

SRI LANKAN SCHOOL – MUSCAT

PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE 8 – (2013/2014)

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

I am pleased to inform you that most of the children in KS 1 and above will be taking part in the celebrations. I remember fondly the silver jubilee celebration of the school that I attended long years ago. I, like most of the students had no part to play in it. Still I have fond memories of same.

Your child is privileged

Please do not deprive your child of this once in a life time experience due to any reason.

Drill Display

Children of Year 3 to Year 6 (both boys and girls) are taking part in the drill display, except the children who are sick. Please go out of your way to provide them transport to attend.

March Past

All healthy senior students are taking part in the march past, which is sure to be a very glamorous event.

Band Display

The Oriental Band, Senior Western Band and the Junior Band will present a beautiful band display.

Birthday Songs for the school

All students are being trained to sing two songs in praise of their alma mater. The choir will lead the singing.

Rehearsal

We are compelled to conduct a rehearsal at the Sultan Qaboos Stadium from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on 15th February. I am very much aware that this would be inconvenient to the parents. Please bear with me since there is no other practical solution.

All students taking part in the above activities are required to be present exactly at 8.00 a.m. such that we would be able to release them at 10.00 a.m. to go home and come back at 4.00 p.m. for the celebration.

VERY IMPORTANT

All students should wear the ceremonial school uniform and be present at Sultan Qaboos Stadium - Bausher, before 4.00 p.m. on 15 February 2014. Food and water for students would be provided. Canteen facilities, with packed dinners will be available at the site.

SILVER JUBILEE ART EXHIBITION

The art exhibition will be ceremonially opened by His Excellency the Ambassador at 9.00 a.m. on Friday 14 February. The exhibition will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Carnival atmosphere

The school decided to make 14 February, a fun day for our dear children. There would be street music, played by students and parents, dancing, street theatre, games for children, demonstration of Chess by a professional, food stalls and a number of other fun activities for children - big and small.

Please bring your children to the school at the times given above and enjoy the warmth of the Silver Jubilee celebration of the school.

Also remember to see the beautiful art work done by our dear children. The award winning paintings of children in the International Art Competition conducted by Sri TV will also be displayed at the art exhibition.

SILVER JUBILEE KIDDIES CONCERT

The concert will be conducted from 7.00 p.m. onwards on Monday 17 February on the open air stage in the school. Parents are kindly invited to attend this grand event named 'Faraasha - Releasing Butterflies'

Sri TV will video this event, to be telecast for worldwide viewing on the TV show 'Samanala Uyana' (Butterfly Garden) . I kindly request parents, who attend the concert to stay on until the end of the event as a mark of respect for the school.

SILVER JUBILEE INTER HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

Quizathon is being organised by the Quiz Club, on 18 February in the school hall. Parents are invited to witness the competition from 7.00 p.m. onwards.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

I will give details in the next communiqué about:

- * Inter House Debating Competition
- * Inter House Drama Competition
- * Celebration of Language, Mathematics and Science
- * Kiddies Sports Day
- * IT Wiz Kid Competition
- * Digital Art Competition
- * Silver Jubilee Year Book

BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR THE SCHOOL

At the school assembly at the beginning of this term, the students promised me that they would save money to purchase a birthday gift for their alma mater. They were requested not to ask their parents to purchase same but let that be a sacrifice on their part.

If your child has saved money for this purpose, please help the child to select a good book from a book shop, write his/her name and that it is a birthday gift to the school, gift wrap it and bring it to school on 16 February.

If all children keep their promise, the school library would have over 1000 new books on the 16th February.

In addition to the benefit to the school, the students themselves would achieve much by this exercise in several disciplines.

On 15th, at the main function, the boy/girl monitors of each class, accompanied by their class teacher, would hand over a symbolic gift parcel to the school librarian.

Dear parents,

The number of students taking part in the Drill Display and the March Past are both over 250 each. Another 100 students are in the three bands. We would be releasing fifty tiny Butterflies at this function. The staff of the school is under high pressure in training these vast numbers of students to perform in unison and also in maintaining the discipline and safety of children.

The least that parents can do is to come, sit, watch, enjoy and appreciate.

If you notice errors, faults or inadequacies, please blame me for that.

If you are happy - please convey your happiness to my teachers, Board of Directors, Parents' Committee and the dedicated parents who are rallying around us to make the Silver Jubilee a memorable experience for the dear children..

I started by saying that your children are privileged. They are a part of the history being created in front of your eyes.

Somabandhu Kodikara

Principal

12 February 2014