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PARENTS-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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主席的話



學校的家長教師會(家教會)不經不覺已經走到了第十八個年頭,很榮幸再度成為本屆家長教師會主席。本人非常感謝馮錦祥校長、袁家頌副校長、曾胡玉筠副校長、各位老師和家長的支持,家教會各項活動得以順利推行,實踐了家、校合作的目的。在過往六年中,我除了從舉辦學校合作活動過程中得到很多寶貴經驗之外,更令我欣喜的是,在與各委員、校長及老師共事的過程中,跟他們建立了一份真摯友情。

今年對本校家教會而言,確實是很忙碌的一年。本校在去年十二月十六日的畢業典禮中,成功邀請到 Maria Cordero 女士(肥媽),一位不單只是歌手、演員和電視節目主持的舊生,頒獎授憑並致訓詞,她在百忙工作中仍抽空出席,足見她對母校的歸屬感。她在演講中衷心感謝她從前的一位印度裔老師和讚揚母校的多元文化價值觀,她更鼓勵同學要努力學習並兼顧其他方面發展,最後她慷慨地捐贈了一套全新的樂隊樂器包括電子鍵琴、套裝鼓、低音結他、電結他和擴音器予學校。馮校長更特別安排了一樓的 109 室作為樂隊練習室,同學們可在星期二課後參加樂隊練習。為了感謝肥媽對母校的支持,校長、家長教師會成員、老師們和同學們一行約五十多人在今年的四月二十三日去探訪了肥媽的工作室。本校樂隊成員有幸在錄音室表演,更得到肥媽的指導及與肥媽合唱。最後由校長親自贈送感謝旗和紀念品予肥媽,是次探訪真教人難忘。

家長教師會和學校在三月十九日合辦了學習成果日和家教會同樂日,當日的節目非常豐富,有英語、廣東話和普通話朗誦、古箏獨奏、長笛協奏曲、國術表演和中西文藝舞蹈表演。家教會亦參與演出,菲籍家長 Rene 先生演奏電子結他並與同學樂隊組成伴奏,再由本人唱出“黃昏”。在場嘉賓、家長、老師和同學們均十分欣賞當日的表演節目。接近尾聲時,本校的一位舊生,電視節目「殘酷一丁」的冠軍喬寶寶的出現,更把熱烈氣氛推上高峰,他先以廣東話唱流行歌曲令到在座每位十分陶醉,他再在台上衷心感謝丘鄺子慧老師的諄諄教誨,使他成材。他亦鼓勵同學努力學習,互相尊重,凝聚對母校的歸屬感。家教會舉辦的同樂日在下午展開,在籌備及舉行活動的過程中,本人衷心感謝一班學生施璋樂的家長和五學生家長陳太在禮堂為大家做「雞蛋仔」。同學們和老師們不約而同地讚賞美食,當日節目在一片讚賞聲中結束。而我也如釋重負,緊張的心情頓然輕鬆下來。

本著家教會成立的宗旨,我們在過去一年在下列四方面的工作,都取得相當的成果:

讓家長與同學共同成長——家教會與學校合辦一系列的工作坊,目的是令家長認識到孩子在不同年齡會面對不同的問題,繼而協助他們一同解決,亦提供平台讓家長分享經驗和交流心得。在四月三十日是家長晚會舉辦了主題為“青少年的邊緣行為”的講座,在社工王安怡小姐帶領下,家長們熱烈討論,增進了他們對子女不同管教方式的認識。

提高各持份者對學校的歸屬感——邀請舊生回來母校致詞和表演,通過他們的分享培養同學們對學校的歸屬感。

發揮家長潛能,支持學校及教師——家長教師會成員通過不同形式的興趣班既可發揮家長潛能,又可豐富學生的學習經歷,及加強家校溝通,一舉兩得。本年曾舉辦的興趣班有:施太教導老師們和學生普拉提體操,尼泊爾家長教授包餃子技巧, Nicomedes 太太教授美容班,音樂科譚志軒老師教授結他和樂隊班,體育科劉永樂老師籌備網球班,鍾永強老師和本人作為教練,本人亦開辦了釣魚工作坊,電腦 DIY 班和卡拉 OK 學普通話班。

