CIS MATTERS: SEMESTER 1 | WEEK 10 | OCT 19TH TO 23RD OCT

HAPPY Birthday

NEW ARRIVALS
AT THE ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

NEW KID
JERRY CRAFT

IT AIN'T SO AWFUL, FALAFEL
/ FIROOZEH DUMAS

MY BIG FAT ZOMBIE
GOLDFISH: LIVE AND LET
SWIM / MO O'HARA

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

VIRTUAL SPIRIT Week

Join us for the VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK presented by Elementary Student Council

- Oct. 19 (Monday)
  Role Model Monday
- Oct. 20 (Tuesday)
  Twin/ Triplet Tuesday
- Oct. 21 (Wednesday)
  Whacky Wednesday
- Oct. 22 (Thursday)
  Thoughtful Thursday
- Oct. 23 (Friday)
  Freaky Friday
  (Halloween themed)

THE CIS ALLIES NETWORK PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL
SYMPOSIUM FOR INCLUSIVITY

HOW CAN WE CONTRIBUTE TO A SUSTAINABLY INCLUSIVE SOCIETY?

AREAS OF FOCUS
- LGBTQ+ AWARENESS
- GENDER EQUALITY
- MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Keynote Speaker
Sanam Mittal is a feminist, writer, environmental, and gender activist. She has worked with organizations such as Greenspace India, Jharkhand.org, 350.org, in various capacities. She is also the Co-Founder of The Spade Modern Indian Woman, a Facebook collective on feminism.
Hello All!

As described earlier- we are communicating with the whole community about our status regarding when we may re-open campus, even partially with hybrid learning options. As of now- we do not have permission to reopen campus from the Karnataka government- nor do we currently see the drop in Covid-19 cases we would like to in order to think about re-opening.

We have begun to have concrete conversions with our faculty and staff about re-opening with hybrid learning. This means that we are actively planning and preparing our campus, classrooms, and procedures to be ready to re-open when we feel it is safe to do so. At this point, we can see about 1-2 weeks ahead in our planning, so it is premature to say if we will be able to start hybrid learning on campus by Mid-November. After the Dussehra holiday beginning next weekend, we will have a better idea of where we stand as a community.

Please review the Reconnect 2020 Playbook HERE so that you can re-familiarize yourself with all the planning we have made to safely reopen campus. We also need EVERYONE to communicate with our nurse, Ms. Rekha, if you or someone in your household have contracted Covid-19 by emailing her at school-nurse@cisb.org.in . We are keeping a database of our entire community so that we can be prepared and responsive for when we do return to campus.

Please-we need everyone to be transparent and share this information so that we can all be safe. Contracting Covid-19 should not be something to be embarrassed about. By openly communicating with us, we can help make decisions that will keep ALL community members safe. Any reporting to us will be kept 100% confidential.

Let’s all work together to keep each other as safe as we can be!

If you have not done so, please return your media consent form, remote learning IT acceptable use form, and community agreement form all signed to our office. These can be dropped off at our main gate at any time. Ms. Beena, Ms. Vinal, and Ms. Sandra will be following up with families who have not yet completed these important forms.

Have a fantastic weekend with family!

From a Distance

Ted Mockrish Ed.D
Head of School

Facebook
Twitter
Dear EY and ES Families,

**ES StuCo presents Spirit Week 2020:**

We are looking forward to Spirit Week coming up. Please take a look at the video put together by our ES StuCo vice president for information and ideas for each day.

**Spirit Week Overview Video**

- Simply take a photo or video (not more than 30 seconds).*
- Send it to esprincipal@cisb.org.in before 3pm of each day.
- We will then showcase the participants from each day. All students from Pk - G5 are invited to participate!

*Important Note for Freaky Friday - Halloween themes are welcome for next Friday's submission, however please avoid using weapons, or portraying any acts of violence in the videos and photographs.

**International Art Contest - Deadline October 30, 2020:**

Veena Vatika International Drawing Contest is seeking art submissions until the end of the month. Please see details and registration link below.

