



FUCHUN SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL - HOME LINK

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1. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

I am very pleased to announce our Students of the Month for March 2007. They are the role models for our Fuchun student population as they demonstrate the school values of Integrity, Camaraderie, Adaptability, Responsibility and Excellence, in short ICARE.

LOWER SECONDARY: NADZIRAH BTE EUNOS (Sec 2E1)

Nadzirah is a very lively and cheerful girl who is able to brightens up the class with her enthusiasm and positive work attitude. Teachers find her a joy to teach. She would always volunteer to help her teachers and fellow classmates. She is very responsive in class, participating actively in class discussions and frequently coming up with creative ideas during lessons. She enjoys a very good rapport with her classmates and peers, often encouraging them to do well. Earlier in the year, she met two of her former Sec 1 classmates, invited them into the classroom, welcoming them to join 2E1 for class activities and encouraged them to work hard so that they can be in the same class again in Sec 3.

Nadzirah demonstrated strong leadership qualities when she led the class together with the Chairperson to decorate the class notice board and to craft the class motto – United We Are. She has also helped to maintain class discipline since 2006 as the Chairperson (1E1) and Vice-Chairperson (2E1). She is also able to rally the class and motivate them to work together as evident in the preparation for a class debate on Sex Education during a CME lesson.

Taking her role as 'A Learner' beyond the classroom, Nadzirah is active in school activities. During the Evacuation Exercise on Total Defence Day, she

role-played as a casualty, adding a realistic touch to the exercise. During Literature Festival in Term 1, she played the role of JK Rowling trying to promote the Harry Potter Series to the whole school.

Nadzirah's commitment to her CCA is commendable. She puts in a lot of efforts in all that she does. She believes in learning beyond boundaries and strives to improve herself with every learning opportunity. She is diligent, responsible, and a good team-player. Teachers noted that she is spontaneous in carrying out meaningful initiatives to ensure the success of NPCC programmes. She started preparation for Sec 1 Orientation during Dec 2006 and proceeded to prepare NPCC Station in Term 1, Week 1 for CCA Orientation. She also did Fuchun proud when she was selected to represent Fuchun NPCC at the National NPCC Day Parade. It is a significant event as it requires participants to be committed to weekly trainings till May. Nadzirah has since received many positive feedback and comments from the HQ Trainers. She has proven that she is able to persevere and adapt very well to the tight and demanding discipline required during the weekly trainings at the NPCC Headquarter.

Having displayed such commendable attributes, Nadzirah definitely deserves to be the Student of the Month.

UPPER SECONDARY: FARHATI BTE AHMAD (Sec 5N1)

Farhanti is a responsible and efficient Vice-Chairperson. Teachers can always rely on her to complete given tasks promptly. As an effective Class Leader, she commands respect from others and is well-disciplined herself. She is able to maintain discipline in the class when the need arises. At the same time, she is able to gel the class together and get her classmates to cooperate with her such as having them to do their class duties well. Taking her leadership position seriously, she took the initiative to write the important dates of the year on the whiteboard for the class during the LAM meeting. This is to ensure that the class stays focussed for the year.

Farhanti is also a regular and committed NPCC member. She gets along well with the others in the unit, encouraging the camaraderie spirit among her peers through her CCA.

As a student, Farhanti is self motivated, conscientious and on task, taking pride in her work. She strives to help others while remaining engaged in class. She is focussed on her studies, always attentive in class and participative during lessons. She embodies the School Vision of being 'A Learner', striving to keep abreast with her learning and school work.

Farhanti is always neat and tidy. Polite and unassuming, she also has the integrity to be the the first to acknowledge her mistakes and apologises for her wrongdoings. In doing so, she sets a good example for others in the class, encouraging them to be responsible for their own actions. Farhanti is truly a role-model for all Fuchun students!

2. USE OF HANDPHONE IN SCHOOL

To understand the views and needs of our students better, for the past few months, we gathered feedback from our stakeholders – parents, staff and partners as well as conducted a dialogue session with our student leaders. After listening to the many voices, we have reviewed our rule of a school ban on handphones in school. We would like to inform you of the amendment to this rule and share with you certain expectations that we would like our students to meet. While we would like to educate our students to learn to be responsible (Responsibility being one of school values) in the use of the handphone, we also want to ensure that learning continues to take place with no or little disruption. The following are school rules on the use of handphone we have shared with your child:

- (a) We continue to discourage students to bring their handphone to school as it can become a source of distraction and disruption to learning. However, students who choose to bring their handphone must be responsible for their handphone and its use.
- (b) Students are allowed to use the handphone only as a means of communication; hence they will not be allowed to use their handphone for any other purpose such as playing games, listening to music, taking pictures and so on.
- (c) No student is allowed to use his/her handphone during curriculum hours. As lessons must go on with no disruption, no handphone should be in sight or hearing. Parents are advised to call our general office (Tel No: 63681984) in case of an emergency during these hours. Students will be allowed to use their handphone after curriculum hours only at the designated area, i.e. the school canteen.
- (d) Students must not bring their handphones into an exam/test venue as possession of handphone in such venues can be considered as an attempt to cheat during the test/exam. Serious actions will be taken against these students.
- (e) Should students break any of the above rules, their handphone will be confiscated and it will only be returned to the student through the parent at the end of the term. In addition, students caught for irresponsible use of the handphone (for example, taking pictures, recording videos in school premise without school permission) will face serious consequences such as caning (for boys)/CWO (for girls) and suspension from school.