加強交流,協助孩子學業和品德上的成長——為了培育我們的子女成材,令他們得到更好的照顧,本人希望各位家長能夠多抽時間參與學校及家教會活動,使到學校、學生及家長三方面能夠加深了解。我們深信只要家校通力合作,我們的子女一定能夠在最理想的環境下成長。

最後再一次感謝今屆家長教師會各成員作出的貢獻,尤其是家長教師會中秘書羅影雪老師及 Prasad Manoj Kumar 老師籌備各項活動。總括而言,沒有各位家長教師會委員的鼎力支持,本會便不能夠完滿、順利和成功地舉辦各項活動。

本人盼望家長教師會能與各位家長、老師及同學,共同努力下,能夠繼續茁壯成長。多謝!

家長教師會主席
霍振雄先生

Chairman's Message

It is already the eighteenth Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) session, and it is my honor to once again become the chairman of the PTA of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon). I am very thankful to our school principal, Mr. Fung Kam-cheung, and the two assistant principals, Ms. Yuen and Mrs. Tsang. Without the support of parents and teachers, the PTA activities and management would not be able to run smoothly. The PTA activities have tremendously enhanced home-school cooperation and improved communication between parents and children. In the past six years, I, apart from organizing activities with home-school cooperation, have received much valuable experience. In addition, I am happy to develop genuine friendship with the principal, teachers and committee members while working with them.

It is a busy year for all PTA members. The Annual Speech Day was held on 16 December 2009. We invited a singer, an actress, a chef and an alumnus, all in one! Guess who? She is Ms. Maria Cordero, MH. I think all of our students should learn from her passionate love and sense of belonging to her mother school. During the prizes presentation ceremony on the Speech Day, Ms. Cordero expressed her heartfelt thanks to her former teacher and praised the adoption of multi-cultural values at SEKSS (WK). She also encouraged our students to study hard and to develop themselves in different aspects. She rounded up her speech by giving good news to everyone that she would like to donate a new set of band instruments to our school including an electronic keyboard, a drum set, a bass guitar, an electric guitar and an amplifier. Upon receipt of the band equipment, our school Principal Mr. Fung decided to arrange room 109 as the band room, which allows students to practice regularly after school on Tuesdays. In order to acknowledge Ms. Cordero's kindness and generosity, the PTA had arranged a visit to her private studio located in Shatin on 23 April 2010. There were approximately 50 people who joined the visit including Principal Fung, PTA/SMC committee members, teachers, students and of course, myself. During the tour at the studio, our school band members got to perform in front of Ms. Cordero and she certainly was pleased with their performance. We also had a chance to sing with Ms. Cordero and we were all delighted in singing as if we would never get tired of it. Finally, souvenirs were presented to Ms. Cordero by Mr. Fung to show our gratitude for her donation.

The Learning Celebrations cum PTA Fun Day was co-organized by the PTA and the school on 19 March 2010. The day started with a prize presentation ceremony followed by students' performances, including solo-verse speaking, musical performances, martial arts and different dance shows. There was also a performance given by the PTA. Mr. Rene, the Filipino parent and the student band members formed a band and I sang the song "Huang Hun" to their band accompaniment. The whole audience appreciated our performance immensely. By the end of the morning session, an alumnus, who was also a TV star had performed for us. The person was Mohinder Paul Singh Gill. Everyone indeed enjoyed his singing to a great extent. After his performance, he invited Mrs. Yau Kwong Tse-wai, his former class teacher up on the stage to thank her for her kindness, care and teaching. At the same time, he encouraged students to work hard, respect each other, and unite so as to enhance a strong sense of belonging to the school. Shortly after lunch, the PTA Fun Day commenced. Throughout the preparatory and organizational work done, I would like to thank those who had contributed to the PTA Fun Day, especially Mr. and Mrs. Si (Parents of S.1D Andy Si) and Mrs. Chan for taking charge of the waffle-making activity. After all, I felt relieved as teachers and students were flattered by the taste of the waffles. And the day was concluded with joy, applause and appreciation.

