

# BHS FOCUS

At The Heart Of Beacon Hill School

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## Beacon Hill School Mission Statement



'The Beacon Hill school community is a safe, caring and stimulating environment where everyone is respected and valued. The children will have every opportunity to achieve in all aspects of school life and they will understand their responsibility as global citizens.'



## **\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\***

### **September 2011**

- ◆ 26th - Wine & Cheese Evening for New Parents
- ◆ 27th - PTA Office Closed
- ◆ 28th - Island School Open Morning for Parents of Children in Year 6
- ◆ 29th - Y1 and Y6 Immunization
  - Assessment and Reporting Workshop for Parents (2:00pm & 6:30pm)
  - Dress Casual Day
- ◆ 30th - ESF CPD Day - School Closed

### **October 2011**

- ◆ 5th - Public Holiday—School Closed
- ◆ 6th - Camp Info Evening (Year 5 / 6:00pm)  
(Year 6 / 7:00pm)
- ◆ 7th - 5W Class Assembly
  - “Private Peaceful” show for Year 6
  - ESF Schools Football Tournament at KGV
  - Y1 & Y2 Phase Assembly
- ◆ 11th - Photos for Absentees
- ◆ 12th - School Sports Day / KCC
- ◆ 13th - “The Snow Dragon” show for Year 1
  - Camp Info Evening (Year 3 / 6:00pm)  
(Year 4 / 7:00pm)
- ◆ 14th - Y3 Sharing through the Arts
  - Y5 & Y6 Phase Assembly
- ◆ 17th - Half Term Holiday - School Closed
- ◆ 24th - School resumes at 8:45am
- ◆ 26th - ESF Orchestra Day (at KJS)
- ◆ 27th - PTA Pizza + Movie Party + AGM
- ◆ 28th - Diwali Assembly
  - Y3 & Y4 Phase Assembly

Dear Parents,

It was fabulous to catch up with so many of you at the PTA welcome BBQ. Once again, it was a fabulous evening and I would like to thank the PTA committee for organizing this yearly get together.

### **1) International Day**

Today we had our International Day celebration at BHS. It was fabulous to see all of our different cultural backgrounds represented. A huge thank you to all of the parents who spent a lot of time organizing their own countries presentations and activities for the children. The children were very proud showing off all of their different outfits. The total funds we raised today is HKD 3,230.10 approximately.

### **2) Friday 30th September—ESF Professional Development Day**

Next Friday, 30th September the school will be closed for all students. The reason for this is that the teachers and Educational Assistants will be attending an ESF Professional Development Day to improve our teaching of Performing Arts. The day will be held at Renaissance College and should be a great opportunity for all of us to improve our skills and have some fun. Ms Chung has enrolled me in a Bollywood dance workshop!

### **3) After School Activities**

Please note that all children must be supervised by an adult before and after all after school activities. You must also notify the bus company and school office if your child's plans are changed. Teachers often have scheduled meetings after these activities so they are unable to supervise your children once the activity finishes. Please be punctual in collecting your children.

### **4) Suitability of After School Activities**

I have noticed that many children are enrolled in after school extra curricular activities that may be unsuitable, too advanced, or sometimes of no interest to the children. The activities should have an educational or recreational interest for your child.

I believe our Year 1 & 2 children in particular have a very full school day and I would be careful about enrolling them in too many after school activities. Currently, we have 75 children from Year 2 and 3 in our Wednesday afternoon choir with some appearing to have little interest in the choir. It is important that the activity is of interest to your child, so please ensure that you discuss their choices with them before signing them up.

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### 5) School Workshops

Thank you to those parents, helpers and friends who have attended our recent workshops on reading and school excursions. These workshops are an opportunity for you to find out more about what we are doing at school. A special thanks to the teachers who provided these opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

*John Brewster*

Principal

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# PYP News



## IB Mission Statement:

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## What is International Mindedness?

At BHS we recognise the importance of educating our students for life where international understanding is a key skill. We teach, within our Units of Inquiry and beyond, students to work with others and be active learners. We also celebrate diversity, teach topics that expand students' global awareness, embrace other ways of knowing and culture. Within our classrooms, teachers are developing an internationally-minded perspective in students by giving them the tools to compare different events and issues in the past, present and future across countries. What we hope to achieve is an understanding that there are various ways of looking at people, history and issues and that environment colours our views.

