



PTA NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS OF IAS SEPTEMBER 2008

FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR!! We hope all parents of the IAS family had a great vacation and we hope we have all returned with renewed energy, ready to work towards making our children's school life even better!! Welcome to new parents. Please join and participate in the PTA. It is a great way to get to know other parents and to make sure your child has a really interesting and fun school experience.

PTA GENERAL MEETING

The last general meeting was held on Thursday 19th June 2008 in the chapel meeting room at 8:30 a.m. directly after the Awards Ceremony. The following items were discussed at that meeting.

- The delivery of the polo shirts
- Fundraising efforts and financial status
- Plans for 2008/2009
- The school's decision to increase tuition

PTA INITIATIVES:

POLO SHIRTS

The PTA has delivered the first set of orders of polo shirts with school logos on them last week and will give parents another opportunity to order tomorrow Tuesday 2nd September at the Meet the Teachers Evening. Parents can also order by calling either Christina (08799470) or Helen (08799178) and arranging to fill out an order form and pay for the requested Polo Shirts.

PTA ACTIVITIES:

Last year the PTA organized the following sports and after school clubs:

- Gymnastics**
- Soccer**
- Spanish Club**

It also organized a **Career Day** which was an all day event for the entire school and featured major local and international companies, international organizations and

diplomatic missions and embassies, and featured a guest panel of speakers. Additionally the PTA assisted in the organization of the **International Food Fair** which had food from all the countries represented within the school community and was very well attended. The PTA also organized an **afternoon seminar on nutrition** given by a qualified nutritionist for children from kindergarten and elementary grades.

This year the PTA will continue with the soccer program and is looking to get involved in table tennis, basketball, volleyball, softball, some sort of after school fine arts/music/drama club and after school sports club. Parents who are interested in helping, playing any sport, or can suggest other interesting activities please get in touch with board members and let us know.

All PTA members were also provided with **laminated phone cards** with emails and phone numbers of the parents of students in the same grade level as their children to facilitate communication with other parents.

JOIN THE PTA AND VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE

We would like to encourage all new parents to join the PTA. Forms will be available at the Meet the Teachers Meeting tomorrow 7:00 p.m. at the school gymnasium. The registration fee is only \$10. Members of the PTA board will also be there to answer any questions you may have. If you can't make that meeting you can get forms in the School Office or you can call any of the Board members. Parents who were with the school since last year we hope you will continue to support PTA activities and we continue to focus on making the school experience a more meaningful one and supplementing the school's activities to provide interesting and enjoyable opportunities for our children.

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Please note that the Treasurer position is now vacant due to the departure of Petra Veerman. We need to fill this as soon as possible so will members please volunteer!!

Look out for notice of the next general meeting. You can come out and volunteer to help with activities, you can vote for your new treasurer and you can give us all your ideas and opinions on the PTA's activities