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KISMS February/March Parent Letter

The KISMS Monthly Parent Letter can be found on the KIS Middle School Website at www.kis.or.kr

Dear KISMS Parents:

The third quarter of the 2017-2018 school year is quickly coming to a close. This has been a great quarter so far and we have many events remaining the rest of this school year. Please stay up to date with your student's Schoology page and our MS PTO as well.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

On March 15th and 16th, parents and students will have the opportunity to connect with teachers for mini-conferences. We are pleased to encourage all parents to stop in to connect with their child's teachers. Our MS staff will be in the Phoenix gym beginning at 12:30 pm until 3:00 pm on both days. While we are excited to see all students and parents, we are especially pleased to encourage our new families to take this time to connect with the teachers about their child's progress. Given that the amount of time is limited to connect on these days, please understand that if you need more than a short amount of time to connect with your child's teacher(s) you will need to set up a separate meeting. **Please bring your students to the conferences if you attend.** We hope to see you there.

Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 14th through Friday, March 16th. Please attend and encourage your student to attend with you. Please view the attached flyer: [Book Fair Flyer](#)

End of 3rd Quarter

The end of the 3rd quarter is coming soon and in order to have the grades and comments finished the parent and student view inside Powerschool will be closed from March 7th and reopened on March 13th. During this time parents and students will not be able to see the grades inside of Powerschool. The quarter officially ends on March 24th however.

KIS FunRun for Charity

There is a FunRun for local and international charities coming up May 21st and May 23rd! Please stay connected to Schoology for more information.

Fine Arts Week

We are excited that Fine Arts Week will be from April 16-21st with the theme this year being: Transformation. This school-wide event celebrates the Arts starting with the Visual Arts Exhibition and ending with the Beauty and the Beast musical. Throughout the week, students will be able to experience

transformation through various classes and enjoy various experiences outside of the Art Room. The Art Department would love to see the support of parents at the Art Exhibition Reception on Tuesday after school and the Beauty and the Beast musical on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

KISMS Experiential Education Trips

We are currently conducting our research and development trips to make sure that the upcoming trips not only meet our safety expectations, but that the activities are of great value to our students. Please view the EE site for information about location and dates: <https://sites.google.com/kis.or.kr/kis-ee/home>. The website is being constantly updated, so please check in frequently. We will be rolling the trips out to parents, staff, and students in the coming months, with our EE staff speaking to the PTO during the March 13th meeting. Please feel free to email Mr. Ball or Ms. Featherstone with specific questions: nball@kis.or.kr and lfeatherstone@kis.or.kr.

2017-2018 Yearbook Ordering Information

This year's KISMS Yearbook is coming soon and will be delivered near the end of the school year. If you would like to order a yearbook for this year, you must send a wire transfer (**MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE your Powerschool Name or student ID #**) to the account listed below for 60,000 won prior to April 15th. After that date, the cost will increase to 65,000 won.

Wire Transfer information:

하나은행, 198-910013- 91304 한국외국인학교

KEB Hana bank, 198-910013- 91304 (Account holder: Korea International School)

8th Grade Promotion

On June 13th, current KISMS 8th grade students will participate in the end of year promotion ceremony. This will mark the end of their time at the middle school as they transition to the high school. On this date, the ceremony will take place at 9 am in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). There will be more information forthcoming about this great event sponsored by our MS PTO.

After School Sports and Clubs

Volleyball and table tennis are in full swing right now. We are looking forward to a great Season 3 of after-school athletics. KIS will host a volleyball and table tennis jamboree on March 17th and we encourage families to come by and support our students. Basketball will begin in late March and we are still looking to add some Grade 6 boys and Grades 6-8 girls to our teams. If students are interested, please contact Mr. Hernandez. Lastly, On April 7th, KIS will host a boys basketball jamboree and we look forward to having your support.

Join the PTO

Our KISMS is fortunate to have a great partnership and receive excellent support from all of our middle school parents, especially through the PTO. The funds raised through the membership fees for the PTO provide support to many events here at the middle school. Please join the PTO today to help support student initiatives, clubs and day to day activities!

Counselor Coffee

We will host a Counselor Coffee next week Thursday March 8th in the Mini A/B, 9am-10am, which is located in the back of the cafeteria. This session will be a chance for you to connect with your child's current and future Counselor and ask any questions you may have regarding the transition process. We hope to see you all there. If you plan to attend please complete [this](#) quick survey so we can plan accordingly.

Sign Up for the KIS Summer Programs

KIS Summer Program will take place this summer and enrollment is now open! Summer Programs has separate programs for KIS students who will be in grades 6-8 as well as K-2 and 3-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. There are two separate two-week sessions, June 18-29 and July 2-13, and children can enroll in both or either one, if preferred. Here are some details for the 6-8 Summer Program:

- STEM focus with many hours spent in the Maker Space
- Many team building activities and collaborative projects
- 1st Session will revolve around a science fair; students will select from options in May
- 2nd Session students will test physics concepts while building mousetraps racers
- Other activities include weekly field trips, rock climbing, swimming twice a week as well as other recreational activities

All program information is located on the KIS website and the link is provided below for your convenience. If you have any questions, you may contact the Summer Programs Principal, Mr. Hernandez, at jhernandez@kis.or.kr for additional information.

<http://www.kis.or.kr/summer-program/>

Powerschool and Schoology

Powerschool and Schoology are systems we use each day here. If you are struggling to get connected or to navigate it, please contact our EdTech Office. This office is located on the 3rd floor of the G building as you cross the skybridge from the MS building. There is always someone available to assist and to answer your questions. Please come by at any time and interpreters can be available if needed.

Questions about a class?

At KISMS, we want to urge all parents to contact teachers if there are questions or concerns pertaining to any of the classes their child is taking. All of the teachers will gladly respond as soon as they are able to any emails or phone calls. Please remember that communication is key to a successful school system.

Thank you for your continued support of our middle school and all of students and staff. We hope to see you at the March 13th PTO meeting and at the conferences on either March 15th or March 16th in the afternoon.

Sincerely,



Jim Slaid
Middle School Principal
Korea International School