

US WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **April 21nd-23rd:** ACAMIS Soccer Hong Kong
- **April 22nd:** PAFA Art Auction
- **April 24th-28th:** Spirit Week
 - Monday: Twins Day
 - Tuesday: Pajama Day
 - Wednesday: Squad Day
 - Thursday: Crazy Hair Day
 - Friday: Sports/Green & Jeans Day
- **May 1st:** Labor Day Holiday (no school)
- **May 1st-19th:** IB Exams
- **May 9th and 12th:** SCIS Open House
- **May 11th & 12th:** *James and the Giant Peach*

Visit the SCIS calendar for the most up-to-date information. Click on the following link:
[SCIS Public Calendar](#)

Still asking, "How was school today?" Changing the question may result in a more interesting answer. Next time try:

"Who made you laugh today?"



Parents listen to visiting international math consultant Erma Anderson on Wednesday.

Principals' Message

Dear SCIS Families,

This week SCIS welcomed Erma Anderson, an international math consultant recognized around the globe as a leading provider of professional development in math instruction. She met with teachers, administrators, and parents, and spent time observing teaching and learning in SCIS math classes. Ms. Anderson's focus on this visit was to support our transition to more conceptually driven math instruction. She describes this transition as a movement away from rote memorization of procedures toward a deeper understanding of the concepts behind those procedures. At her meeting with parents on Wednesday, she challenged us to think about WHY our math procedures work, keeping in mind that procedures are not the goal of math instruction, but tools students can apply in solving real world problems. We hope this will be the first of many visits Ms. Anderson makes to SCIS. Those interested in learning more are invited to watch the [video recording of the presentation](#).

This is a busy weekend at SCIS. We wish our varsity soccer teams the best of luck at ACAMIS. We are also looking forward to seeing parents at the PAFA Art Auction on Saturday night. Finally, we'd like to remind everyone that next week is Spirit Week. Go Dragons!

Kind Regards,

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Upper School Principal

Naomi Shanks
Upper School Vice Principal

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JAMES - AND THE - GIANT PEACH

*Based on the book by Roald Dahl
Adapted by David Wood
SCIS Theatre
Free Admission
Reception in the Gallery
Thursday, May 11, 4:00 pm
Friday, May 12, 6:30 pm*

Notes

Re-enrollment:

Re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is officially underway! admission@scis-his.org.

International Math Consultant Visit: Erma Anderson visited the SCIS campus April 17th-19th to provide professional development for teachers. SCIS hosted a parent education math event Wednesday afternoon. The event was recorded and is available to watch [here](#), or at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toQxjdBQekA&feature=youtu.be>

SCIS Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/scispudong>

SCIS Open House: SCIS would like to encourage current families to help us advertise the following opportunities to introduce new families to SCIS. We invite you to share this information with your friends so they may become a part of the growing SCIS community. Note that the open house on May 12th was scheduled to align with the evening performance of *James and the Giant Peach*. New families are invited to learn about and tour SCIS and stay for the play.

Korean Language Open House

May 6, 9:30am

Morning Open House

May 9, 9:30am

Afternoon Open House

May 12, 5:00pm

SCIS Parent Email: Official school communications are only sent to @scis-parent.org email accounts that are provided to all SCIS parents. If you have not yet set up your SCIS parent email account, please head to <http://schoolid.scishis.net/> to create your email address, set your recovery email, and connect your children to your account. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Barry Johnson at pd-technology@scis-china.org.

ManageBac: Use ManageBac to check in with your child's classes and observe their progress throughout the year. To log in for the first time, follow the link in the welcome email sent to your parent email address. If you haven't seen it, contact Barry Johnson at pd-technology@scis-china.org and a new welcome email will be sent to you. ManageBac is a web-based software, widely used by IB schools worldwide, that is specifically designed to facilitate IB planning and assessment.

Attendance: Please use ManageBac, email, or call the Upper School Secretary if your student will be absent. Jelly can be reached at jling@scis-china.org

5K Dragon Run in Hangzhou: SCIS's sister school is hosting their 10th annual Dragon Run on May 20th. Please scan the following QR code or contact [Coach Vic](#) if you would like more information.

