

LS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **January 27 – February 5:** Chinese New Year Holiday
- **February 7:** Head of School Coffee Morning at 9:00am and PAFA General Meeting at 10:00am
- **February 10:** Lower School Assembly featuring KL @ 2:00pm in the Black Box and “Dress Up as a Disney Character” Spirit Day
- **February 13:** The 100th Day of School
- **February 14:** Class Photos and Individual Student Photo Re-Takes.
- **February 13th – 24th:** NWEA MAPs testing for students in Grades 2-5
- **February 24:** Lower School Assembly featuring 5C and “Twin Day” Spirit Day.
- **March 7:** LS Principal’s Coffee Morning on Student-Led Conferences at 9:00am and PAFA General Meeting at 10:00am
- **March 10:** Lower School Assembly featuring 3J and “Book Character” Spirit Day
- **March 14th-15th:** Student-Led Conferences



Grade 5 students did an excellent job performing the traditional Chinese Dragon Dance during the Chinese New Year Assembly. Chinese dragons serve as a good luck symbol in China and performing the dance at the start of the New Year is believed to bring good luck to the entire community!

Dear Parents,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to say, **congratulations to our Mandarin Department and all Lower School Students** on their excellent work surrounding the Chinese New Year Assembly. An incredible amount of preparation went into making this event a success and it served as a marvelous tribute to our host country, China.

As you can see from the many “Important Dates” and events listed on the left, February and March are shaping up to be busy and fun-filled months.

Based upon feedback received, we have decided to shift the timing of **Lower School Assemblies** for the second semester. Instead of having assemblies take place in

the morning at 8:15am, all Lower School for the second semester will begin at 2:00pm in the Black Box. The first Lower School Assembly for 2017 will be on Friday, February 10 KL will be presenting.

Session 3 of After School Activities will begin on Monday, February 6. Please contact Coach Vic Caban if you have any questions.

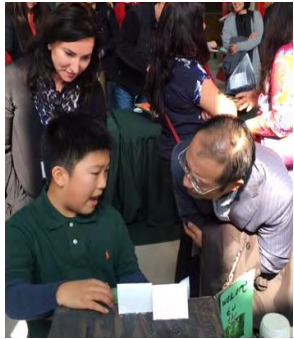
I wish all families a fantastic Chinese New Year Holiday and happiness and success in the Year of the Rooster!

Gōngxǐ fācái!
Xīnnián kuàilè!

Liz Gale
Lower School
Principal



Grade 4 Students in 4K and 4Z hosted a Learning Celebration for students, parents and teachers on Friday where they showcased their 3D dioramas depicting both a balanced and imbalanced ecosystem. Their work was a result of their inquiry into the PYP Transdisciplinary Theme, *Sharing the Planet* where they focused on various ecosystems and the impact humans have had on the Earth's many natural environments. Included in their exhibit was information on the components of their selected ecosystem, how the living things within the ecosystem are interdependent and the consequences the world faces as a result of the imbalance. Additionally, students developed a real world action plan that would assist with reestablishing balance to the ecosystem.



Second Semester NWEA MAPs testing will take place for students in Grades 2-5 during February 13-24. As you may recall from the Fall testing period, MAPs is an acronym for Measurement of Academic Progress. It is a research-based, computerized and personalized assessment that provides real-time information on student abilities in Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics. Teachers receive immediate results that show what students know and what they are ready to learn. For more information, please visit www.nwea.org

