



CHAMPS

East Coast Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every year, the school sets a theme to rally staff, students and parents together. For 2016, our theme is 'Believe and Make a Difference'.

Our beliefs are important, for our thoughts, words and deeds stem from our beliefs. It is thus important that we, as a school, articulate our beliefs clearly so that every member of the ECPS family shares the same heartbeat.

At East Coast Primary School, we believe our students are CHAMPS.

Our students are individuals who are

- C**aring for one another;
- H**umble in attitude;
- A**spiring for excellence;
- M**orally upright;
- P**assionate towards learning; and
- S**teadfast in effort

We believe every child is special and can be actively engaged in learning. We seek to provide every child with the opportunity to explore and discover his talents and interests. We are committed to nurturing students who find joy in living, loving and learning.

We believe that teachers are professionals who are good role models for our students. Our teachers are curriculum leaders who endeavor to design learning experiences that best meet the needs of our students. Our teachers are also caring educators who create a safe and conducive environment for learning.

We believe that parents are the children's first teachers and play an instrumental role in our students' growth and development. The school thus seeks to establish strong partnership and close collaboration with our parents in order to provide the best education for every child.

At East Coast Primary, we believe we can make a difference. I am honoured to join East Coast Primary as the Principal from 15 December 2015.

Welcome to the ECPS Family

We would like to welcome the following staff members to our ECPS family:

- Ms Linda Cheong Vice-Principal/Administration
- Ms Rozanah Subject Head Malay
- Mr Ng Say Wee EL Teacher
- Mdm Siti EL Teacher
- Mr Won Wee Son SC Teacher
- Mrs Lai Adjunct Teacher
- Mdm Lim Geok Hoon Adjunct Teacher
- Ms Chan Irene Adjunct Teacher

We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new Primary 1 students. We are indeed heartened by the increase in our overall student enrolment as it is a reflection of our stakeholders' vote of confidence and trust in our ability to nurture their children.

Student Safety & School Security

School must be safe for students at all times. Hence, it is important for the school to have a good overview of the movement into and out of the school. As such, we seek your cooperation to drop your child off at the school gate and let him/her to walk into the school compound on his/her own.

Should you need to see our office staff, please register at the Security Guard Post near the Main Gate. Please proceed directly to the General Office thereafter so that the office staff can attend to your needs.

We seek parents' cooperation in helping us keep the school a safe place for learning.

Updates on MOE's Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)

The meal allowance for FAS students has been increased. The following will take place with immediate effect:

- The meal allowance for breakfast/recess is increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per school day.
- In addition, Primary 3 to 6 FAS students who stay back in school for after-school programmes (Mondays to Thursdays) is entitled to a \$1 lunch allowance per day.

Health Matters

We would like to emphasize the importance of personal and social responsibility. Any student who feels unwell or show flu-like symptoms should not come to school and should see a doctor. All students are to maintain a high standard of personal hygiene, including washing one's hands with diligence. We should also remain vigilant and continue to familiarize ourselves with emergency operations.

School Programmes

- PROJECT E-CHAMPS – Primary 1 to 5

Project E-Champs leverages the problem-based learning approach to develop the 21st century competencies. The multi-disciplinary nature of the project also allows students to appreciate the interconnectedness of their learning. The final outcome of this project includes a multimedia product and students' presentation of their project which is based on the Learning Journey. Students' performance in the project will count towards their English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue results.

- Programme for Active Learning (PAL) – Primary 1 and 2

PAL emphasises learning through hands-on experiences and the provision of on-going opportunities for peer interaction and self-discovery. PAL for Primary 1 and 2 students is scheduled on Tuesdays from 7.30am to 9.30am.

In PAL lessons, students will be actively participating in a range of activities in the music, dance, art, sports, games, and outdoor education domains. These PAL experiences will help our students develop a greater awareness of themselves and their environment. They will discover new interests, learn new skills, forge new friendships, and develop their confidence and character.

- Learning for Life Programmes

The school's Modular CCA and Thinking Art programmes have been recognized by MOE as Learning for Life Programmes (LLPs). Our dual LLPs allow students to take part in experiential learning to develop their character and values, and acquire 21st century competencies.

I. Modular CCA (MCCA)

MCCA for Primary 3 to 6 students is scheduled on Wednesdays from 7.30am to 9.00am and will commence in Term 1 Week 3.

In MCCA, students can look forward to enjoying modules in Tchoukball, In-line Skating, Game Concepts and Skills, Music and Life Skills. Students who display aptitude in sports/music/dance will be identified via the MCCA to attend Enhanced CCA (ECCA). The school's ECCA includes Sepak Takraw, Malay Dance, Chinese Dance, Rope Skipping and Angklung. ECCAs are conducted after school hours and will also start in Term 1 Week 3.

II. Thinking Art Programme

Thinking Art @ ECPS aims to equip our pupils with a progression of skills from 4 different art genres / art forms namely Digital Art/ Media Art, Clay Art, Drawing and Colouring and Recycling Art. These skills acquired from the 6 years in ECPS will serve as a foundation for our pupils to use the skills beyond their secondary education and could also mould them to be citizens who are appreciative of the arts, especially the visual arts.

Assessment Plans

Assessment is an important aspect of teaching and learning. We believe parents are key stakeholders in education and by providing you with the assessment plan for the year, we hope you can play an active part in supporting your child's learning. Attached with this issue of CHAMPS is a copy of the Assessment Plan for your reference.

E-Learning @ECPS

E-Learning @ECPS will be carried out on **the 1st Friday of every month** starting from February. Students will have to complete their homework online. In addition, students will also be assigned e-learning homework during the school holidays. Please encourage your child to complete their online homework.

If students do not have PCs or Internet access at home, they may complete their e-learning in the school library.

NEU PC Plus Programme (IDA)

The NEU PC Plus Programme from IDA offers students from low income households with the opportunity to own a brand new computer at an affordable price.

If you are interested in knowing more about this programme please call the General Office or visit the following website: <http://www.ida.gov.sg/Individuals-and-Community/Community-Development/NEU-PC-Plus-Programme.aspx>

Other Information for Parents/Guardians

General information pertaining to the school can be found in the Student's Handbook. Please do take note of the recommended routes to school on pg. 33 of the handbook. Parents/Guardians are also required to sign an acknowledgement to indicate that they have read the Cyberwellness Promise (pg. 35) together with their child/ward.

The school subscribes to a Grid System that sends important information to parents/guardians via SMS. Please do keep the school informed should there be a change in your mobile phone number.

Our school website address is <http://www.eastcoastpri.moe.edu.sg/>. Parents/Guardians can visit the website to keep abreast with events/programmes in our school.

Attached with this issue of *CHAMPS* is a copy of the school Calendar of events for Term 1 and the Assessment Plans for each level. Thank you.

Yours in Education,

Ms Jessie Lim
Principal