



The Principal's Newsletter



It was wonderful to see the first group of Candor parents and students at the Orientation on July 30, 2011. It was a proud moment for us and this will go down in the annals of Candor International School as the first cohort of students and parents. I look forward to our parents' continuous support and cooperation through the coming academic year!

Here is a brief update of our progress thus far:

Academics

We started the school with 54 students from nine different nationalities. During the first week we observed the students and helped them to settle down, adjust and get used to the school schedule and the new system. At the moment there are a few composite classes, but we are looking into rearranging the classes.

It is good to see the students bonding well with each other. Our student enrolment is increasing steadily and we expect at least 100 students by January 2012. The commitment and hard work of all the staff has been commendable. We have teachers from various parts of India and overseas. As a school we encourage diversity in our staff and student body. The 3rd week of August saw the launch of our activity and hobby clubs. We began the second quarter on October 10, 2011 look forward with excitement to the many events during this quarter. A major event is our Annual Sports Day on December 2, 2011. Our academic programmes are going on as scheduled. We have submitted our IB DP candidacy form along with all relevant documents and our IGCSE forms will be sent shortly.



Staff Professional Development

We had a month long professional development workshops for the teachers during July 2011. By November 2011, we will have sent 6 teachers for different IB workshops.

We also have regular in-house professional development workshops for the teachers.



Health Care

We have a full time nurse who has been through the medical forms of all the children. Our partnership with White Cross provides us with emergency medical treatment. We also have a Doctor who regularly visits the school.



Food Services

The food services so far have been satisfactory. Although the children are eating well we are relooking at how they can be improved further. The teachers are monitoring the children during lunch time.



Activity Clubs

Our activity clubs started from August 22, 2011 and the students enthusiastically look forward to the clubs. Our indoor games include snooker, table tennis, carom, chess and a foos ball.



Nature Club



Scrabble Club



Origami Club



Yoga Club



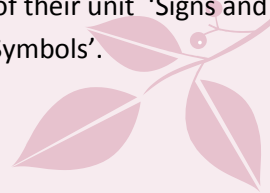
Reading Club

Field Trips

Grade II unit on 'Homes' took them to Hullahalli village and Neeladri Nagar to visit local dwellings on September 2, 2011.



Grade III, IV and V visited Rakum school for the visually handicapped in Indiranagar and Sheila Kothavala institute for the hearing impaired on old airport road on September 14, 2011 as an extension of their unit 'Signs and Symbols'.



Music

We have got our second piano and the Music Room is fully functional. We are trying to get more instruments so that the children have an opportunity to learn the instrument of their choice.





Transport Services

I appreciate our parents for cooperating with us as we worked out our bus routes.

The hiccups in the beginning have now been sorted out. We are trying our best to ensure that the children do not spend too much time traveling. We have ordered one more smaller bus.

Celebrations

Our first Independence Day celebration was a great success and I thank all the parents for their presence. We really enjoyed the games between the parents and staff and between staff and students. We look forward to more such times in the future. We also celebrated the Korean Independence Day which falls on the same day as the Indian Independence.



Flag Hoisting



5-side Soccer Match, between Students and Parents



On September 5, 2011, we celebrated Teachers' Day and it was a delight to see the students perform and enact their teachers. The programme ended with a beautiful song by the children.



Students making paper doves to observe International Day of Peace



Inter-House Soccer Challenge



Assembly

We began with Assemblies on Wednesdays and Fridays. Now we have them on Mondays and Fridays. The Assemblies focus on school values and presentations by the students.



Visits

A significant visitor in August was Ms. Kathryn Hoffmann from St. Olaf College, Minnesota, USA to explore the potential of Candor School being involved in a Professional Development initiative with them.

We also had a visit from a Thai representative entrusted by Thai parents to seek out schools in Bangalore that provide a holistic international programme.



Ms. Kathryn Hoffmann from St. Olaf College, Minnesota interacts with students during a Robotics Class



Our Chairman, Mr. Suresh Reddy along with along with our Thai representative Ms. Hansa Thumsuwana



Mr. Renya Kikuchi, Chairman Learning Systems (Robotics) explaining about robotics



Parent –Teacher Interaction

On September 30, 2011, we had our first Parent-Teacher Interaction where the children showcased their talents before their parents. Later on the parents also got a chance to see their children present what they had learned in their classrooms. It was nice to see the parents encouraging and appreciating their children.



Parents in the classrooms watching their children present and going through their child's portfolios.



Infrastructure

I am pleased to inform you that the Primary wing is now completed. Music, Art, the General Science Lab, and Grades VI—IX have now moved to the Primary wing.



Admissions

Candor has begun to make its presence felt in Bangalore and many interested parents are visiting the school everyday. A number of them will be enrolling their children in the coming academic year. I would like to request all our current parents to share your children's Candor experiences with prospective parents. I am grateful to the Chairman and Management for their constant support and would like to acknowledge the hard work and effort of all our staff.