The PYP *“encourages students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners”* (IB Mission Statement). Everything we do within the walls of our school is centred on developing students who, *“recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world”* (Making the PYP Happen, IBO). We promote this through development of personal attributes of the IB Learner Profile. They are:

**Inquirers Knowledgeable Thinkers Communicator**  
**Principled Caring Risk-takers Balanced**  
**Reflective Open-minded**

The Learner Profile represents the qualities of internationalism which the PYP hopes will characterise its students in a complex, challenging world. Throughout the year teachers work closely with the students to develop these attributes. The learner profile in a PYP school is all encompassing, which means it is relevant to the entire school community-staff and parents included. Therefore, it is important we are all positive role models and aspire to always be internationally minded citizens.

Amanda Gulliver  
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 PYP Coordinator

## Student Council Representatives 2011-12

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as their class representatives for the BHS Student Council:

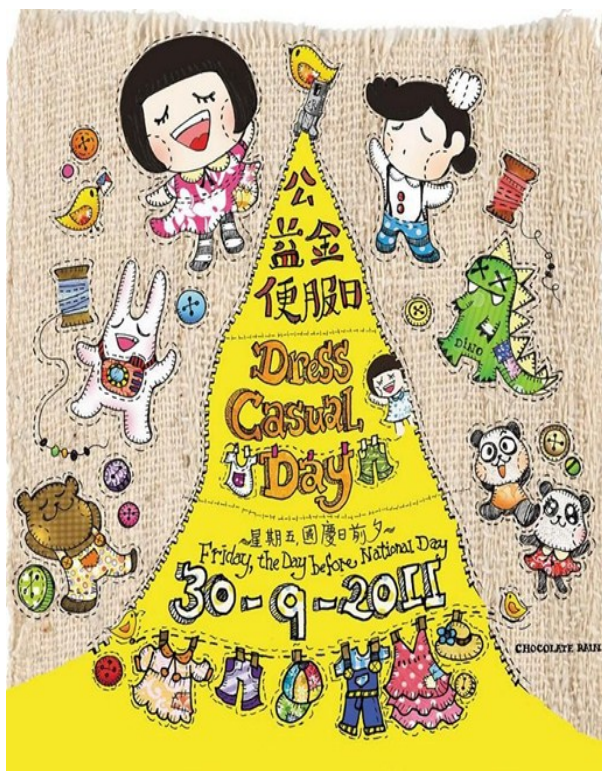
3K	Hana Abbot
3D	Christopher McCoy
3F	Lillian Lee
4D	Eliza Evers
4H	Antonio Kam
4M	Sebastian Shah

5W	Adrian Chow
5M	Alice Lo
5H	Harry Yuen
6J	Cedric Widodo
6F	Alice Tsang
6P	Hoi Ying Lee

**BHS Student Council Members are expected to:**

- ◇ Attend student council meetings
- ◇ Participate in Student Council meeting discussions through offering ideas and listening to others
- ◇ Bring ideas and suggestions from class members to the meetings
- ◇ Report information back to his/her class
- ◇ Help with the development of projects for the Student Council and school
- ◇ Help promote school pride at BHS
- ◇ Assist with Student Council projects

# Dress Casual Day



Beacon Hill School is participating in the Hong Kong Community Chest Dress Casual Day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The MAD club would like to everyone to come dressed casually and donate a minimum \$5 HKD or more.

We look forward to raising a lot of money for Hong Kong charities.



# Mandarin Monthly News & Update

## Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival



All students in Beacon Hill School participated in the Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on Friday September 9th in the school hall. Year Five students helped to run activities including moon cake making, paper lantern making, riddles, games and mini market. Thanks to the BHS PTA, volunteering mums and all students and teachers in BHS, we raised \$2988 which will be used to purchase more Chinese reading books for everyone to enjoy.



### Mandarin Teachers and Educational Assistants

Ms Xu and Ms Lie are with:

1T

Year 2 Pathway 2  
Year 3 Pathway 1  
Year 4 Pathway 1  
Year 5 Pathway 3  
Year 6 Pathway 3

Ms Yu and Ms Chao are with:

1W

Year 2 Pathway 3  
Year 3 Pathway 2  
Year 4 Pathway 2  
Year 5 Pathway 1  
Year 6 Pathway 1

Ms Lynn and Ms Wang are with:

1B

Year 2 Pathway 1  
Year 3 Pathway 3  
Year 4 Pathway 3  
Year 5 Pathway 2  
Year 6 Pathway 2

## Homework

- Homework is always due on Monday or the first day of the week if there is a holiday.
- The amount of homework varies from class to class. It usually includes reading aloud, copying Chinese characters, writing sentences, class reading books, writing book reports, practise writing for dictations, and etc.
- Please let your teacher know if you have trouble completing your homework on time.