We have responded to your request to review our handphone ban and now turn to you to seek your assistance in reinforcing the above to your child.

3. REVISION OF CANTEEN FOOD & DRINK PRICES

Our canteen food and drink prices have remained fixed for the past decade or so. Due to this, together with increasing cost and taxes that vendors have to manage, we have accepted our canteen vendors' proposal for increase in prices. However, we must assure you that we have capped this increase to

ensure that the price increase is within our students' affordability. All revised prices will be displayed by each stall. Please note that the price increase will take effect from 9 April 2007.

4. SCHOOL EVENTS

18th ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Our 18th Annual Cross Country Championship will be held on 04 April 2007 (Wednesday) at the Turf City @ Bukit Timah (Turf Club Road, off Dunearn Road). Our Guest-of-Honour is Mrs Nelson Alakarajan, mother of Shobana of Sec 3N1. Students are expected to report directly to the Turf City on that day by 7.30 am. The event is expected to end by 12 noon. Students will be dismissed from the same venue. Transport is not provided. Our students will be briefed during school assembly on the directions / ways to get to Turf City and encouraged to go in groups together with their classmates. As this is a school event, attendance is compulsory. During the briefing, we will also advise our students to drink plenty of water the night before as well on the day of the run to avoid dehydration and would appreciate if you could also ensure that your child does so the night before. As we would like all our partners to join our teachers and students in the run, you are warmly invited to join us for the run as well as to support your child. Kindly indicate in the attached acknowledgement form if you are keen to join us for the cross country run.

21st ANNUAL PRIZE PRESENTATION

To celebrate and acknowledge our students' achievements, both in the academic and non-academic domains, we will be having our Annual Prize Presentation Ceremony on 14 April 2007 (Saturday) from 10 am to 12 noon. All prize winners and student representatives from each class will be attending the ceremony. The ceremony will begin with a march past, followed by prize presentation and a concert. The theme for this year's annual prize presentation is "Nurturing Leaders, Achieving Excellence". We have invited Mrs Chuah-Koh Eng Ngoh, Principal of Fuchun Secondary from 2001 till 2006 as our Guest-of-Honour. We would like to invite you to join us on that morning to give your child your fullest support as this will be an important ceremony in his/her secondary school life.

5. MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

The Mid-Year Examinations will begin on 02 May 2007 (Wednesday). Your child will receive the examination schedule in week 3 of the term. CCAs will be temporarily suspended from 16 April 2007 (Monday) to the end of the examination so that students can concentrate on their studies. I would like to seek your co-operation to monitor your child's preparation for this examination so that he/she will excel.

6. ELECTIVE MODULES FOR SEC 3Ts

To broaden our students' learning horizon and to allow them to experience learning beyond the classroom and to relate it to the real world, we have

offered our Sec 3 NT students Elective Modules – Junior Chef, Video Production and Hairstyling. They will be going to Cook Studio at Liang Seah Place for the Junior Chef, ITE (Ang Mio Kio Campus) for Video Production and Tamaris Hairdressing & Beauty School for Hairstyling to pursue their selected module from 09 to 13 April '07.

7. STRUCTURED STUDY TIME FOR GRADUATING CLASSES

In our January School-Home Link, I shared with you our efforts to provide timetabled study time for our Sec 4 and 5 students. Currently, all students are expected to remain in school from 4 – 5.30 pm, after their tutorials on Tuesday and Thursday. After our Annual Prize Presentation, we will be increasing the days from 2 to 3 days of structured study time for all. The details will be given to your child at a later date. This is to strongly signal to our students the need for intensive studying and revision as their main examinations draw closer and closer. We will continue to provide resource teachers during these hours for the students to seek clarification or any other assistance from these teachers. We would appreciate your understanding for this effort and your continued support by ensuring that your child is revising when he/she is at home.

8. OPPORTUNITY FUND

We would like to once again draw your attention to the Opportunity Fund (over and above the student Edusave) offered by MOE to students (Singaporeans) in need of financial assistance for their enrichment programmes, the PC scheme or their overseas trip organised by the school. We have distributed the application form to your child through his/her GP. Should you be interested, kindly submit the form together with the required documents through your child to our general office.

RANJIT KAUR DHALIWAL (MS)
PRINCIPAL
01 April 2007

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF LETTER

I, (Mr/Mrs/Mdm)* _____, the parent/guardian
of _____ of Secondary _____ acknowledge receipt
of the "School Home Link" letter (Ref: 04/2007).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK
