



Welcome to the TIS Parent Support Group – March 29, 2023

PSG Leadership: Zsofi

- Thank you for your contributions to Teacher Appreciation Day: We received enough donations to cover Teacher Appreciation as well as the end of year picnic for the teachers.
- WhatsApp Group: Class WhatsApp groups have been organized to send out important reminders from PSG and the school.
- Healthy Food Choices – Anela: This ASA has been a big hit amongst the 7 & 8 yo students. They enjoy the sensory activities and look forward to making some food item each class. More help is needed to reinforce the fruit/vegetable of the month.

Athletics & Activities: Ms. Scates

- After School Activities: Activities are well underway and kids are enjoying their time after school. Request to offer more sections of outdoor activities (soccer & basketball). Currently, outside space is currently maxed out, but TIS will look for ways to reorganize to see if this is possible.
- CEESA Update: Four remaining CEESA activities. TIS will host MS Knowledge Bowl in April and MS Girls Volleyball in May. MS Strings will travel to Warsaw in April; this concert will be live streamed. HS Girls Volleyball will travel to Skopje in May. Ms. Scates is organizing MS Girls Volleyball games with GDQ, WAT, and possibly AIS and King's College.

National Honor Society: Fei/Celia

- March 31st – HS Lock In: Secondary students have the option to come for a few hours to participate in karaoke, games, bonfire and leave at 9:30 pm, or stay until 7:00 am on Saturday. Mr. Tempel and Mr. Johnson will chaperone. More details coming to parents; students have received interest forms via email.
- Clothing Drive: Donations to benefit Turkey/Syria or possible Roma community in Tirana. Parent volunteers are needed to help sort donations on Tuesday morning.

Library: Valbona

- Friends of the Library & National Literacy Month (Ms. Banek): Literacy Month Kick off on Monday with an assembly. Several activities will be held throughout the month of April including a Book Exchange (April 20th & 21st), Mystery Readers in the classroom (must have completed volunteer training), character dress day, door decorating. Most activities are geared towards Elementary School students. Parent volunteers will be needed to help sort books, as well as run the Book Exchange. More details and a sign up sheet will be forthcoming.

Mark Your Calendar 2023:

- March 31st – Group Interaction Marathon: Join your child/ren on Friday for a good cause. Students will participate in a group marathon raising funds for Turkey & Syria. Sponsor forms went home with students last week. Please consider pledging per lap your child runs, or giving a flat donation. Money should be turned in on Monday. Preschool will hold a bake sale during the last 15 minutes of the marathon. Marathon t-shirts will be distributed to those who have paid. If you have not paid, please do so asap. If your child does not have a marathon t-shirt, they may wear red and black in support of these countries.
- April 18th & 20th – Elementary Talent Show: Auditions end on Friday. Admin will discuss with Ms. Rich when the Talent Show will be held, keeping in mind working parents. Suggestion to include MS/HS student acts next year.
- May 5th – International Day: Please join your country's WhatsApp group and encourage others to do the same. Links to countries can be found in the newsletter. There is a PSG member in each country's group to help with planning. Please consider food/drink,

game/activity, performance, and country basket to raffle. Small countries may join with neighboring countries, or find a simpler way to represent their country. Teachers will be on hand to relieve small countries for short breaks. Flag carrier will be oldest child from each country. Please note that International Day is for TIS families only. Please no outside guests or extended family members as it puts a strain on those providing food and activities. Thank you. Suggestion to ensure participants are TIS families by using wrist bands or tickets.

- Food Drive: Albanian Food Bank is in need of food to stock their shelves. In April, TIS classes will compete for most food donated. More details to come.
- TI Friends: With the number of stray animals in Albania, the new group TI Friends will look to offer a community service project for students interested in this initiative. More details will be forthcoming as this project gets established.

Parents' Feedback:

The following item has been brought to the PSG anonymously by TIS families for discussion. The PSG recommends following proper communication hierarchy when an issue relates specifically to your child/family (Teacher, Counselor, Director of Instruction, School Director). Thank you.

Questions - Comments - Concerns?

Next Meeting on April 19, 2023 at 8:10 am