**Veena Vatika International Drawing Contest**

Theme: My Buddy “Nature”

Eligibility: Kids aged 7-15

Submission Deadline: Oct 30, 2020

Send entry at:

https://tinyurl.com/veenavatikacontest

**Toolbox Pick Up - October 22nd (Thursday):**

The next toolbox pick-up is on Thursday October 22nd. Do contact your homeroom teachers to see if anything needs to be picked up on that day. Please note that we are not providing home deliveries at this stage. If you are unable to pick up items, please discuss alternative resources that can be used with your child’s teacher.

**Important Dates:**

- October 19 - 23 ES Spirit Week
- October 26 - 30 Dussehra Holidays
- November 13 - Virtual Diwali
- November 16 - No School Diwali Holiday
- November 17 - 20 - Conferences
- November 26 - Core Value Show: Caring

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rekha Sachdej Ed.D
Elementary Principal
MESSAGE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I have had the pleasure to interact with all of the middle school students during advisory on Thursday (Gr 6 & 7) and today (Gr 8) on the topic of ‘Goals Review’. The intent was to find out from students where they are in terms of working towards achieving their goals and keeping the momentum going. It seems as if most students are committed to their goals and going about their action plan. The next milestone involving parents, is the student-led conferences happening the week of Nov 17th, during which the students will be sharing their learning growth.

One thing you can do in the meantime, is to support your child in following the steps of the action plan, so the process is successful.

On 11th November we will be having our first ever Core Values Assembly in middle school. What is the Core Values Assembly? It is an opportunity to celebrate the attributes that shape the culture of our school. The assembly will feature students’ skits, some core values awards, and testimonials from the community. We need your participation to make the assembly a success! I am requesting that you send in short video clips, sharing your take on some of the core values as follows:

- For grade 6 parents: What does ‘Joy’ mean to you?
- For grade 7 parents: What does ‘caring’ mean to you?
- For grade 8 parents: What does “Inspiration” mean to you?

We will merge all the videos into a movie and show it at the assembly. For exact details of how to submit a video, please click HERE. We would like as many parents as possible to contribute and make the assembly a truly participative effort!

Please send in your videos by Friday 23rd October.

Mr. Kyle, our middle school maker space teacher recently shared the work of some of his students in grade 6 & 7. The students made animation movies on the 10 most important events of their life, titled ‘Draw My Life’. The students had great fun doing this project and learnt many skills along the way: planning, script writing, recording, creativity and video editing skills. HERE is a small collection of movies, enjoy!

If you have any questions or comments about middle school @ CIS, do not hesitate to contact me via email at msprincipal@cisd.org.in

Wishing all MS families a safe and pleasant weekend.

Warm regards,

Regis Caudrillier
MS Principal

Important dates:
- Oct 21 Contextual Learning - Day 1 - Technology
- Oct 23 Mid-Semester progress reports emailed out
- Oct 26-30 Dussehra Holiday
- Nov 11 Core Values Assembly
- Nov 16 Diwali Holiday
- Nov 17-20 Student-led Conferences in advisory.
- Dec 2 Contextual Learning - Day 2
- Dec 19 - Jan 17 Winter Break
Dear parents,

Some time ago, I asked parents to complete a brief survey related to their child’s online experience. We have also surveyed students multiple times as we do our best to make the online experience as positive as possible.

So, many thanks to the parents who responded, as the information you provided is of great value to us. It is helpful to know, for example, whether students are experiencing a suitable balance between synchronous and asynchronous learning (or, to put it another way, teacher centered vs student centered). And, to know whether there has been sufficient communication from the school and teachers. Or, to hear about the quantity of homework students are getting as well as how much time they are spending on their screens. There were useful comments on all of these in the survey responses and these will be shared with teachers.

