

Annual Report of SSCPSPTA for 2013-14

It has been another busy year for the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). We continue to fulfill PTA's role as the bridge between parents and school through the organization of various events which provide opportunities for parents, students and teachers to mingle and get acquainted outside the classroom.

Parents Lunch

Two parents lunches, one in October 2013 and one in March 2014, were organized for parents to know each other, and to share their parenting experience and their kids' life at school. There were 130+ and 70+ parents joining the two lunches respectively.

Family Fun Day

Our highlight event of the year, the annual Family Fun Day, was held on December 15, 2013 at the school football pitch. We received registration from over 1,500 students, parents and their friends. Despite the "wet" weather, more than 70% of them showed up in raincoats or with umbrellas for the event. The kids were having great fun bouncing on the giant inflatables, and playing at the game booths of individual classes which were run by the parents. We received cash and gifts sponsorship from 30+ parents, and were able to raise \$11,000 and \$12,399 from the "Charity Photo" session with Dr. Wai and charity food sales respectively.

Gifts Transfer Programme

Over 100 boxes of confectionaries, cookies and biscuits were collected from students after the Lunar New Year (Feb 2014), and were donated to the People's Food Bank of St. James' Settlement.

Readathon and Picnic

Around 170 students participated in the Readathon by reading a Chinese book distributed to them before the Easter holidays, and returning the book after the holidays for donation to the under-privileged children served by the Society for Community Organization. Participants of the Readathon and their family members were invited to join a picnic held on May 18, 2014 at Tai Tam Reservoir. 360+ people registered for the picnic, and 200+ showed up due to unstable weather on that day.

Newsletter

Two issues of PTA newsletter were published in November 2013 and June 2014 respectively. 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 on the PTA/school activities attended. The newsletter also reported on students' achievements in external competitions.

Parents' Seminar

A professional speech therapist, Ms. Christine Ching was invited to conduct a parents' seminar on "Smart Social Behaviour" on May 19, 2014.

Graduation Yearbook

This was the third year that the PTA coordinated the production of the graduation yearbook for the grade 6 graduates. This yearbook keeps records of the precious moments and happy memories of their school and boarding life in SSCPS. As in previous years, we also facilitated the formation of a working committee for the Time Capsule project among current grade 6 parents.

Hug Hug Teachers' Day

This year's Hug Hug Teachers' Day was held on June 30, 2014. Flowers and self-inked "LIKE" stamps were presented to the teacher representatives by the student representatives at the assembly. There was "Hug Hug" time at the playground for students to show their appreciation and gratitude to their teachers by giving them a big hug.

Dessert Sponsorship for Students of the Month

The PTA continued to sponsor dessert for the Students of the Month and their guests. This year, the sponsorship was extended from covering senior grades only to all grades from 1 to 6.

Charity and Education Fund

This year, the PTA Charity and Education Fund sponsored the printing and production cost (\$48,000) of a Chinese book named 怡情集 which was published by SSCPS and comprised of selected articles written by the school's Chinese Language teachers and students from different grades. Donations were also made to the below charitable organizations:

- Society for Community Organization (\$6,000)
- Happy Tree Social Services (\$12,000)
- Hans Andersen Club Limited (\$12,000)

Finally, we would like to extend our heartiest appreciation to the School Principal, Vice-Principal, all teaching and supporting staff for their continuous support to PTA events, and express our deepest gratitude to our parent volunteers for their assistance provided to our activities. Last but not least, three cheers to all parent and teacher executive committee members for their hard work, dedication and invaluable contributions to the association!

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