

Annual Report of SSCPSPTA for 2017-18

This year, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has continued to fulfill the PTA's role as a bridge between parents and St Stephen's College Preparatory School (SSCPS) through the organisation of various events, which provided opportunities for parents, students and teachers to get acquainted with each other outside the classrooms.

SSCPS 80th Anniversary Celebration

2018 is a special year. Our beloved school celebrated its 80th Anniversary with a series of events. One of the special events is the School's 80th Anniversary Concert in April whereby the PTA for the first time, together with Friends of SSCPS, recruited for the Parents' Choir consisting of the almost 100 present and past parents together with some grandparents. It is joyful and heartwarming to celebrate the special time with various generations with the magic of music. Further, the PTA supported and attended the 80th Anniversary Thanksgiving and Rededication Commemorate.

Parents' Lunch

A luncheon for Grade 1 to Grade 6 parents was held on 19 September 2018 for parents to get to know each other and to share their parenting experience as well as their kids' lives at SSCPS. We are honoured to have Dr Wai joined us and shared her insights with parents. Class Representatives were announced during the lunch gathering.

Parents' and Children' Film Show and Sharing

It was the first time that we had separate film shows and sharing sessions for parents and students of G4-G6 respectively on the topic "Video games addiction". We invited Cheng Ching Chi (a youngster cured for video games addiction), his mom and a professional trainer to the sharing. They shared and facilitated discussions about video games addiction and the tips of how parents and children should deal with situations whereby the children have addicted to playing video games. The sharing was well received by the children and parents.

Family Fun Day

Our highlight event of the year, the annual Family Fun Day, was held on 3 December 2017 at the school football pitch. It was a phenomenal success with record numbers achieved in all aspects including both the number of tickets sold (2,194 tickets and over HK\$148,000 in ticket income) and the number of participants (1,746 participants). The kids had great fun bouncing on the giant inflatables, and playing at the game booths that were run by the parents of individual classes. We received cash and gift sponsorships from more than 60 families, and were able to raise around HK\$ 330,000 for the event. The charity photo booth and food kiosks contributed over HK\$ 72,000 and thanks to the popularity of our Principal, Dr Wai, who attracted hundreds of donors to these two booths. The total net income of HK\$ 411,110 of the Family Fun day was transferred to our Charity and Education Development Fund for donations to the needy and for the school using the fund on the children development programmes and upgrading facilities.

Gifts Transfer Programme

This year, approximately 120 confectionary items were collected after the Lunar New Year (February 2018) and were donated to the People's Food Bank of St. James' Settlement.

Joint Schools Event – Tea gathering with St. Stephen's College parents and SSCPS Grade 6 parents

The tea gathering was catered to Grade 6 parents who would like to gain an insight from existing SSC parents was held in the evening on 15 March 2018 at the Helena May in Central. The event

received very positive response with around 70 parents of SSCPS and SSC attended. We are privileged to have Dr Wai and Ms Yang answered questions from the parents on the day.

Joint Schools Event – English Debating Tournament with St Stephen’s College

The PTA co-organised an English Debating Tournament (for Grade 5-6 primary school students and Form 1-2 secondary school students) with St. Stephen’s College as a host. International schools and local schools were invited to participate. The winner was Renaissance College for primary school rounds and St. Mark’s School was the champion for secondary school rounds. The PTA sponsored around HK\$ 12,000 for this meaning event.

Parent-Child Community Service

We invited our parents and students to visit an experience centre “Foodstep Journey” operated by Food Angel in October 2017. The parents and students learnt and discussed issues of local and global food waste and famine. The event received a very good response with more than 320 applicants registered and we could only accommodate 80 participants. The priority was also given to SSCPS Grade 3-6 students and allotments were drawn by SSCPS accordingly.

Newsletter

Two issues of the PTA newsletter were published in November 2017 and June 2018. Besides reporting on PTA and school events (including overseas tours), teachers, parents and students were invited to write for the newsletter on a particular subject or share their experiences at the PTA and school activities. The newsletter also reported on SSCPS 80th Anniversary events and students’ achievements in external competitions.

Souvenirs to PTA members

As a token of appreciation for joining the PTA, a cap (with different colours for different houses) was given to each of the member students in May this year.

Graduation Yearbook

This was the seventh year that the PTA coordinated the production of the graduation yearbook for Grade 6 which records the precious moments and happy memories of their school as well as boarding lives in SSCPS. As in previous years, we also facilitated the formation of a working committee for the e-Time Capsule project among current Grade 6 parents.

Hug Hug Teachers’ Day

This year’s Hug Hug Teachers’ Day was held in June (for PTA brief presentation to students) and in October 2018 (for hugging teachers part). At the year-end assembly in June, umbrellas as gifts were presented to the teacher representatives by the student representatives. In October, there was “Hug Hug” time on the playground where students showed their appreciation and gratitude by giving their teachers a big hug and presented them with roses.

Charity and Education Development Fund

This year, HK\$ 411,110 raised at Family Fun Day was transferred to the Charity and Education Development Fund. Donations were made from this Fund to the charities and our school:

- School facilities and children development programmes (HK\$300,000)
- Chinese Corpus (HK\$45,000)
- Campus Reporter (HK\$ 37,511)
- 80th Anniversary Concert (HK\$ 15,000)
- YWCA (HK\$5,000)
- Raffles tickets for charities (HK\$ 4,600)

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