

Annual Report of SSCPSPTA for 2019-20

By Banny Wong, Chairman of PTA

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has organized and arranged a variety of activities over the year. I am so proud and blessed to work with an amazing group of parents and teachers executive committee this year. The work of the PTA would not have been so successful without the support and participation of parent volunteers and the members of the St. Stephen's College Preparatory School (SSCPS).

Parents' Lunch

A luncheon for Grade 1 to Grade 6 parents was held on 24 September 2019 for parents to get to know each other and to share their parenting experience, as well as their kids' lives at SSCPS. This year, we had 299 parents joined the luncheon and it reached the highest attendant on record. We are pleased to have Dr Agnes Wai joined us and shared her insights with parents. Class Representatives were announced during the lunch gathering.

Hug Hug Teachers' Day

This school year's Hug Hug Teachers' Day was held at school on 11 October 2019. There was "Hug Hug" time on the playground where students showed their appreciation and gratitude by giving their teachers a big hug and presenting them with paper roses.

Parent-Child Community Service

We have continued to perform elderly home visits in Sai Wan Ho district operated by YWCA Ming Yue District Elderly Community Centre on 10 November 2019. The parents and students learnt how to help the elderly feel loved and cared for during home visits and presentations of gifts (noodles and daily personal care products). The event received a very good response with 245 applicants registered and we could accommodate most of participants. Priority was also given to SSCPS Grade 3-6 students and allotments were drawn by SSCPS accordingly.

Family Fun Day

The annual Family Fun Day was postponed and rescheduled to 19 January 2020 at the school football pitch due to the social protest incident. Unlike previous events, which were launched out right before the Christmas, This Family Fun Day was launched out before Chinese New Year. In order to welcome and celebrate Chinese traditional festival, we had implemented not only the Chinese "fai chun" calligraphy demonstration hosted by Wong sir and parent-child calligraphy competition, but also Chinese festive food prepared by the volunteer parents during the event. We were so blessed to have sunny intervals and cloudy weather on the event day which was the perfect weather for this very special annual activity. This year, we incorporated the theme of "Love Our Mother Nature" into our Family Fun Day, which aligned with the series of Ethics Education Programme of which our school was carrying out. We also encouraged every participant of the event to "Bring Your Own Utensils" and water bottle to enjoy tasty food and drinks at the food kiosk. It was a great success achieved in all aspects including both the number of tickets sold (2,168 tickets and over HK\$164,000 in ticket revenue) and the number of participants (1,732 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 80 families, and were able to raise around HK\$309,000 for the event and a total net income around HK\$370,000 from the Family Fun day was transferred to our Charity and Education Development Fund for donation to the needy and for the school to use on the children development programmes and facilities upgrades. Thanks must go to Dr Agnes Wai, Wong sir, Lo sir, all the teachers, school supporting staff and parent volunteers for the great support and enthusiasm which made the event so successful!

Celebration for Christmas

The PTA kept to organise “One Student One Ice-cream” event for all students, teachers and supporting staff to celebrate the Christmas festival on 19 December 2019. We were glad to see a lot of happy faces on our students and special thanks to our executive committee members and volunteer parents for sponsoring the ice-cream in this event.

Joint Schools Event – Tea gathering with SSC parents and SSCPS Grade 5& 6 parents

The 2-hour tea gathering catered for Grade 5 & 6 parents was originally scheduled in the evening of 18 February 2020 at the “The Classified in Exchange Square” restaurant in Central. However, the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gifts Transfer Programme

This year, we have requested parents to donate and send those gift items to the People’s Food Bank of St. James’ Settlement following the Chinese New Year in late February 2020. It is so great that our children are so ready to share the joy of festive food with those in need.

Special gifts to all teachers, staff and students

Upon the class resumption, our students were requested to wear face masks and bring at least two extra face masks when they went back to school. To help everyone keep their face masks properly, we had specially provided all teachers, staff and students a mask case with PTA logo in the first week when school resumes. We hope this little practical tool can help everyone maintain a good hygiene standard at school.

Souvenirs to PTA members

As a token of appreciation for joining the PTA, Magic Cube was given to each of the student member in June this year. For teacher members, ultra-violet sanitizing boxes were presented as gifts to the teachers in the last school day this year.

Newsletter

Two issues of the PTA newsletter were published in November 2019 and July 2020. Besides reporting on PTA and school events, 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 students’ achievements in various external competitions.

Graduation Yearbook

This was the ninth 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 those boarding lives at SSCPS.

e-Time Capsule

As in previous years, we also facilitated the formation of a working committee for the e-Time Capsule project among Grade 6 parents. Besides this, we have started to liaise with the parent representatives of students who graduated in this year from 2012 to 2019 to arrange our inaugural 10-year graduation gathering which will be scheduled to launch out in 2022.

Charity and Education Development Fund

This year, around HK\$ 370,000 raised at the Family Fun Day was transferred to the Charity and Education Development Fund. Donations were made to the charities and into our school:

- School facilities and children development programmes (HK\$250,000)
- School magazine, Chime (HK\$8,000)
- EcoDrive (HK\$5,000)