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Dear Parents of Eliasians

H1N1 Measures

To-date, more than 40 countries have already reported cases of H1N1 infected patients. Thankfully, Singapore has been spared up till today. Although the virus is milder than previously feared, it is still evolving, so we must continue to be vigilant. In Elias Park Primary School (EPPS), we will continue the practice of conducting once-daily temperature-taking on Mondays, to maintain preparedness should daily temperature-taking be re-activated at short notice.

In addition due to the fluid world situation with respect to the H1N1 virus, EPPS will conduct a temperature-taking exercise on every school day of the first week of Semester 2, that is, **on every school day for the week of Mon 29 Jun to Fri 3 Jul 2009**.

Holiday Plans

I am sure many of you will be leaving Singapore with your child(ren) during the holidays in the coming 4 weeks. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has advised avoidance of non-essential travel to affected H1N1 affected areas. Please refer to the MOH website at <http://www.moh.gov.sg> for the updated list of H1N1 affected areas. If you have to travel to such areas, be vigilant and maintain a high standard of personal hygiene at all times.

If you or your child(ren) have been to a H1N1 affected area and develop flu symptoms on your return to Singapore, please consult your doctor immediately and provide him/ her information of your travel history. Even if you do not develop any flu symptoms, please monitor your health and your child(ren)'s health carefully for 7 days on your return to ensure that no one has been infected by the virus.

We thank you for submitting your child(ren)'s Travel Declaration Forms. If there are any changes to your travel plans, please call the General Office to update your child(ren)'s travel records.

For families who are staying in Singapore during the school holidays, there are lots of interesting places and exciting things to do in Singapore. I encourage you to take your child(ren) to the museums. EPPS has a National Heritage Board school membership. Staff and students of EPPS enjoy the privilege of unlimited free admission to the Asian Civilisations Museum, National Museum of Singapore, Singapore Art Museum and Peranakan Museum. EPPS students, only need to show their EZ Link Cards at the ticketing counter to gain free admission. I take this opportunity to wish you many hours of discovery and learning at the 4 museums.

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

We want to thank parents who have booked the sessions for the Parent-Teacher Meetings. The teachers look forward to meeting you during the slots that you have booked. As the 15 minute time-slots are scheduled back-to-back, we ask for your cooperation to arrive slightly before your allocated time. Please understand that if you are late, your child's form teacher will have to proceed and meet other parents according to the confirmed appointment schedule. They will be able to meet you only if there is a subsequent vacant slot.

If you drive, please park your car at the multi-storey carparks at Blk 517 or Blk 504. Please note that for security reasons, only the front gate will be opened on both days. The security guards at the security post will facilitate your entrance into the school by checking the confirmed parents' appointment lists of all the classes. To speed registration, **please get ready your confirmation slip for authentication**.

For the Parent-Teacher Meetings, please proceed to your child(ren)'s classrooms directly - P1 & P3 on Level 1; P2 & P4 on Level 2; P5 on Level 3 & P6 on Level 4. If you would also like to meet the Mother Tongue teachers, you may proceed to the hall after meeting the form teachers.

Eat with Your Family Day and Astro Night on Friday, 29 May 2009

We have come to the end of another eventful term, so it is fitting to celebrate the many achievements and challenges that together, we have surmounted in the first 5 months of 2009. I wish you an enriching time of togetherness as you enjoy a meal with your family.

You can continue to build your family bonds by joining us in school for an evening of enjoyment as we learn more about the wonders of the universe. From 8.00 to 11.00 pm, do keep a date with us. Come and join the fun and activities put up specially for the Eliasian and Pasir Ris communities. We look forward to your active participation together with family and friends this Friday, 29.5.2009.

Uniform Purchase

Since the start of the H1N1 measures put in place on 4.5.2009, EPPS has stopped the sale of uniforms by the uniform vendor on Wednesdays. A few parents have shared with us that they needed to purchase new sets of uniforms/ PE attire for their children. As a follow-up to that feedback, we have arranged with the uniform vendor to facilitate the pre-ordering of the school uniform/ PE attire to be collected in EPPS before the term re-opens on 29.6.2009. If you would like to place an order for your child(ren)'s school uniform/ PE attire, please instruct your child(ren) to obtain an order form from the General Office on Tue, 23.5.2009 and return the completed form also to the General Office on the last day of Term 2, Fri, 26.5.2009. You only need to pay for your order when you take delivery of the items from the vendor.

Conclusion

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish you a refreshing time of bonding with your children during the school holidays. It is your presence and your love that your children need.

Best Regards

Mrs Wong Siew Shan
Principal

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.

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
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