

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents,

Our students and staff members had been refreshed during the long Christmas holiday and came back to school energetically on the school days of a new year. When chatting with students, I learned that they had participated in a variety of activities during the holiday. Some of them visited their relatives in their homeland, some joined in parties and some went to watch the New Year's Eve Countdown Pyrotechnic Show on the promenade with their parents. What fulfilling experiences! As in different stages of life planning education, leisure planning is also important apart from academic and career planning. By cultivating personal interest and broadening life experience, students will have holistic development.

For students with moderate intellectual disability, maintaining physical fitness and keeping a healthy physique is one of the challenges in transition to adult life. In comparison with their school life, students will have little chance to walk around in workshops / day activity centres or take part in outings because of the limitation in space and manpower. In view of this, our school always provide constant physical training and actively arrange students to participate in sports competitions and what is more in this school year, the Parent Staff Association has organized a series of activities – Parent-Child Hiking, aiming at enhancing students' physical fitness and perseverance through hiking. Parent-child learning element was also involved when students took photos along the way and parents made creative DIY books with them after the activity, resulting in consolidating students' memory and the vocabulary learned during hiking. The response was enthusiastic in the first three hikes. Both parents and students enjoyed such activities very much. There is one more hike in the coming month. Those who have not yet signed up are welcomed to have fun with us.

As the society progresses, the community's expectation for schools has also increased accordingly. In order to further enhance the transparency of the school management as well as promptly and effectively deal with opinions received, we have recently taken part in EDB's Project on Enhancement of Administration and Management in Schools. We also set the "Hong Chi Association Complaints Handling Guidelines in Schools" so that the school can make appropriate follow-ups. After consulting different stakeholders of the school, including the Parent Staff Association, the staff members and the Incorporated Management Committee, we put the guidelines into effect in January 2017. The printed version of the text is available at the school office. For more information about it, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please be reminded that our joint school biennial sports day will be held on 2 March (Thu) at Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground. The activity is jointly organized by our school with Hong Chi Morninghill School (Tsui Lam), Hong Chi Lions Morninghill School and the Rotary Club of HK Island West Hong Chi Morninghope School. By taking part in such a competition, students can practise communication and social skills when they interact and make new friends with those in our sister schools. They will also have an opportunity to embody the good sportsmanship, "no arrogance in victory and no despair in defeat" on the playing field. We hope the weather will be good on the day and students will have a joyful learning experience.

Year of the Rooster is just around the corner. Wish you all good health and everything gets better than expectation in the new lunar year!

Yours sincerely,

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