

# LS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Important Dates

- **May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Lower School Spring Concerts starting at 10:00am for Prekindergarten – Grade 1 and 1:30pm for Grades 2-5. Concerts will take place in the Theater.
- **May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Free Dress Spirit Day
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Lower School Variety Show at 1:30pm in the Theater
- **June 8-9<sup>th</sup>:** PYP Authorization Team Visit
- **June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Grade 5 “Moving On” Ceremony at 10:30am in the Black Box
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Parent Appreciation, Egg Drop and Field Day
- **June 15<sup>th</sup>:** Lower School End-of-the-Year Assembly at 1:00pm and End-of-the-Year Class Parties at 2:00pm
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>:** Last day of School. Students dismissed at 11:30am and End of Semester Reports will be sent home to parents via email.



*Congratulations to 4Z for an interesting and informative assembly performance. During their presentation, students shared work from their recent unit of inquiry, How the World Works. As a culminating learning experience for the unit, students worked together in groups to plan and design a device that makes use of the properties of light or sound. Students shared their devices at the assembly while providing information on the characteristics and properties of light or sound their device uses. Excellent work 4Z! Way to be Risk-Takers!*

Lower School Bulletin is meant to provide you with greater insight into the details surrounding the **End-of-the-Year Events**. We hope you will consider taking part in the fun as there will surely be many wonderful memories created between now and the last day of school on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** students in Prekindergarten through Grade 5 will take the stage for their **Spring Concert Performances**. Students in Prekindergarten through Grade 1 will perform their concert titled, “Big Dreams,” starting at 10:00am in the Theater. Also in the Theater at 1:30pm students in Grades 2-5

will take the audience on a musical journey through time with their concert performance titled “Jukebox Time Machine.”

Next **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is Free Dress Day**. Students will have the option to wear casual, comfortable and appropriate clothing of choice.

Please take a moment to read through the information below and as always, feel free to contact your child’s teacher or I with any questions you may have.

Liz Gale  
Lower School  
Principal



Dear Parents,

With only 4 weeks left in the school year, the next few weeks are going to be filled with a variety of fun, engaging and collaborative learning experiences that we hope you will also be a part of. The content of this



## FIELD DAY

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Day for the Lower School will take place on **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. On this day, all students in Prekindergarten through Grade 5 will participate in a variety of fun outdoor activities where they will use their physical and collaborative skills to complete an assortment of challenging tasks. Students will move freely with peer groups through activity stations that will be set up around the soccer field. To ensure the activity stations run smoothly and successfully we are looking for parent volunteers to assist in leading a station. Students in Prekindergarten through Grade 2 will participate in Field Day from 9:30am until 11:30am, while students in Grades 3-5 will partake in the fun from 12:30 until 2:30pm. If you would be interested in helping run a station for 45 minutes during the PK-2 Field Day and/or the 3-5 Field Day please contact Mr. Matthew Ruf at [mfuf@scis-china.org](mailto:mfuf@scis-china.org)



As a way for us to express our gratitude for all that you do, we would like to invite all parents to attend a

## **PARENT APPRECIATION BBQ**

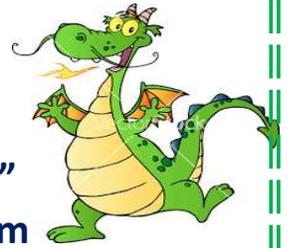
**Date: Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm**

**Location: SCIS Cafeteria**

Please come and enjoy a BBQ style lunch with your child either before or after they participate in Field Day!

## **Lower School Variety Show “DRAGON HOOTENANNY!”**



**June 2 @ 1:30pm**

The Lower School Variety Show, “Dragon Hootenanny” will take place on Friday, June 2 beginning at 1:30pm in the Theater. Students who are participating in the variety show will have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 31 starting at 1:00pm. All lower school students will attend the variety show and support their peers as they showcase an array of talents on the Theater stage.

If you have any questions regarding the variety show, please contact Mrs. Laurie Luebbe at [lluebbe@scis-china.org](mailto:lluebbe@scis-china.org) We hope to see you at this fantastic event.

## **EGG DROP IS BACK!**

**JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am – 9:30am**



Egg Drop is a long-standing tradition at SCIS-Pudong. This year Mr. Paltos and Mr. Goff are coordinating this fun event, where students have the option of working together to create a contraption that will successfully keep an uncooked egg from breaking after it has been thrown from a window located on the second floor.

Information about the Egg Drop and requirements for participants can be found in the Egg Drop flyer that was sent home on Friday with students in Prekindergarten through Grade 5. If you have any questions please contact:

Mr. Paltos: [apaltos@scis-china.org](mailto:apaltos@scis-china.org)

Mr. Goff: [lgoff@scis-china.org](mailto:lgoff@scis-china.org)

### **CELEBRATING STRUCTURES IN GRADE 3**

On Thursday, May 18, Grade 3 students hosted a **Learning Celebration** where they shared work from their most recent unit of inquiry, *How We Organize Ourselves*. During this unit students inquired into how *the strength and stability of structures is dependent upon the design, materials available and the location*. The students investigated different structures and how they work, while also exploring the structural design process and unique elements of different structures. As a culminating assessment, students worked in groups to design a stable, weight bearing structure that could withstand earthquakes (wiggling desks), strong winds (a hair dryer on high power for 30 seconds) and one kilogram of weight. In addition to sharing their structures with parents, Grade 3 students and parents also had the opportunity to work together to build a grape structure using only grapes and toothpicks. Congratulations Mrs. Johnson and Grade 3 students on completing a fantastic unit of inquiry!



### **SOCCER / SPORT'S DAY at SAS**

This week students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 participated in the SAS-Pudong Soccer / Sport's Days this week. While Grade 3 students played rotating matches of soccer during their visit to SAS, Grade 4 and 5 students had the opportunity to choose from a variety of sports activities. This was a wonderful experience for students and a great opportunity to interact with other students in Shanghai.



### **3, 2, 1 . . . BLAST OFF**

On Wednesday, May 17, students in 2G took advantage of the beautiful weather and attempted to launch a rocket off the field. Despite their numerous attempts to adjust the pressure and water capacity, the rocket unfortunately did not quite reach the moon as the students had originally intended.