## A Few Reminders about Mandarin Books

- If you have a Mandarin folder, please leave it in your school bag so you can review your work when you get home. Just remember to put it back into your school bag when you finish because you will need it for Mandarin lessons in school.
- All textbooks and reading books are school property.
- Replacement costs for books lost are as follows:
  - \$75 for Primary Chinese (textbook or activity book)
  - \$200 for Chinese Made Easy textbook
  - \$100 for Chinese Made Easy activity book
  - \$75 for any class reading book

## The Beacon (For Students from Year 2 to Year 6)

Please log on to the Mandarin page regularly to help you with your learning. On the Beacon, you will be able to:

- Have access to Mandarin websites and resources
- Complete recording homework if assigned by your teacher
- Email your classmates for help if you forget what you need to do for your homework.
- And much more...

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## Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners:

### Ms Yu's class

- ◇ Hui Yi Cheung 3K
- ◇ Kenny John 3F
- ◇ Michael Kwan 3K

### Ms Lynn's class

- ◇ Colby Elmer 5H
- ◇ Nikhil Laungani 2K
- ◇ Chantal Chan 1B

### Ms Xu's class

- ◇ Eliza Evers 4D
- ◇ Destiny Wong 2K
- ◇ Michael Lee 6P

## 64th Hong Kong School Music Festival

Dear Parents,

We now invite entries for the Annual Hong Kong Schools Music Festival. If you are interested in entering, please drop by the school office for the application form or visit the Hong Kong Schools Music & Speech Association's website <http://www.hksmsa.org.hk/> for further information. You must complete the entry forms and return them to school office with a cheque for exact payment by **Friday 7 October 3:00pm**. Cheques can be made payable to **BEACON HILL SCHOOL**.

As the timeline for enrolment is tight, we cannot accept any late entries. Please note that the school ONLY provides a platform for entries to be made. We do not provide any tuition or guidance specific to the event.

Kind regards,

Beacon Hill School Office

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## Central Applications - Year 1(2007 Birth) for August 2012 admission

Dear Parents,

This is a **FINAL REMINDER** on the Year 1 Central Application for siblings who were born in 2007. For more information, please refer to a separate email sent earlier today.

Kind regards,

BHS Admission Office

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## School Photographs

School photos were taken last week and proofs will be sent home soon to enable you to place orders. We had several students absent on the photo days, so we have arranged for Peter Inglis to return on Tuesday 11th October to take photos of those **absentees**.

Kind regards,

James Harrison

# HEALTH



## Abdominal Pain (or stomach ache)

Just to keep you informed of the fact that recently a few students complained of stomach ache and vomiting. There is one confirmed case of gastro-enteritis.

If your child complains of nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain or feels tired or with fever, please let him or her rest at home. Please seek prompt medical advice to confirm diagnosis and to refrain from BHS until the child has fully recovered to prevent the spread of infection to other students and staff.

Ms Chen

School Nurse

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## PTA News



### Welcome Poolside BB party

A huge THANK YOU to all teachers, parents and children who attended the PTA Welcome BBQ at KCC on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. This was one of the biggest and best nights we have had with maximum numbers, lots of fun and great company.

### Mid-Autumn Festival at BHS

And also, thanks to all children and parents who supported the PTA mini market stall selling fruits and lanterns on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. We raised \$2,991 for the Mandarin Department to purchase Chinese reading books for Beacon Hill School children.



### Wine & Cheese Evening (for New Parents only)

PTA would like to invite our very first "New Parents" Welcome Drinks on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the 7th Floor / Staff Room. This is specially organized for all new parents to get to know one another and members of our PTA and School Council. This event is for ADULTS only. Please be reminded there is no parking at school.



### AGM and Pizza Movie Party

Please be informed that our **Annual General Meeting and Pizza and Movie Party will be held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets MUST be purchased for the party in advance. Please see below the letter and form for the AGM and the party this year.

### Uniform Shop

And finally, now that the weather is becoming cooler, most of our Winter Uniform is in stock and ready for purchasing.

