



HOMELINK

Vision

Every student of Zhenghua is of good character; and is academically and culturally vibrant.

Mission

Through a dynamic school culture and a caring environment, every child is nurtured and his/her potential developed so that he/she grows up to be a good person and useful citizen.

14th November

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

#8/2017

Dear Parents

1. As the 2017 school year drew to an end, we are all proud of the achievements and accomplishments of our students and staff across the school. None of our successes would have been possible without the support of our parents and the commitment of our teaching and non-teaching staff to be "**The Best That We Can Be**". Your partnership, as families, has been invaluable throughout the year.



2. **School Achievements and Accomplishments**

As a result of our strong belief in holistic education, our students are widely recognised for their achievements in academic, sport, aesthetics and CCAs. For a complete list, please refer to the school website at <http://zhenghuapri.moe.edu.sg/zhenghua-family/information-for-parents>.

Self Directed Learning

3. **E-Learning**

All students will have access to the learning resources in our school's E-Learning Portal during the school holidays. Do encourage your child to engage in the interactive resources to revise topics that he/she needs to improve in. Please monitor your child's time at the computer.

4. **Science Fair 2017**

This year from term 1 to term 3, as part of the Science Department Innovation Programme, P5 students were required to make a fun Science display as their Science project. In their groups, they brainstormed different ideas and tinkered with the resources provided. The programme culminated with a Science fair in term 3 to showcase their projects to the students from the other levels. Our students across the different levels had a fun and engaging time playing with the displays and interacting with the P5 student presenters.

Joy of Learning & Entrepreneurial Dare

The programme is part of our effort to nurture the **Joy of Learning** and **Entrepreneurial Dare** in our students. We hope all parents would continue to support your children in such activities during the school holidays too.

5. PSLE Results & Secondary 1 Posting

Events	Tentative Dates	Actions Required
Release of PSLE results	Fri, 24 Nov <i>(tentative)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents & students are to look out for the confirmed date on the press & media. • Students must report to school in full school uniform by 11.00 a.m. on the date of release. • Session will begin with the “Selection of Secondary School Sharing Procedures” for parents. <p>Note: <i>Parents are highly encouraged to accompany your children to school.</i></p>
Release of Sec 1 Posting results	Thu, 21 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents & students are to look out for confirmed date on the press & media. • Parents & students may check outcomes through any of the following channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Short Messaging System (SMS) via applicant’s local mobile number (if provided by applicants during the S1 Option Phase);</i> · <i>S1-IS (www.moe.gov.sg/ admissions/ secondary-one-posting-exercise) using your child’s B.C. & PSLE index number; or</i> · <i>coming back to school</i> • Students should report to their posted secondary schools by 8.00 a.m. in full ZHPS uniform on the next working day following the release of the posting results.

6. SA2 Results

Result Slips

As you will receive your child’s/ ward’s report cards, you may want to consider making copies of his/her results slips so that you do not have to inconvenience yourself by making a trip to school during the long holidays. You will need your child’s/ ward’s result slips at the end of the year or at the start of the new academic year for the following:

- Application for bursary/ scholarship;
- Application for tuition programmes like CDAC, MENDAKI, SINDA; and/ or
- Application for transfer to other schools.

Character & Citizenship Education

7. Mid Autumn Festival @ Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary

30 of our Malay Language, Tamil Language and Non Tamil

Indian Language students participated in the Cluster Mid-Autumn Festival at Pei Hwa Presbyterian on 5 October from 5.30 to 9.00 p.m. Our students and teachers visited different booths related to the Chinese culture, played games, experienced lantern making, pomelo peeling and tasted authentic Chinese delicacies. This event, helped to foster greater student and racial interaction between both schools.

8. Deepavali Celebrations

Deepavali was celebrated with alot of revelry and joy in Zhenghua. Our students sang and danced to the spirit of Deepavali. We had a special Bollywood dance performance by Greenridge Secondary School students. Our students also had the opportunity to taste the delicious crunchy murukku during recess.

Sports Education Programme

9. Sports Education Programme

SEP allows students to experience different sports that they can participate in out of school. The sports that ZHPS have chosen are available at the neighbouring community centres. We have introduced Tennis at P4, Taekwondo at P5 and Aikido to our P6 students. Through such exposure, we hope that students will be able adopt a healthy and active lifestyle.

P6 Post-PSLE Programme

10. P6 Post-PSLE Programme

From 10 October 2017 to 15 November 2017, P6 students participated in a series of the Post-PSLE Programmes designed to allow them to develop their skills and pursue their interests in non-academic areas. Learning for the P6 students continued through a variety of activities like Barter Trade Day, Social Awareness Showcase, Integration of Art into Math (I-Aim), dance (DARE Programme), martial art (Sport Education Programme), P6 level learning journey, overseas trips for selected students and the P6 Secondary School Fair. The time spent together strengthened bonds and created memories that will last a life time.

