

LS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Important Dates

- **April 1st-9th:** Spring Break (no school for students)
- **April 11th:** LS Principal's Coffee Morning at 9:00am in room 310 on the Grade 5 PYP Exhibition. PAFA General Meeting to follow.
- **April 14th:** Lower School Assembly featuring 2M and "Crazy Hair" Spirit Day
- **Week of April 10-14:** Session 4 ASA Sign-up
- **April 28th:** Lower School Assembly featuring 5P and "Stuffed Animal" Spirit Day.
- **May 5:** Grade 5 PYP Exhibition



Congratulations to all of the students in 4K for their great assembly performance. Students taught the audience about the power of having a Growth Mindset. Research has proven that having a growth mindset can drastically improve a child's academic performance, as well as their motivation to learn. Thank you 4K for teaching us how we can grow our intelligence just by changing our mindset!



Dear Parents,

We have one week left week before students and teachers embark on **Spring Break, which will take place from April 1st through April 9th**. If your family is planning on departing Shanghai before Friday, March 31st please inform both your child's teacher, as well as the front office. While we encourage parents to avoid having children miss school days unnecessarily, we realize that in some instances departing early is unavoidable.

Session 4 of After School Activities

will take place from April 24th – June 1st. The exact sign up date will be sent out with the ASA sign-up guide that is scheduled to go home late next week.

The PAFA sponsored **Art Auction** will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 5:30pm until midnight in the Black Box. Over the past few weeks' students in each class have worked together to create incredible pieces of art that will be auctioned off at the event. Please save the date as this is one event that you will certainly not want to miss!

Recently, grade 5 students have embarked on an extended, collaborative inquiry project,

known as the PYP Exhibition

under the guidance of their teachers. This year the PYP Exhibition will take place on Friday, May 5. Please read the information below provided on the PYP Exhibition as it is considered to be the culminating event of a primary students' education within a PYP school. If you are interested in learning more about the PYP Exhibition, please plan on attending the Principal's Coffee Morning on Tuesday, April 11th.

Wishing all families, a fantastic weekend!

Liz Gale
Lower School
Principal



What is the PYP Exhibition?



The PYP exhibition represents a significant event in the life of both the school and student, synthesizing the essential elements of the PYP program and sharing them with the whole school community. It is an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the learner profile they have been developing throughout their engagement with the PYP. Exhibition is considered to be a culminating experience marking the transition from the Lower School to Upper School.

The PYP exhibition has a number of key purposes:

- for students to engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry
- to provide students an opportunity to demonstrate independence and responsibility for their own learning
- to provide students with an opportunity to explore multiple perspectives
- for students to synthesize and apply learning of previous years and to reflect upon their journey through the PYP
- for students to design an authentic process for assessing their own work
- to demonstrate how students can take action as a result of their learning
- to unite the students, teachers, parents and other members of the school community in a collaborative experience that incorporates the essential elements of the PYP
- to celebrate the transition of learners in the primary to secondary education

This year's exhibition will take place on Friday, May 5. An informative coffee morning for parents interested in learning more about exhibition and ways to help support our Grade Five students will take place on Tuesday, April 11th starting at 9:00am in room 310. We hope to see you there!

To kick-off Exhibition grade 5 students worked in groups to identify real world issues they were interested in learning more about. Students used the PYP Concepts to help guide them in creating guiding questions and lines of inquiry.

This year's Exhibition topics include:

- *Disaster Response*
- *The Environment*
- *Human Rights*
- *Poverty*
- *Hunger and Homelessness*
- *Animal Welfare*
- *War and Peace*

If you or someone you know would be willing to share knowledge or expertise on one or more of the above topics, please contact our Grade 5 Teachers.

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