In accordance with the purpose of establishing the PTA, we have achieved considerable results in the following four aspects in 2009/2010:

Enhance parental education — The PTA had organized a series of workshops focusing on the growth of children and what problems parents might face. Parents were able to discuss, exchange ideas and share experiences in the process. On Parents Night (30 April 2010), the PTA had organized a bilingual talk on the theme "At risk behavior of adolescents," guided by our social worker, Ms. Wendy Wong, parents then discussed the methods of teaching and how to discipline their children. As a whole, the talk enabled parents to understand more about parental guidance.

Enhance students and parents' sense of belonging to school — We had invited alumni to return to school to present awards and give performances. Their encouraging speeches could indeed give inspiration to parents and students, and such inspiration could gradually enhance sense of belonging to school.

Parental support to the school and teachers — Through the running of PTA



interest classes, PTA parent members could assist according to their talents and expertise. For example, Mrs. Si had held two Pilates classes. Mr. Khimding, the Nepalese parent had invited a chef to introduce Nepalese dumpling making to participants. Mrs. Nicomedes was in charge of the Skincare class. Mr. Tam, the music teacher, was responsible for the guitar and band classes. Mr. Chung, the Physics teacher and I co-taught the tennis classes with the assistance of the PE teacher, Mr. Lau. Besides, I was also responsible for interest classes such as Fishing Tackle, Computer DIY and Learning Putonghua through Karaoke.

Foster communication to assist students' academic and moral development — In order to help our children become successful in life, I hope and encourage all parents to participate in PTA activities more



actively, so as to foster communication and understanding among parents, the school and students. I believe with home-school cooperation, our children will be able to learn and grow in an ideal environment.

Finally, I would like to once again thank all PTA executive committee members for their hard work especially Ms. Law Ying-suet and Mr. Kumar for planning and organizing different events. All in all, without the support of the PTA executive committee members, the PTA would not have been able to hold all activities smoothly and successfully.

I hope the PTA can work with the parents, teachers and students together again in the years to come. Thank you!

Mr. Eddy Fok
PTA Chairman



Principal's Message

The school mission of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) is to develop in our students: (1) all-roundedness and multiple intelligences; (2) respect for others and other cultures; and (3) a sense of social awareness and responsibility. In the past several years, the Discipline Committee and the Guidance & Counselling Committee of our school have carried out numerous programmes and events to develop our students' characters and personalities in order to help them become valuable members of the local and global community.

The Discipline Committee comprises 10 teachers and is in charge of the general discipline of students. The Committee is responsible for the formulation and implementation of school rules and regulations. The Guidance and Counselling Committee has 7 teachers and 2 school social workers. They provide guidance work and programmes to enhance the whole-person development of our students. Under the close supervision of our Assistant Principal, the two Committees have worked very closely together to provide comprehensive support for students' growth.

In respect of casework, we try to look into the real problems like psychological problems, family problems or undesirable peer influence behind students' misbehavior rather than the surface problems. We will get to the root of students' behavioural problems and devise remedial measures case by case. We are implementing a whole-school approach in handling their problems. At the same time we are adopting a sympathetic attitude with love and care. Different approaches like counseling by teachers or school social workers, punishment according to our school rules, commendation under our Merit System and rehabilitation by joining our Phoenix Scheme are adopted. These have been very effective in helping our students with disruptive behaviour to improve their performance.

The two Committees also collaborate with other Committees such as the Careers Committee, the Health & Sex Education Committee and the Extra-curricular Activities Committee to run programmes for our students. "Class of the Year Award", "Most Improved-In-Conduct Students Award", "Most Well-behaved Students Award", "Enhanced Smart Teen Project" and a joint-project with the Hong Kong Police called "Real Friend Project" are just a few of the activities and events that were organised. We also actively promote the Healthy School Policy by arranging talks on juvenile

crime and anti-drugs, organizing a number of programmes such as "Anti-smoking and Anti-drug Week", "Dancing to Healthy Life", and "Fully Human: Fully Alive".

