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July 2018 Newsletter

*“You are off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting,
so get on your way!” – Dr. Seuss*

Dear Parents,

VERY WARM GREETINGS TO ALL!

Welcome to 2018-19 academic year! Summer break got over on 15th July and we opened our doors to our little ones on 16th July 2018. We are really delighted to welcome our children to the new academic year of learning and developing.

We have lots of news to share this month.

Inauguration Day/ CRM Day:

We inaugurated our new premises on 14th July 2018. We inaugurated the school with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by our Chief Guest Col Sathya Rao, Director Special projects Indus Trust.

A silver medalist from the Officers' Training Academy , Chennai and an ex-Army Officer with vast experience in counter insurgency and peace keeping operations both within and outside India.



Colonel Rao is the Director Special Projects and has been with Indus Trust right from its inception and has been instrumental in setting up all the Indus Educational Institutions in south India overlooking the aspects of infrastructure, process and systems, human resources management, and school operations.

Col Sathya Rao is also the Director, Indus School of Leadership, located at Kanakpura which imparts leadership programmes in experiential learning for students and corporate groups. He has been instrumental in setting up the Leadership school. He is certified trainer from Project Adventure, USA, and a senior COACH in life skills.

He has represented India in Shuttle Badminton (Year 1977) and has represented the Army Teams in Golf and Squash.

CRM Day- Col Rao also addressed Grade 1 & 2 parents and shared Indus Vision and philosophy. He also spoke about our expansion plan.

Thank you Col Rao from the entire Indus team for your presence and encouragement! It meant a lot to have your blessings and guidance.

News about the new academic session:

Few **add on and changes** that were brought this year are:

1. **Grades-** We have added Grade 1&2 this year. Home room teacher for Grade 1 is Ms Vidya and for Grade 2 is Ms Tejasvi.
2. **PE-** PE class is outsourced to Rite Stride. In PE class we have added swimming and Yoga. There will be one swimming instructor and life guard to help our children during their swimming class.

- Swimming- Swimming class will be every Friday for classes PP-1 to Grade 2. Swimming Pool is getting ready for our young children. Once the Lab report is received for the appropriate water condition fit for small children to use we will notify you. Swimming pool should be ready by second week of August.
 - Yoga- Classes Nursery- Grade2 will have one period per week for Yoga. Children will bring their own yoga mats. They can leave their mats in school.
3. **STEAM** – Two classes per week for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) from Reception onwards. We have tied up with ‘Edutech’, and Ms Sahithi will be taking the classes.
 4. **LANGUAGE option** – We have also introduced Hindi as a second language option for the children of Grade 1 & 2. They now have an option of choosing either Spanish or Hindi.
 5. **Special Education Needs (SEN)**- At Indus, we plan every child’s learning requirements including those with Special Education Needs. The focus is on eliminating barriers for children which prevent them from achieving their normal milestones or providing scaffolding for fast tracking. We have appointed a specialist who will employ effective strategies to meet these needs in order to support the child.
 6. **PAC**- We are forming Parent Advisory Committee soon. We will be nominating one class representative to maintain close contact with parents

of the respective grades and with other members of the PAC. There will be one PAC meeting per term.

7. **School timings-**

Nursery – 9.30am to 12.30pm (students to report by 9.15am)

Reception – 9.30am to 2.30pm (students to report by 9.15am)

PP1- 8:30 am to 2.30pm (students report by 8.15am)

PP2- 8:30am to 2.30pm (students report by 8.15am)

Grade 1 & 2- 8:30 am to 2:30pm (students report by 8.15am)

8. **After school activities-** We will be starting our after school activities in the month of August. We will share the details with you.

9. **End of unit celebrations** – As we are aware that ‘inquiry’ is the pedagogical approach of the PYP (Primary Years Program). Every unit/topic is taught for a period of six to eight weeks through the ‘inquiry cycle’ at each grade level. These celebrations will be conducted after completion of every unit and you are requested to be a part of it to witness your child’s learning of the entire unit of inquiry.

10. **Food-** We have also started lunch facility. Those who are opting for school lunch please inform the class teachers or school office.

11. **Transport-** We have started two routes so far.

Route-1- Puruswalkam to Neelankarai covering Kotturpuram, RA Puram and ECR stretch.

Route-2 – Covers Saint Thomas Mount Road to Velachery, Injambakkam to Neelankarai.

Parents opting for School Transport again can contact school office.

On the same note, I would like to request all the parents to come forward with their involvement and participation in all the school activities that will help to improve the school, strengthen family ties and increase student achievement and success throughout the year. You all have been sent school calendar, policies, Programme of Inquiry, Time Table of your ward and other important documents. If not please contact your class room teacher.

Remember if you have any questions, enquiries, or ideas please don't hesitate to speak to us.

We regularly post all the important celebrations, activities on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. Please like them.

Warm Regards

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