



From the Principal's Desk:

September 2015

As change makers we instill in our students the will to succeed and whet their urge to reach their full potential.

Dear Parents,

Achievements are precious and when we are rated the number one International Day Boarding School for the fourth year in succession by C Fore, it is indeed a milestone that merits celebration. Celebrate we did, on 12th September by hosting a dinner for all teachers and selected parents who have been with Indus for almost a decade. It was an evening that recognized the hard work and dedication of the entire team that has made this possible, thereby also creating the desire to claim the number one position next year as well.

Principals' Conference - September started on a collaborative note when the Principals and core team members met in a Principals' Conference on September 1st headed by our CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray. This was an important meeting as the new initiative on Data Analytics was presented in its modified format to meet the requirement of all three schools. Indus Bangalore has committed to have all entries in for the first Reporting Cycle that will then be graphically represented using Data Analytics.

Teachers' Day Celebrations - Teachers' Day was celebrated on Friday 4th September. The day started with my address to the teachers on the advantages of Data Analytics that can support and improve teaching and teacher performance, while our student teachers of Grade 12 took on the role of teachers to mark the occasion.

The PAC team not only appreciates what we do well but also translates that into action. The **special lunch** cooked and served to all the teachers bears tribute to their support and faith in all that we do. The flowers were arranged at each table so artistically and we also noted how each member of the PAC interacted with all present. The gift was another aspect. The trouble taken over taking pictures of the beautiful campus we have and using that for the cards added such a wonderful personal touch. We thank the PAC once again for their warmth and above all, their time. Post lunch was a time for our students to show their love and respect through a well-planned and thoughtful programme organized by Grade 12. Each grade in the PYP put up meaningful performances to show their love and gratitude to their teachers

Gender Sensitization Workshop - In the first week of September, all PYP students from Indus International School Bangalore, Indus Early Learning Centers- Whitefield, RMV Layout and Koramangala participated in a Gender Sensitization workshop, conducted by our counsellor Dr. Khaiser. The students were given the opportunity to understand the need for personal security and ways to respond and react to different situations, through interactive discussions.

Trips -The Grade 4 Leadership Camp was conducted on 15th and 16th September in school. The objectives of team-building, growth mind-set and resilience were met successfully through the activities planned by the trainers from the Indus School of Leadership. The students enjoyed the overnight camping experience on the school grounds; relaxing around a bonfire, followed by a silent, night walk in the natural surroundings and thereafter sleeping in tents. The ideals of camaraderie, the importance of motivation and the drive to be successful were all evident in our young leaders.

The first batch of Grade 11 students went to Yellagiri for the Leadership Camp. For the new students it was an experience that not only enhanced bonding but was also a time to reflect on the importance of working in a team.

Mountaineering Expedition - 11 students from Grade 9 and Grade 11 have left for the 'Peak to Lead' expedition with Capt. Mohit Tomar of the Indus School of Leadership. They will be climbing Mount Yunam (6, 087m) in Himachal Pradesh. It has been organized to be a great experience for the students as they learn to conquer themselves.

PYP Inquiry Cycle - On 25th September, students and teachers in the PYP made presentations to parents on the first unit of inquiry. They took the parents through the different components of the Inquiry Cycle with samples of learning engagements for each stage and explained what inquiry looks like in a specific grade.

PYP students celebrated World Peace Day on 30th September. Through their clothing they represented the signs, symbols and colours of peace.

Mid Term Tests-The Mid Term Tests for Grades 6 and above were conducted as per schedule.

Mock Examinations - The Mock examination for Grade 10 was held as per schedule. The answer sheets have been returned and discussed with students. The Intensive Revision Classes planned, will further strengthen performance.

Sports - The Astro Merdeka Rapid Open Team Chess Championship is an Asian Circuit Chess Event the participation of which is mandatory for an Asian Team to qualify and be eligible to play the European circuit and World Circuit Chess Championship. The Indus team put up an exceptional performance in this tournament.

In the 6th Swensen's Open Rapid Age- Group Chess Championship Aaryaman Kakar played in the U-14 category and scored 3/6 and increased his points by 57 in the Elo Rating.

The Chess Team qualified in the World U-12 Chess Championship. Ryoya Ogino won the Gold Medal in Board-4, Aaryaman Kakar increased his points by 214 in the Elo FIDE Rating and Mithil Reddy achieved the FIDE Rating. The details of the results are in Appendix 1.

Heman Nama of Grade 10 has been ranked 30 in the category of the National Level Tennis player.

In the All India Boys U-15 (5-A side) Football Tournament organized by the All India Football Federation and Denz Foundation on 12 & 13 September 2015 at Sree Kanteerava outdoor Stadium, Bangalore, Indus won the Runners up trophy and a cash award of Rs. 30,000/= and an individual prize for each team member. 64 Teams from all over India participated. Srikritt Poddar of Grade 9 was awarded the Best Striker Award and Ghalib Al Halim of Grade 9 was awarded the Best Defender. The details of the team are in Appendix 2.