We have been using extensive programmes to help our students develop a better understanding of their own abilities and strengths. Through joining these activities, our students have enhanced their self-confidence, self-esteem, self-control and self-discipline. They become more aware of others' feelings and their social behavior has been much improved. They care more about their future and are willing to set goals for their study. Our students are in harmony with each other and they are learning cheerfully in our school. Here we are developing a pleasurable and inviting learning environment.

Teenagers are facing many challenges and temptations nowadays. No doubt parents are caring for their children and want to provide guidance for them. However, owing to the pressure of work or lack of appropriate parenting skills, parents may encounter difficulties in providing effective guidance to the development of their children. The key factor to educate our children is to establish a good relationship with them. Psychological studies have shown that people — especially young people — are more likely to find help when they are with someone who is warm, genuine and empathic. If you want your child to talk to you and share his/her problems with you, it is most important to develop a good parent-child relationship. We deeply believe that parental involvement in a child's development together with home-school collaboration can successfully help resolve a great number of struggles for our teenagers.

In order to enhance home-school cooperation, our Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) has been very active in arranging activities for parents, teachers and students. I am most grateful to Mr. FOK Chun-hung, Chairman of our PTA, for rendering his unfailing support to our school. My deepest thanks must also go to the other executive members of the PTA who have worked devotedly with the school to provide all kinds of support for our students. Last but not the least, my heart-felt thanks must be extended to all parents, teachers and staff of our school for their prolonged support.

Remember, parents, you are not alone. Embrace your children, open up your mind, reach out for resources and most important of all, devote more time to your children! Let's work together to help our children become life-long learners and valuable members of the local and global community.

FUNG Kam-cheung
Principal

Principal's Meetings with Parents

Unlike the past, education is no longer a one-way communication process. Nowadays, both parents and students are important assets to the school. It is vital to have a practical PTA to enhance communication among all stakeholders. We are devoted to exchanging ideas and canvassing of mutual concerns related to students' studies and developments of the school.

Building on the success of the principal's meetings with parents, the PTA continued to organize Principal-Parents meetings. Throughout the 2009/2010 academic year, ten themed meetings were held. On the whole, parents found the meetings useful and their responses were positive. The meetings themselves not only aided home-school cooperation, but they also fostered communication among parents.

Active participation of parents is essential for the quality education of our children. I am sure you would agree with us that, despite our busy schedule, it is well worth the effort to devote our time and energy to do so. We look forward to the continued support from all of you in the coming future.



Summary of Meetings

Date	Theme
24/9/2009	School Intranet, H1N1 Virus, ECA
14/10/2009	Parent-child-teacher relay
13/11/2009	Parents' Sharing session, and term test results
16/12/2009	Sharing session
22/1/2010	Sharing session, and exams
27/2/2010	Meeting/ Discussion with individual parents
19/3/2010	Meeting/ Discussion with individual parents
30/4/2010	Identifying learning difficulties & helping your children improve their language skills and building a positive relationship with them, sharing session
28/5/2010	How to help your child prepare for examinations Timetabling during the post-exam period Criteria for promotion to a higher form
2/7/2010	Summer vacation activities School developments 2010-2011

Parents' Night cum PTA 18th Annual General Meeting

Over 100 parents and teachers assembled in the school hall to attend our PTA's 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the evening of 13th November 2010. Two elections — the School Management Committee (SMC) Parent Representative Election and the PTA Executive Committee Parent-members' Election took place during the AGM. Prior to the start of the AGM, parents were invited to attend a meeting, which provided a platform for parents to give their opinions, raise concerns and make enquiries regarding school matters with our school principal Mr. Fung and PTA executive committee members.