11. P6 Parents' Survey

Every Parent, A Supportive Partner

Thank you to all our Parents who have completed the recent P6 Parents' Survey.

In total 260 or 93.9 percent of the 277 parents completed the survey. The major findings were as follows:

Vision: Every student of Zhenghua is of good character; and is academically and culturally vibrant. My child has benefitted from the school's vision.	99.2%
My child has benefitted from the teaching of the school's core values of care, respect, responsibility, integrity, resilience and harmony.	99.2%
The school's character development programme was well delivered.	99.2%
The school's academic programme was delivered well.	99.6%
My child is well prepared for his/her transition to secondary schools.	90.0%
I have made the right choice in sending my child to ZHPS.	98.4%
I will recommend ZHPS to my relatives and friends.	99.2%

The positive showing has once again affirmed our Staff hard work in instilling good character values and providing a holistic educational experience to all our children. We will continue to work hard at ensuring an enriching 6 year journey at ZHPS.

12. Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online

With increasing use of technology, many countries including Singapore have encountered cyberthreats which are defined as malicious or criminal attempts to damage or disrupt a computer network or system. Example of cyberthreats include malware, phishing, hacking and spamming.

While MOE has put in place structured Cyber Wellness education in schools; parents can also help our children stay safe online by:

a. Promoting and role modelling safe online habits.

Parents are children's first role model when it comes to online behavior. Hence, parents need to show your children how to be safe online. The values that guide everyday interactions are applicable online.

b. Setting house rules on Internet Use. This can include:

- ✓ Check that email is from trusted source before opening attachments.
- ✓ Close pop-up messages.
- ✓ Create strong passwords which include both capital and small letters, numbers and symbols.
- ✓ Do not click on suspicious links.
- ✓ Download software and apps only from official websites and trusted sources.

The rules could be reduced as the children get older as they develop their self-management skills.

c. Set up filters and install and update anti-virus software on your own and your child's devices.

d. Teach your child to protect personal information online.

Teach him/her to set the appropriate privacy settings on social media accounts and teach him/her not to reveal personal information on social media, such as address / location, phone number, full name, birthdate, school, etc.

You may refer to the following resources by MOE and other agencies on related subject:



Ministry of Education

Check out MOE's Cyber Wellness Portal for parents. You can also access it through "The ICT Connection" mobile app.

ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents



Cyber Security Awareness Alliance

Check out information and tips provided by Cyber Security Awareness Alliance on cyberthreats.

csa.gov.sg/gosafeonline/go-safe-for-me/for-parents



Government Technology Agency of Singapore

Check out tips provided by Govtech on cyber security.

tech.gov.sg/technews/innovation/2016/10/stay-cyber-ready-to-be-cyber-safe



Media Literacy Council

Check out tips provided by Media Literacy Council on cyber security.

medialiteracycouncil.sg/online-safety/Pages/cyber-security.aspx

13. MOE's Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)

Application for 2018 MOE's FAS is open to all eligible Singapore Citizen students who meet one of the following income criteria:

- *Gross Household Income (GHI) does not exceed \$2,500 per month*
- *Per Capita Income (PCI) does not exceed \$625 per month*

Student Well-Being

A copy of the application form has already been given to your child via his/her form teacher in mid-October. P6 students who are keen and eligible to apply, are advised to submit his/her application via the secondary school. For parents who meet the income criteria and wish to apply, please submit the completed form with all relevant supporting documents to the General Office as soon as possible. We reserve the right not to process the application due to incomplete form and incomplete submission of supporting documents to the school's General Office.

Every School, A Safe School

14. **Travel Declaration**

To ensure the well-being and safety of our students during the school holidays, parents of ALL current **P1** children **need** to declare their travel plans of their P1 children **regardless of their travel intent** via the E-Learning Portal by **Thursday, 16 November 2017**. This is because P1 parents and their children are new to the school environment and it is helpful that in the first school year of the children, they are reminded of their personal role in exercising social responsibility. For **P2 to P6** students, parents **need** to declare the travel plans of their children via the same platform **only if their children intend to travel**.

For parents who may have difficulty in accessing the E-Learning Portal from home, please obtain a hard copy of the Travel Declaration form through the Form Teacher for submission on the same date.

15. **MFA eRegister for Overseas Travel**

The MFA eRegister system is a voluntary and free service provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to all Singapore citizens who travel or reside overseas. Regardless of whether one is travelling abroad for study, work or leisure, alone or in a group, the eRegister system allows him/her to record information about his/her travel itinerary abroad. The information one provides to MFA will allow them to contact him/her in order to make sure that he/she is safe and, if need be, assist him/her should an emergency (eg natural disasters, civil unrest, etc) occur.

