Language skills. However, language learning is a natural process when children are young. During this vital period, the foundations for thinking, language, attitudes and aptitudes are laid down. The choice is yours!



Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)

HEALTH: The IELC Whitefield provides healthy snacks in the morning and afternoon. We will serve the students a mix of fresh vegetables and fruit cuts. If you prefer to bring in your own healthy food items for snack and lunchtime please inform the grade teacher.

SAFETY: During the two months that the Centre has been closed some major renovation and repairs took place on the building and property. The swimming pool was fully drained out and restored; interior painting was completed, as was a long list of carpentry jobs and IT upgrades.

All teachers and assistants will undergo First Aid training in the month of August to update the skills learnt last year.

The back entrance is a Pick-Up & Drop-Off Only zone accessible only between 08:30- 09:15am and 2:15-3:15pm, absolutely no parking will be allowed at the back entrance, for parking your vehicles and/or visiting the Centre during 9:15am - 2:15pm we kindly refer you to the front entrance and the IELC Parking area at ECC Road. Please Note: the Drop Off zone has been remodeled and has a covered play area for the students from 9:15am-2:15 pm.

We trust you will find IELC much improved and in mint condition as we reopen on Monday, 8th August.

SECURITY: All the buses will have on board a Teacher and an Assistant to ensure your child's comfort. Winger bus (route 3) has been changed to a new Traveller bus to ensure the comfort level of our students.

ENVIRONMENT: With the support of Whitefield Rising we placed 5 waste bins near IELC, which will be managed by the school. Please help us keep the surroundings of IELC clean by using the waste bins. Thank you!

Curriculum Road Map Day 2016

The school will host a Curriculum Road Map Day (CRMD) for all parents on Friday, August 5th, 2016.

There will be a presentation by Head of Centre and your child's teachers, which offers an overview of the year's curriculum, as well as the classroom schedule and routines. Topics will include communication procedures, parent involvement, curriculum overview, assessments, and essential school policies.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, August 5th 9:00 am onwards. The presentations will be held in 2 rounds, so if you have more than one child at IELC, please plan to visit several rounds. This way both parents are able to attend each classroom presentation.

9.45 – 10:15 am – Head of Centre presentation

10:30 am – Class presentations (First round)

11:30 am – Class presentations (Second round)

Teacher Development

Did you know the teachers of IELC already resumed their work on 25th of July? The team has attended workshops actively on the following topics: School Vision & Mission, School Policies, Planning Units of Inquiry and Math and Music program.

Alignments of UOI's, Language & Math Strands were done in collaboration with Indus International School Bangalore and other IELC's assuring your child a smooth transition between the grades.

Mother tongue support

The development of the student's mother tongue or first language (usually the language spoken at home) is critical for their cognitive development. The level of linguistic competence a student can achieve in their second language is directly dependent on the extent to which their literacy in the mother tongue has been developed. The student's sense of cultural and personal identity, and their self-esteem, is also greatly strengthened by the mother tongue program.

IELC believes in the importance of multilingualism as well as mother tongue and culture maintenance for all students in our international community. Optional Mother Tongue classes outside the school curriculum are offered for French and may be extended to other languages depending on availability of a parent volunteer. Ms. Flore teaches the French lessons.

The school offers support by facilitating during school hours and there is a selection of books in the library. If you are interested in your child participating in our Mother Tongue Program or require further information, please get in touch with us by e-mail.

Also let us know if you are interested to help us facilitate other languages.

Important dates in August

August 5th - Curriculum Road Map Day

August 8th – First day of school

August 15th – Independence day – Holiday

August 20th – Jolly Phonics workshop for parents

August 29th and 30th – Safety awareness week for students

Looking forward to the year ahead, which no doubt , will bring many lovely moments along with it.

Regards,



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