



## WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Through the Principal,  
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva

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Dear P1 Parents/Guardians,

### Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you have had a rejuvenating and meaningful June holidays with your child. With more relaxed Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in place for COVID-19, the school will continue to plan for engaging and enriching experiences for your child in Term 3.

Since 2019, the Student Development Department (SDD) has adopted the **PROSPER** framework (T. Noble and H. McGrath) to guide us in our students' wellbeing programmes, where we Encourage **Positivity**, Build **Relationships**, Facilitate **Outcomes**, Focus on **Strengths**, Foster a sense of **Purpose**, Enhance **Engagement** and Teach **Resilience**.

As we embark on our exciting journey this term, let us focus on **strengths**. A 'strength' can be a specific skill or ability such as writing, reading, playing music, swimming, cartooning, leadership or even using spreadsheets. It can also be a character trait such as persistence, bravery, kindness to others, sense of humour. The school uses a strengths-based approach to help your child select strategies for the identification of his/her strengths so he/she has opportunities to develop a deep understanding of his/her relative strengths and areas for growth.

It has been reported that when children work with their strengths they tend to learn more readily, perform at a higher level, are more motivated and confident, and have a stronger sense of satisfaction, mastery and competence. The question therefore has been changed from 'how smart is this child?' to 'how is this child smart?'. More importantly, the question has changed from 'Is this child strong?' to 'what are the strengths of this child?'. It is up to us to identify the strengths of each child and help him/her build on their strengths.

## Programme for Active Learning (PAL)

The Programme for Active Learning (PAL) is an integral part of the Primary 1 and 2 curriculum that aims to broaden the learning experiences of our students through play.

The 3 main objectives of PAL are to:

- a) provide students with broad exposure and experiences through fun and varied activities areas:
  - Sports & Games and Outdoor Education, and
  - Performing Arts (Music and Dance) and Visual Arts
- b) facilitate holistic development of students in the 5 domains, that is moral, cognitive, physical, social and aesthetics
- c) provide varied avenues for students to develop social and emotional competencies

The 2 board areas of Sports & Games and Outdoor Education, and Performing Arts and Visual Arts are selected as they provide platforms for experiential learning and opportunities for learning experiences to acquire a range of skills as well as interaction with their peers.

As part of the experiential learning, for the P1 students, under Visual Arts module, the students will be going to River Wonders during curriculum in Term 3. More details will be given about the trip nearer to the outing. The respective classes will be going for their Learning Journey at the following dates:

PAL Learning Journey to River Wonders				
Class	25 Jul	1 Aug	22 Aug	29 Aug
1A	√			
1B	√			
1C		√		
1D		√		
1E			√	
1F			√	
1G				√
1H				√

Collectively, these experiences are building blocks that allow our students to practise the school values of Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Commitment and Kindness, as well as develop into confident, curious, creative and cooperative students.

Warm regards,

Mrs Teng-Lim Suat Lay  
Year Head (P1 & 2)

### Schedule of Key Events for Term 3

Date	Activity	Remarks
27 Jun – 5 Jul	Health Check	P1, 2 & 5 students
4 Jul	<b>School Holiday - Youth Day (in-lieu)</b>	No school for all students
11 Jul	<b>Public Holiday - Hari Raya Haji (in-lieu)</b>	No school for all students
25 July	Learning Journey to River Wonders	Class 1A and 1B
26 July	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Students need to be dressed in ethnic costume
1 Aug	Learning Journey to River Wonders	Class 1C and 1D
8 Aug	National Day Celebrations	7.30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
9 Aug	<b>Public Holiday - National Day</b>	No school for all students
10 Aug	<b>School Holiday - National Day</b>	No school for all students
15 Aug – 16 Aug	PSLE Oral	No school for P1 – P5 students
22 Aug	Learning Journey to River Wonders	Class 1E and 1F
29 Aug	Learning Journey to River Wonders	Class 1G and 1H
2 Sep	<b>School Holiday –Teacher’s Day</b>	No school for all students
<b>School Holidays (3 September to 11 September)</b>		