Should one decide not to eRegister, the MFA strongly encourages him/her to make the following arrangements before leaving for his/her trip:

- a. Leave a detailed travel itinerary and contact details with members of his/her family, colleagues or friends in Singapore;
- b. Purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes medical evacuation in case he/she encounters any unexpected emergencies; and
- c. Carry the contact details of Singapore Embassies and Consulates at his/her destination of travel with him/her.

For more registration details, please visit *MFA's website* at <https://eregister.mfa.gov.sg/eregisterportal/>.

16. School Magazine

Every P1 to P6 family would have received a copy of the School Magazine through your elder child if you have more than one studying in Zhenghua Primary. You will see within the magazine how your child/ children develop himself/ herself/ themselves in many domains as a holistic person through camaraderie, good attitude, activities and participation in the numerous CCAs and programmes offered by the school in their journey through the years. Do ask your child to share his/ her experiences as you go through the publication.



17. School Dental Clinic (SDC) Opening Hours During Holidays

The School Dental Clinic operating hours are:

Monday to Thursday	Friday	Hour To Avoid
8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.	8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Clinic will be closed on 7 Dec, 11 Dec, 19 to 29 Dec 2017		

Parents are strongly advised to call the clinic at 6468 9685 for an appointment prior to coming to the school. For urgent cases, when the School Dental Clinic is closed, parents may call and make an appointment before you proceed to the nearby Dental Clinics or Mini Centre at the following locations:

Contact Number	School Dental Clinic/ * Mini Centre
6465 5837	Beacon Primary
6766 2367	Greenridge Primary
6766 7417	Bukit Panjang Primary
6261 3539	Jurong Secondary School * (31 Yuan Ching Road, Singapore 618562)

18. 2017 Students Transfer Exercise for Primary Schools (STEPS)

The STEPS serves to facilitate the transfer of students who have relocated to another address, to schools nearer to their new residences. The 2017 STEPS registration at schools will be conducted on **20, 21 and 22 November 2017**. The STEPS internet system (STEPS-IS) serves as a channel to facilitate the registration of children. STEPS-IS registration for parents will start from **10.00 a.m. on 17 November 2017 to 11.59 p.m. 21 November 2017**. The outcome of the STEPS application will be released on 12 December 2017.

Under the STEPS process, all students will be considered for available vacancies in a school. Provision will not be given to the parents/guardians to select a particular school for the transfer, as the student will automatically be considered for vacancies in the first instance at the school nearest to their home.

To be eligible to participate in STEPS, the child must satisfy the following criteria:

- a. The child is a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident;
- b. The child is currently attending Primary 1 to Primary 5 in 2017;
- c. The parents/guardians have changed their residential address between 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017 (both dates inclusive).

For more information and details to the STEPS process, please refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/steps>.

19. Change in School Hours

As part of the overall review of our school structure and in line with the MOE guidelines, the following changes will be made to the school dismissal times as of 2018. We will keep you updated of the specific changes to our after school programme at the start of next year.

LEVEL	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 & 2	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
Students must be in school by 7.25 a.m.					
Snack Time: <i>Everyday</i> Please help to pack for them health snacks. E.g. sandwich, fruit, biscuits etc					

LEVEL	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3, 4, 5 & 6	7.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
Students must be in school by 7.25am.					
Monday Lunch Break There is a recess break and lunch break for Primary 3 to 6 on Mondays. They would require extra pocket money.					
Snack Time: <i>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday</i> Please help to pack for them health snacks. E.g. sandwich, fruit, biscuits etc					

20. School Reporting Day For First Week of School in 2018

a. School Reporting Day for P2 to P6

All P2 to P6 students will report to the school on **Tuesday, 2 January 2018** in full school uniform. There will be no PE on the first day of school.

b. School Reporting Day and Time for P1

There is **no school for our 2018 P1 students on Tuesday, 2 January 2018** to allow us to settle our primary two to six students into the new school year on the first day of school. **P1 students will report to school on Wednesday, 3 January 2018 in full school uniform.**

P1 Students Reporting Days/ Times: Week 1 (Wednesday, 3 January to Friday, 5 January 2018)		
Days	School Hours	
	Programme Starts	School Ends
Monday, 1 January	Public Holiday	
Tuesday, 2 January	No School for P1	
Wednesday, 3 January	8.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Thursday, 4 January	8.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Friday, 5 January	7.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m.
A detailed programme has been given to all P1 parents during the P1 Admin Day on 19 October 2017.		

Holidays Wishes

Finally, I would like to wish our students, parents, staff and the community a happy holiday and a celebration filled with joy and family. It is moments like this, when we can pause, catch our breath and look back that we realize how privileged and lucky we are to be part of this community.

Best wishes
Mrs Rita Dass