The AGM commenced with Mr. Fung's warm welcome to parents for their presence and support. After the Chairman's opening address, the minutes of last year's AGM were duly approved. The Chairman then presented his report for the year 2008–2009 and thanked all members for their hard work and dedication to the school. Mr. Fok presented certificates and souvenirs to the PTA executive committee members before the elections started.

There were five candidates contesting the PTA Executive Committee Election and four candidates for SMC Executive Committee Election. After candidates introduced themselves and addressed the assembly, electors then cast their votes by secret ballot. The results were announced at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Fok Chun Hung was declared the SMC parent representative and Mr. Fok Chun Hung, Mr. Gurung Asho Kumar, Mrs. Angelica I. Ang, and Ms Leung Lai Chun were elected for the PTA Executive Committee. A voluntary donation drive campaign by PTA raised a total sum of HK\$2,235.

After the AGM, parents and teachers were then invited to take refreshments in the school hall. The evening concluded with parent-teacher meetings where all parents present were invited to meet their children's class teachers for a discussion of their academic progress and the results of the first term tests.

All in all, Parents' Night cum PTA AGM provided a very good chance for all parents to find out more about the work of the PTA as well as to give the committee any feedback and to hear about important developments within the school. It was a very informative evening, with Mr. Fok having a chance to talk to parents in detail, not only about the past year but also the future of the school, as well as a comprehensive review of PTA activities and spending. We look forward to meeting you in our next AGM.



PTA Executive Committee Members for 2009–2010

Post	Name of Parent / Teacher	
Chairman	Mr. Eddy Fok	
Vice Chairlady	Ms. Kusum Sharma	
Vice Chairman	Mr. Fung Kam-cheung	
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Gurung Asho Kumar,	Ms. Hung Fei-kei
Honorary Secretary	Mrs. Nicomedes Rosalie V., Ms. Law Ying-suet	
Committee Members	Ms. Angelica I. Ang,	Mr. Khimding Ran Bahadur
	Ms. Leung Lai-chun,	Mr. Desmond Tsang
	Ms. Yuen Ka-chung,	Mrs. Tsang Wu Yuk-kwan
	Mr. Prasad Manoj Kumar,	Ms. Chan Kwai-yin

Our tribute to Mama Maria

The PTA organized an enjoyable outing on Friday, 23 April 2010. Over 50 parents, teachers and students filled a coach joyfully and headed to visit Ms. Maria Cordero, our former SEK Primary School alumni, at her studio in Fo Tan, Shatin. We were delighted to have the privilege to visit her workplace as the studio was not supposed to open for public visits.



Mr. Fung presents souvenir to Ms. Cordero

The amazing studio

The studio, which is approximately 9,000 ft. in size, is located in an industrial building and is set to meet all kinds of filmic and musical production needs. During the stay, many of us took the opportunity to take pictures with the famed local artist, and to explore the studio as much as we could. It seemed that the dull weather did not dampen the high spirits of all the participants on that day.

The visit started with Ms. Cordero's introduction of the studio's setting. Then all of us got to probe the different rooms, including the recording studio, the filmmaking studio, the band room, one after one, until we reached the band room.

Who has got talent?

It was a great band room with all types of professional musical instruments. None of us expected what happened next. It was out of our expectation that Ms. Cordero offered us a chance to show our talents by using the musical instruments there. Jeremy Ybanez Cyril Orquez (4B), Weir Kacy Crystal (4B) and Wong Ken Karlo (4D) felt extremely flattered by the sudden call for performance.

The three students performed a couple of songs together with Mr. Eddy Fok, the Chairman of PTA very well. What about the rest of us? Ms. Cordero then invited all of us to sing Lady Gaga's hit – Bad Romance with her. It was the best moment in the whole visit and the chance to sing with a well-known singer like her was a once in a lifetime opportunity. All of us were no longer shy and took part enthusiastically in the proceedings! The whole visit was highlighted by Ms. Cordero's encouraging speech to students.

Before we departed for school, our school principal Mr. Fung and the PTA parent-member presented souvenirs to Ms. Cordero, not only for her kindness in granting this visit, but also for her generosity in donating a band set to our school in March. The outing was indeed very successful and we all look forward to visiting the studio in the near future!



