# LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

## Thai Chinese International School

# **Upcoming Events!**

\*Feb. 3rd Chinese New Year Celebration at school 9:40-12:40

\*Feb. 6-14 Chinese New Year holiday- - No school Feb.8-12

\*Feb. 17th Parent workshop 360 at 7:30

\*Feb. 19th First Grade Thai Field Trip

\*Feb. 22 Public Holiday- school closed

# Next Parent Workshop

#### February 17th, 2016

Parenting in the Digital Age

In the 360 at 7:30 am

Learn about how to balance technology at home.

Learn some educational resources that are free and out there to support your child in learning.

Learn about how to keep your child safe online.





# **Chinese New Year Celebration**

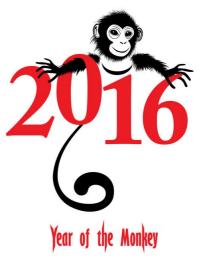
Our Chinese Department has put a wonderful Chinese New Year Event together for all to come and enjoy on Feb. 3rd.

Open Air Ceremony on the field at 9:40-10:40

There will be speeches and some special performances

Booths and other cultural demonstrations 10:40-12:40 (LS will enjoy from 11:50-12:40)

Bring some money and don't forget to wear red, pink, or gold.



There will also be some special events throughout the week in the library. Hou nian kai le! Gong Xi Fa Cai!



#### **Reminders**

**Before & After School** 

Morning Drop off: after 6:45 — school begins 7:10

Afternoon Pick up: before 15:45 — school ends 15:10

For safety, please note that TCIS has limited campus supervision at other times.

After school lower school students need to wait for their parents in the following areas: Waiting area in the parking garage, canteen, or the LS playground. The field and court are not open to LS after school unless they are in an organized school activity.

**16:00:** students without a parent or involved with a chaperoned activity will be asked to wait in the canteen area or the waiting are in the parking garage.

#### Parking Garage

The third floor to the parking garage is reserved for teachers.

... Parents should not be parking there or in the spiral driveway.

Please be sure to use the bathroom facilities in the parking garage when needed.

#### **Canteen Change**

Starting Monday KG-G2 will have buffet style lunch!

#### **Colder Weather**

Please try to remain true to the school uniform even in the colder weather by sending jackets or leggings.



# **Playground Proposal**

This week I met with some parents to write a proposal on how we can improve the playground for 2016-2017. Thank you parents for your time and assistance in helping to make TCIS the best school in Thailand.



### **Uniform Review**

We are reviewing the school uniforms at TCIS. Your opinion on the Lower School uniform will help guide the direction we go.

Please go to the link here to share your thoughts.

#### http://goo.gl/forms/9BbTR3vWzE

# **Field Trips**

The goal of a field trip is to enhance the learning for our students. Each field trip is unique and there is a lot of planning that go into it so we can assure a safe and educational opportunity for students. While some field trips are open to parents to attend as chaperones many field trips are not. It is determined case by case. If we are able to accommodate parent volunteers we want to assure that it is a balanced opportunity for all. What this means is that when your child brings home a permission slip for a field trip it will have an additional page if the trip is open to parents. Parents will sign up and if we have more volunteers than needed we will draw names to be fair. Please note there are a lot of field trips when it is in the best interest of student learning that parents cannot attend. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have questions please feel free to contact the Lower School office.



January 29th, 2016

# Special Visitors to the Early Childhood

We are proud of our Early Childhood. This week we had an opportunity to welcome guests to TCIS. We taught them about our program and gave them a tour of our facilities. Thank you to Ms. Joy for organizing this and connecting us with the Korean teachers and for Ms. Katie for taking the time to answer their questions.

# Student Websites of the Week!





ReadWriteThink Visit Website: http://www.readwritethink.org/ An excellent free resource for all things reading and writing



NRICH Visit Website: http://nrich.maths.org Untangle robust math problems for all ages; plenty of teaching support

# **Parent Article & Information**

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https://www.teachervision.com/new-teacher/teaching-methods/48337.html?for\_printing=1

Have you every wondered how students learn?

This week we had a hand washing poster contest. The winner will be featured next week!