



# ELIAS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Eliasians

## LOOKING BACK – THE MONTH OF APRIL

### Achievements

It gives us great pleasure to share with you the wonderful news that our Volleyball Girls has once again demonstrated their tenacity and strength of mind in the face of stiff competition and challenging situations during the National Volleyball Championships 2009. The Junior Girls' Team emerged 1<sup>st</sup> Runners-Up and the Senior Girls' Team emerged top 6 at the championships. We celebrate Eliasians' achievements and thank our teachers, volleyball coach and parents for their constant support and encouragement throughout the girls' preparations for the championships.

### H1N1 Measures

We thank all parents for your understanding and cooperation during the recent H1N1 alert. Although Singapore has stepped-down the Disease Outbreak Response System Alert (DORSCON) status from Orange to Yellow on Mon, 11.5.2009, we appeal for your continued partnership with the school in the inculcation of personal and social responsibility in your child(ren). We thank you for your understanding and partnership with us in implementing our new arrival and dismissal procedures, which we will continue. We appeal for the consideration of parents who have been stopping their cars along Pasir Ris St 52 for Eliasians to alight, to use the drop-off point at the RC Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) instead. This will ensure the safety of your children and also keep them dry on rainy days as there is a covered walkway which connects the RC MPH drop-off point all the way to our classroom block, through Gate D. The drop-off point is accessible from the HDB Driveway parallel to the classroom block of EPPS.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Primary 4 School Camp (Information for Primary 4 Parents/ Guardians Only)

In view of the current Influenza A (H1N1) alert status, we will be adopting the following precautionary measures with regards to the Primary 4 School Camp. Firstly, the three days and two nights' camp from 21 to 23 May 2009 will be modified to a two days non-residential camp on the 21 - 22 May 2009. On both days, Primary 4 campers will report to school latest by 8.00 am. Transport will be provided to send them to the camp venue and back to the school. Please make the necessary transport arrangement to fetch your child/ ward home from the school at 6.30 pm on both days.

Secondly, twice daily temperature taking will be carried out during the camp. In addition, we seek your understanding and cooperation to ensure that your child/ward measure his/ her temperature before leaving home on both mornings. Please do not send him/ her to the camp if he/ she is not well. Despite the shortening of the camp duration, we would like to assure you that the overall camp experience for your child/ ward will not be compromised as core activities such as confidence rope course, raft-building and dragon boating will still be carried out as planned. We will make every effort to ensure that your child/ ward have a fun, safe and enriching outdoor camping experience.

### E-Learning Days On Wed, 27 May 2009 & Thu, 28 May 2009

The objectives of the E-Learning Days are as follows:

- To simulate school closure during an emergency period
- To provide students with a different learning experience to be more equipped for the changing education/ work landscape

During the E-learning Days, Eliasians are **NOT** required to report to school. Instead, they will stay at home and access the LEAD Portal to complete learning tasks assigned by their teachers. Students who are sick, and therefore cannot access the LEAD Portal to complete their assignments on the E-learning Day(s) are required to produce Medical Certificates on their return to school on Friday, 29.5.2009. Students who encounter problems accessing the LEAD Portal may call the Helpdesk at 6777 5198 or e-mail them at [helpdesk@lead.com.sg](mailto:helpdesk@lead.com.sg).

Parent-Teacher Meetings On Wed, 27 May 2009 & Thu, 28 May 2009

On the above two days, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's Form Teacher. It will be a good opportunity for you to obtain feedback on your child's progress in school. Your child's Report Books will also be distributed at the same time.

In Elias Park Primary School, we continuously look for ways to harness the power of technology to improve the effectiveness of our administrative processes. Online booking will enhance the tracking of bookings, collation of appointment lists and also the green efforts of the school.

We are pleased to announce that from 15.5.2009 – 20.5.2009, you can use the LEAD Portal for online booking of session for the Parent-Teacher Meetings. You can book a 15-minute slot to meet your child's Form Teacher. Slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once a slot has been taken up, other parents will no longer be allowed to book the same slot. To book a meeting slot with your child's Form teacher, please access your personal LEAD Portal account:

URL : [www.lead.com.sg](http://www.lead.com.sg)  
Userid : P\_XXXXXXXX (where XXXXXXXXX represent your child's BC No)  
Sch id : epps  
Password : learning

Parents who do not have internet access at home or at work can use the computers in our School Library to do their online booking of slots for the Parent-Teacher Meetings. Please note that the library will be open from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm, from 15.5.2009 – 20.5.2009, for the above purpose. Our Librarian will be on hand to help.

The Parent –Teacher Meetings with the Form Teachers would be conducted in the respective classrooms of your child(ren). If you would also like to meet the Mother Tongue teachers, you may proceed to the hall where all the Mother Tongue teachers will be seated.

We respect the decision of parents who have opted not to meet their children's teachers. We understand that parents might face other constraints in taking time off to meet the teachers. For these children, the Report Books will be released to them on the last day of Term 2, Fri, 29.5.2009. Please ensure that the Report Books are returned to your child(ren)'s form teachers on Mon, 29.6.2009.

Eat With Your Family Day – PM session dismissal at 5 pm on Friday, 29 May 2009

Eat With Your Family Day, on Fri, 29 May 2009, serves as a reminder of the importance of having meals as a family. Eating together goes a long way towards keeping the family close. Initiated in 2003, the Centre for Fathering realised that Singaporeans are often too busy with work, school and other personal commitments to enjoy a meal with their family. Themed "a ritual of the heart" this year, fathers, in particular, are encouraged to treat their families to a meal or even prepare dinner on the day.

In support of this event, EPPS will **dismiss Primary 1 and 2 pupils as well as those who have CCAs on Fridays, at 5 pm**. All staff will leave the school at 5 pm so that they too can join their family for dinner on that day. Please make the appropriate transport arrangements for your child(ren) on that day.

Astro Night on Friday, 29 May 2009

2009 marks the 400th anniversary of the first astronomical observation through a telescope by Galileo. As such Singapore Science Centre marks this year with Shell Astro Challenge. EPPS is participating in

this challenge. We would like to invite your whole family and also your neighbours to join us in celebrating the end of first semester.

Date: 29 May 2009

Time: From 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm (We chose to start at 8.00 pm so that families will have ample time to have dinner together before joining us in an exciting night of activities)

Venue: Elias Park Primary School premises

The challenge comprises of 2 categories:

- Total number of participants who view through a telescope in the school (The total number of viewers at each school will be officially registered by Shell Astro Challenge officials stationed at each school)
- The most number of viewers per telescope

In addition to the viewing of planets and moon through telescopes, you can also participate in other activities which include:

- Parent-child quiz to test knowledge on Astronomy (Registration will be at 8.30 pm on 29.5.2009)
- Viewing of exhibits on Astronomy at the canteen
- Colouring contest for the young ones on Astronomy
- Astro Cheer finals

We look forward to your active participation together with family and friends on Astro Night. You are free to join us any time between 8.00 – 11.00 pm. Enjoy the evening and learn more about Astronomy.

#### Semester 1 Holidays & Travel Declaration

The Semester 1 holiday is from Sat, 30.5.2009 to Sun, 28.6.2009. We wish you a meaningful time of bonding with your children during the 4-week break.

As part of our proactive and preparatory measures, we have put in place a system to prevent the possible spread of the avian-flu virus among staff and students. If you are travelling abroad with your child during the Semester 1 holiday, please inform the school of his/ her travel plans by filling in the attached form and submitting it through his/ her form teacher by Tue, 26.5.2009.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Wong Siew Shan  
Principal