Everyone sings in the studio



Look at everyone's smiling face

Learning Celebrations cum PTA Fun Day

The school's Learning Celebrations cum PTA Fun Day took place on Friday 19 March. In the morning, all the guests, parents, teachers and students gathered in school to celebrate students' learning in different disciplines. They had also attended a prize presentation ceremony, which celebrated the academic achievements of students. Certificates of appreciation were presented to parents whose children had obtained commendable results in the Half-yearly Examination of the academic year 2009-2010. The ceremony was then followed by a series of entertaining performances including solo-verse speaking, martial arts, musical performance and dancing. Since the performances were all outstanding, the morning session was concluded with thunderous applause.

The joy and excitement extended to the afternoon session. Students were humming around the school campus. What for? Their act was purposeful since they could collect chops by taking part in activities such as educational games, fun games, ball games, tasting egg waffles, making henna hand tattoos and lots more. Delicious prizes could be redeemed with a certain number of chops at the international food fair. It was not surprising that students were buzzing around busily like bees in search of honey.

While other academic departments were offering different activities in their respective venues, the PTA executive committee members were in the school hall, ready to furnish distinctive fun games, and also the marvelous lucky draws. With the target of winning the fabulous prizes, parents, teachers and students all strived hard to win. They began to check their bingo cards carefully upon the announcements of emcees Mr. Nair, our NET teacher, and Ms. Leung, our PTA parent-committee member. Then participants got to move their bodies for the rest of the games, which were the ping-pong and fishing games. It was our pleasure to have Mr. Si taking charge of the waffle-making stall, which seemed to be one of the most popular attractions of PTA Fun Day.

At the end of the day, all the prizes were given out and everyone that attended the day was happy. This event relies upon a massive time commitment from a dedicated group of staff, parents and student helpers. Special thanks should be given to the parents who came to help. The contributions that Mr. Fok, Mr. Gurung, Mr. Si and Mrs. Si made were outstanding. Without their dedication, this event would not have been possible. Hopefully we will see more parents coming to this event. Many thanks for your support.



Educational game



Henna Tattoo



Prizes for all group game winners



Ping-pong game



Prize given to Bingo game winner



Waffle making

PTA Interest Classes

Interest classes are definitely a key component for demonstrating Home-school Cooperation. Following the huge success of the interest classes conducted in previous years, a great diversity of interest classes had been run for all school stakeholders, including parents, teachers and students this year. With the resources obtained from the Home-School Cooperation Grant and the dedication and support of PTA Parents Executive Committee Members, the school was able to provide these well-attended interest classes.

This year saw quite a few new courses offered that proved to be very popular. Indeed we have retained a few interest classes of last year such as the Tennis Course and Computer DIY but we have also added-in new elements, for instance, Pilates, Skincare, Nepalese Dumpling Making, "Learning Putonghua through Karaoke" and Band classes. Ms. Leung's Pilates tuition allowed participants to relax within their busy lives through controlled strengthening and stretching exercises; The Pilates regime also improves posture and increases body flexibility. The Nepalese Dumpling Making Class had definitely spoiled all participants as they could engage in the production of momos and share them with others. Following the success of last year's guitar classes, Mr. Fok's "Learning Putonghua through Karaoke" also proved to be a hit. Though the PTA parent volunteers have been really busy holding meetings and organizing various functions, their efforts were rewarded by the active participation of all those involved. In addition to the joy it brought to parents, teachers and students, they obtained distinctive hands-on experience in sport, music, technology, handicraft and cookery. More importantly, such occasion had fostered home-school cooperation and enhanced communication among parents, teachers and students.

Don't hesitate to tell us your ideas! We always welcome more parents to take part in these interest classes and if you would like to share your expertise, please feel free to contact any of us. We look forward to seeing you in our coming PTA interest classes. Let's have fun together!



Tennis Course



Nepalese Dumpling Making



The dumplings look so tasty



Computer DIY



Pilates



Skincare Class