Co-curricular Activities - Indus participated in three events in the Cultural Fest Vivum'15 at TISB, the results of which were announced in the first week of September. We were awarded the First Position in Ubiquiti and the second in both Discover the artist within and Cartoon Board.

Boarding -The Boarders have had exciting weekends starting with the first one on 5th September, when the boarders from Grade 8 went rock climbing. They were lucky to be supervised by trainers who had trained outdoors in Australia. The trainers not only guided them on climbing rocks but pointed to the importance of climbing in life and how to deal with difficulties even when one falls as it is necessary to get up and try again.

On 16th September, 75 students went on a two and half day and night trip to Ooty. The highlights included a visit to Doddabetta, local sight-seeing in Coonoor, a visit to a tea estate and a tea factory to watch the process of the manufacture of tea that is marketed, a train ride on the Neelagiri Mountain Train, a visit to the Radio Astronomy Centre and on the way back a safari at the Bandipur National Park. The experience was enjoyed by all and I am sure when they come home the pictures taken will bear testimony to this.

The Annual medical check-up for the boarders was conducted as planned on 2nd and 3rd September.

CAS - Students across all three programmes have continued their activities during CAS time.

Middle School Students of the Phoenix House as part of their 50 Acts of Kindness are working on the project. They went to IICS to collect the wish list of Grade 2 students and will complete this task by November. Another group has started working on making “goodies’ boxes” for the IICS students.

Grade 7 has already accomplished one task of showing their gratitude to support staff of the MSP on 4th September by arranging a small party for them.

Grade 9 has started their work of collecting books to be given for the mobile library, that is a part of the Orion House Project.

The students in the Diploma Programme are working on the Leadership Summit and the Production of the low cost Sanitary Napkin. One group from Grade 12 is working on a documentary on IICS’ 3 year journey towards the Leadership Summit which will be screened during the Leadership week.

The Middle School Students of the Pegasus House are setting up a vegetable garden at IICS. The Students have researched and submitted homework on topics that include the importance of vegetables in a healthy diet, the significance of crop rotation, seasonal vegetables and fruits and types of farming methods. Tilling and cleaning work of the garden area allotted for vegetable farming is underway with the spirited effort of

students from Grades 6 to Grade 9. Crops to be grown will include brinjal, lady's fingers and greens such as coriander, palak and methi leaves.

In the Diploma Programme, Pegasus continues to foster entrepreneurship - through Candle Making and Vocational training for the empowerment of women at Handenahalli

The Middle School Students of Orion have placed boxes in each academic block for the collection of books for the Mobile Library.

The students in the Diploma Programme have started editing the IICS Magazine and the Newsletter.

Strategies for Fund raising for the Kalahalli RO water plant have been finalized. The funds will be used for laying pipes from the bore well to the RO plant.

The Middle School students of Hercules are working on the Shoe Box Project and are helping in making Quilts for which they have collected material.

The students of the Diploma Programme are working on the Science Exhibition and the recycling of paper.

Placements - Members of the Placement Cell continue to be busy with Family Counselling meetings with parents and students of Grade 12 as scheduled. As planned they have hosted 50 Universities from across the globe that included universities from Canada, the US, the UK, Germany, Switzerland and India.

Much has been achieved in this short September and more is promised as we continue our journey.

Warm Regards,

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Principal

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APPENDIX 1:

RESULTS OF INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHESS TEAM – U12

1. Gabriel of Grade-4 played in Board-1 and scored 2/8
2. Aniketh of Grade-4 played in Board-2 and scored 2.5/8
3. Ritvik Elan of Grade-5 played in Board-3 and scored 4/8
4. Ryoya Ogino of Grade-6 and scored 7/8 (won the gold medal at Board-4) with a rating RP of 1503

This Indus International School - Under-12 Team has qualified for World U-12 Team Chess Championship.

INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHESS TEAM – OPEN

1. Tetali Mithil Reddy of Grade-12 played in Board-1 and scored 3/9. Mithil will achieve his FIDE Rating in the next list. 1137 will be his FIDE Rating.
2. Aaryaman Kakar of Grade-10 played in Board-4 and scored 6/9 and increased 157 Fide Elo Rating which will be added in the next list.

APPENDIX 2:

5-A SIDE (BOYS) ALL INDIA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sl no	Name of the student	Grade
1	BHUVAS DOSHI	9
2	PAZ BILBANG AGITOK SANGMA	9
3	GHALIB AL HALIM	9
4	SHRIKRITT PODDAR	9
5	PRAJYESH	11
6	ADRIEN LEE	9
7	KEVAN LYNGDOH	9
8	SCHIRAAGRAJ RAMESH	8