A few common themes came through. Several parents mentioned office hours as a positive and wanted to see more. Currently, we offer office hours every Friday during advisory and any other weekly advisory that is not otherwise in use. For example, grade 9 and 10 students had office hours available on Wednesday as well as Friday this week. We will do our best to add as many office hours opportunities as possible.

Many parents mentioned the importance of providing a quiet, but visible, work space at home as well as a schedule routine for their children. The importance of the control of the distraction of gadgets was another common response. Many parents commented on being able to observe classes and appreciated when teachers enforced the “cameras on” rule and wanted to see this become more consistent.

The importance of providing stable internet connectivity was another common theme identified by parents. We know that this can be a problem for some and have adjusted attendance expectations as appropriate. We continue to expect consistent attendance from students. If internet issues prevent students from attending a class, we ask that they contact the teacher as soon as possible to explain. We become concerned when patterns of missing or dropping out of classes arise and inform parents when this occurs. We ask that parents work with their children and teachers to address these issues as quickly as they can.

Finally, it bears repeating that parents should feel free to contact teachers any time they have a question or concern. Some of the issues identified in the survey were clearly related to particular classes. These can almost always be rectified through clear communication.

And, on that note, as always do not hesitate to contact me as well at any time via email (hsprincipal@cisb.org.in).

Don Macmillan
High School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 21 - Symposium for Inclusivity (EL day - Day zero)
- Oct 26-30 Dussehra Holiday - no classes
- Nov 13 - Virtual Diwali Show (classes on as usual)
- Nov 16 - Diwali Holiday - no classes
- Nov 17-19 Student Led Conferences during the week
- Dec 7 - 16 Semester One exam session (Grades 9 and 11)
- Dec 18 - End of Semester One
MESSAGE FROM THE
DIWALI COMMITTEE

Dear CIS Community,

This year we are having a Virtual Diwali show on 13th November 2020.

Our theme for this year’s Diwali event is "Indian Folklore and Culture". We need all singers, dancers, actors, innovators - students, parents, and staff. We invite you to participate and become a part of the celebration.

The various categories of performances from which you can choose are:

- **Singing:** any song in any Indian language depicting Indian Culture or Diwali Celebration.
  
  Time limit: max 2 mins
  
  Record yourself & send us the video

- **Dance:** on any Indian traditional or Diwali Celebration.
  
  Time limit: max 2 mins
  
  Record yourself & send us the video

- **Diwali Story:** Re-telling through a puppet show, animation video or movie, storytelling or a play.
  
  Record yourself or & send us the video

- **Diwali art and craft:** make any art and craft workpiece related to Diwali.
  
  Send us a picture of your art.

- **Diwali celebrations photos:** share pictures of you celebrating Diwali with family and friends.
  
  Send us the photo.

Email/ share your files to akshitha@cisb.org.in by the 5th of November 2020.

If you wish to participate please fill in this google form to give us more information about your performances.

P.S. The Diwali committee will select only the show submissions that follow the theme of Indian Folklore and Culture.

All the Diwali participants will be appreciated with a certificate.
Kings College London is hosting webinars for prospective students who are curious about applying to King’s for entry in September 2021. Each webinar will be 90 minutes long and will convey information about King’s and there will also be an opportunity for students to ask questions.

We are offering webinars on varied topics from an international student perspective which will hopefully add value to their application journey.

We cordially invite you, your students, and their parents to participate in the following sessions:

1. Undergraduate Information Sessions: These sessions will feature information about studying at King’s, the courses we offer, the application process, entry requirements, life at King’s, careers & internships etc.

   18th November: [https://kings-college-london.eventbrite.co.uk/](https://kings-college-london.eventbrite.co.uk/)

2. How to Write a Personal Statement: The session will guide students on how to write a relevant and appropriate personal statement while making an application through UCAS and discuss what makes your essay stand out from the crowd.

