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Dear Parents,
Greetings!

In an environment of continuous change and challenge, learning how to be more adaptable, leads us to become better equipped to respond when faced with a crisis or a challenge! Educators need to give students maximum opportunities to go out of their comfort zone through experiential learning and 'real-play exercises' to encourage creativity and problem solving!

On this note, I share with you the happenings of February, 2018!

Field trips help students interact with what they are learning. The experience goes beyond reading about a concept. Students are able to see elements with their eyes rather than believing what they are told. Field trips take the book learning from the classroom and extend it to life. There are plenty of opportunities to incorporate field trip experiences back into classroom activity after returning to school!

The students of grade PP2 went off to the zoo to understand- 'Public areas strengthen communities and provide people with opportunities to connect'!

They looked around and gathered evidence to later deduce whether the zoo is a public place or a private place as well as what are the characteristics of a public places.



The **leadership camp** for the students of grade 3 led them to build confidence, resilience and responsibility, turning them into empowered, inspiring leaders. Our students must learn the connection between courage and creativity. They are given

opportunities to discover the importance of developing confidence in order to think outside the box, a very important skill on their leadership journey!



Another example our students taking ownership was visible in their efforts to collaborate, practice and excel in their performances as they prepare for the **Indus Day**, scheduled for the 24th March, 2018!

A holistic approach in teaching and learning, motivates children to learn about a subject better. It instills *curiosity* and allows children to learn naturally and creatively and further seeks to help them develop all their skills as well as build their strengths!

Our students continue to be ready for the **Saturday sports programme** and are coached by the best sportspersons at the Indus International School, Shankarpalli. Cricket, basketball, football and tennis saw the desire in our students to learn, grow and excel in sports!



Some of our students from grades 1-3, will also be participating in the PYP Hyderabad Network Art fest on the 6th March.

On 28th March, 2018, students of grade 3 and some students from grades 1 and 2, who play cricket, along with the students from Indus International School, Shankarpalli, were a part of the 'Game Plan, In Your City', a showcase program that previews the country's Indian Premier League teams for their impending participation in the 2018 Vivo IPL. Our students had an opportunity to interact with the Indian cricketer, Irfan Pathan in a Q&A session, some performed commentary on IPL Footage along with Jatin Sapru, while select students were a part of a cricket tutorial, where Irfan Pathan taught them the craft of India's frontline fast bowler, Bhuvaneshwar Kumar.



Great teachers help create great students. Professional development is about life-long learning and growing as an educator. Ongoing professional development keeps teachers up-to-date on how children learn best, emerging technology tools for the classroom, new curriculum resources and more. The best professional development is ongoing, experiential, collaborative, and connected to and derived from working with students and understanding their culture.

Keeping this vision in mind, our early years and single subject teachers attended an IB In school workshop on 23rd and 24th February, 2018 on '**play based learning**'. This category 3 workshop was facilitated by Ms. Alison Flinchum, PYP Coordinator, German European School Singapore.

Our PYP Coordinator, Ms. Kriti Mathur, attended an IBAP regional workshop at Mumbai from 23rd-25th February, 2018 on '**the role of PYP coordinator**'.

I, was the **IBPYP field representative** at the IBAP Regional Workshops at Mumbai from 23rd-25th February, 2018!



Thank you so much for your support always! We look forward to greater opportunities for our students to emerge as leaders in days to come!

Warm regards,
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Important Dates

2nd March- HOLI (Holiday)

6th March- PYP Hyderabad Network Arts Fest 2018

22nd- 23rd March- Indus Day practice at RNR Auditorium

24th March-INDUS DAY!