Uniform shop hours during the school term dates are:

**Monday – Friday from 8am – 11am**

**\*\*\* Please note that the uniform shop is closed on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. \*\*\***

*Many thanks for your support and remember.  
The PTA is only as good as the parents that support it.*

Should you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact our PTA coordinator Mrs. Fanny Chan at 2337-8932 or email at [pta@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@bhs.edu.hk).

Beacon Hill School PTA

## TO ALL PARENTS

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the BEACON HILL SCHOOL PTA LIMITED will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.

### AGENDA

Apologies for absence.  
Minutes of the 2010 AGM  
Matters arising.  
Chairman's Report  
Treasurer's Report.  
Principal's Report.  
Election of New Committee.  
Any Other Business.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Copies of the Minutes of the 2010 AGM will be available from the PTA Office from Oct 14, 2011. There will be a limited number of copies for collection at the door on the afternoon of the meeting.

We would be grateful if anyone having a matter to raise under "Any Other Business" would let us know by October 24, 2011 as this would enable us to gather any information required to answer your query.

A form is provided (overleaf) for nominations to the Committee. This should be countersigned by the nominee to indicate his/her acceptance of the nomination. Please note that according to our Constitution only fully paid members of the Beacon Hill School PTA Ltd. may serve as elected members of the Committee.

There is a movie and pizza party beginning at 3:15pm to 5pm on the same day. This will allow you to come for the AGM and then pickup your children after their party.

We look forward to seeing you all on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Michelle Tsang  
Chairman  
Beacon Hill School PTA Ltd.

**NOMINATION FORM FOR PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

I wish to nominate .....(name in CAPITALS please)  
to serve on the Beacon Hill School PTA LTD. Executive Committee.

Name of proposer .....(Who is a paid PTA member.)

Signature of proposer .....

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION**

I ..... ( Name of nominee)

Accept the nomination to serve on the PTA Executive Committee.

I am a paid up PTA member.

Signature of nominee .....

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE PTA OFFICE MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF :

PTA COORDINATOR

BEACON HILL SCHOOL PTA LTD.

Thank you

If you would like to be joined the Executive Committee and do not have a proposer, please complete the "Acceptance of Nomination" section and return to the PTA Office. New member are always welcome.

# Movie / Pizza Party

**DATE : October 27, 2011 (Thursday)**

**TIME : 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.**

**PLACE : Beacon Hill School**

**FOOD : 2 Pieces Pizza and 1 Drink per set**

**PRICE : \$50.00 per set**

**PARENTS NEED TO ADVISE THE TEACHERS  
AND THE BUS COMPANY OF ALTERNATIVE  
GO HOME ARRANGEMENT**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

can participate in the Movie/Pizza Party on October 27, 2011 at 3:15pm.

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ covering the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of Pizza/drink(s).

***We trust that you will come at 4:30pm. in order to attend the PTA  
AGM, after which you can pick up your child.***

Permission is given for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to be picked up by  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name and relationship)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY OCTOBER 14, 2010 (FRIDAY).**

**\*\*\* No money will be accepted on the day \*\*\***



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### **ASA/UKCC Level 1 at SIS**

Due to the overwhelming response on the last ASA Level 1 Swimming Teachers course, ESF Educational services will be delivering another Level 1 course in October. The course is designed for adults who would like to learn how to teach the fundamentals of swimming. There is no prerequisite other than a passion and willingness to learn about swimming. Course content includes:

- Fundamentals of coaching (teaching) sport
- Principles of planning activities
- Principles of conducting activities
- Principles of evaluating activities

For more information and an application form please visit our website [ASA/UKCC Level 1 at SIS](#)

### **ATA/ESF Educational Services Family Tennis Event**

A fantastic day was had by at the family fun day at South Island School on Sunday.

Mums and Dads hit the court with their children and were taken through a number of fun exercises, drills and games by the ATA/ESL coaching team.

'It's great to see the children having so much fun playing the game they love with their parents' said Toby Clark, Coach

If you are interested in finding out more about the sport programme, upcoming tennis competitions, or October mid term camp please call ESL office: +852 2711 1280 or visit the website [ESL Tennis](#)

#### **Sports Section**

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# SANSKRITI

Highly popular Hindi club since 2006. Learn Hindi via activities, games and tutorials, every Thursday @ Beacon Hill School from 3.15 to 4.15 pm. Visit [www.brilliantlearning.com.hk](http://www.brilliantlearning.com.hk). Join [www.facebook.com/sanskriti.brilliant.learning](https://www.facebook.com/sanskriti.brilliant.learning).

For details, please call 98300612.