   21st October: [https://kings-college-london.eventbrite.co.uk/](https://kings-college-london.eventbrite.co.uk/)

3. How to Pick the Right Course at King’s: Students are often unaware and confused about how to make the right course choice matching the entry requirement at King’s with their scores and interests. This session will throw light upon how to make an appropriate course choice and how to make an alternate choice in case of the most competitive and popular courses.

   4th November: [https://kings-college-london.eventbrite.co.uk/](https://kings-college-london.eventbrite.co.uk/)

Virtually Orange: The Dutch University Festival!

In an effort to create the best experience for your students, the three main recruitment consortia of the Netherlands came together to create Virtually Orange, the Dutch university festival.

When? Sunday, November 8th

What time? 11:00-14:00 and 18:00-21:00 Central European Time.

Where? Online!

This day and times were chosen in an attempt to be able to reach as many students in different time zones as possible.

Twenty-six Dutch universities will be there, live, to provide dedicated service to your students.

» Virtually Orange Registration is now open!
Temple is an urban campus in the heart of Philadelphia, the birthplace of the United States and a city rich in the arts, restaurants and culture. Our university thrives on diversity and real-world opportunities, including research and internships. We’re always happy to welcome new international students to the Temple family—supporting them with leadership training, mentoring, tutoring, counseling and more is our top priority. Share these links with your students to register for a session and get a taste of

If you are interested in attending this event to be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00AM EDT, please register at the following link: [https://explore.bryant.edu/register/DeanMadan](https://explore.bryant.edu/register/DeanMadan).

Please feel free to join us for other virtual visit opportunities listed below:

**Virtual Sessions: Join Bryant’s Dean of the College of Business and Bentley/Bryant/Hult Business Presentation**

Opportunities for you and your students to virtually interact with Bryant professors or hear the perspectives from schools with strong business focused programs (Bentley/Bryant/Hult).

The first is a chance to hear from Dean Madan Anna-varjula, Bryant’s Dean of the College of Business. Dean Madan will give an overview of the programs in the College of Business, discuss his philosophy on business education and be available to answer any questions from students and families. Dean Madan holds a Ph.D. in International Business and is one of the architects of Bryant’s nationally ranked International Business program.

Northeastern will be hosting over the next month with Tufts University and Tulane University. These events will provide a broad overview of the opportunities available to students at our institutions and also provide attendees with the chance to have their questions answered live.

Our final event is on the following date:

**Monday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. IST**

Registration Link for Students
You’re invited to Aston Live, an online festival of learning and employability. On 21st – 23rd October we’re bringing Aston University closer to you with a programme of free online events.

Experience our world-class teaching, talk to our academics, and learn about opportunities for gaining professional experience which are unique to Aston University. Our programme of 20 events includes:

- **What is Data Science? (And what do your Netflix recommendations have in common with the monitoring of Covid-19 and the stock market?)** (Wednesday 21st October - 09:45 AM)

- **BSEEN: How Aston’s on-campus start-up incubator can benefit you** (Wednesday 21st October, 10:30 AM)

- **How to gain professional experience through Aston’s student societies** (Wednesday 21st October, 11:15am)

- **Applying engineering principles to change the world - how can construction engineering create better conditions for refugees?** (Wednesday 21st October - 12:45 PM)

- **Building global connections with Aston’s International Buddy Scheme** (Thursday 22nd October, 08:00AM)

- **Using Aston to roadmap your global career** (Friday 23rd October, 9:45am BST)

- And many more...
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

TFR HIGHLIGHTS

SKB - BRAAAAAAINS....BRAAAAAAINS! (MAKING MODEL BRAINS FROM CLAY)

2C INSTRUCTIONAL WRITING - MAKING A SANDWICH
CIS IB CAS students share their experience in helping to plan, support, and execute a virtual event for over 600 participants around the world. CLICK THE IMAGE below to read about their personal learning journey and growth. CIS wishes to thank all those who helped make this year’s virtual Terry Fox Run a success!
We thank you for your support for spreading awareness, raising funds and keeping TERRY’S DREAM ALIVE. Your participation has made a difference. Thank you!