



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Letter To Parents (Term 3)

30 June 2022

Dear Parents

Greetings!

We welcome our children back for an exciting and engaging learning experience in Term 3. I believe that you have spent some good times with your children during the holidays and they are all energised and inspired to be back in school.

While the challenges of COVID have not been eradicated totally, I think our children after having gone through the rollercoaster journey over the past 2 years have adapted themselves well and have become more confident and resilient in facing this unpredictable future. As for now, there will be no changes to the learning landscape and school will continue to stay open and safe. We must continue to reiterate the importance of personal hygiene and social responsibility amongst our children. We as good role models must teach them to comply with all safety management measures.

Our children's learning, safety and well-being will continue to be our top priorities and children should be encouraged and motivated to stay focused on their learning and work towards achieving their goals and aspirations. We will continue to anchor them in strong values so that they continue to grow in confidence and resilience.

At the recent School Assembly, I shared a simple story with the children –

The Story of the Two Seeds.

*Two seeds lay side by side in the fertile soil. The **first seed** said "I want to grow! I want to send my roots deep into the soil beneath me, and thrust my sprouts through the earth's crust above me... I want to unfurl my tender buds to announce the arrival of spring... I want to feel the warmth of the sun on my face and the morning dew on my petals... and so she grew and flourished!*

*On the other hand, the **second seed** said "Hmmm. If I send my roots into the ground below, I don't know what I will encounter in the dark. If I push my way through the hard soil above me, I may damage my delicate sprouts... what if I let my buds open and a snail tries to eat them? And if I were to open my blossoms, a small child may pull me from the ground. No, it is much better for me to wait until it is safe." And so she waited. One day, a hen scratching the ground for food found this waiting seed and promptly ate it*

What do we want our children to become – *the **first seed** or the **second seed!***
I am sure we all share the same answer –it's the **first seed**.



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Our children must have a dream and the belief that they can achieve it one day. They must always give off their best and overcome difficulties and challenges with courage. Like a pencil they must continue to sharpen themselves to become better. They must realise a failure is the stepping-stone to success and never give up! Confidence and resilience must become their forte!

We are indeed a key part of their journey. As parents and teachers, we must work together to ensure that our children are active and engaged learners and become gracious friends. *Active Minds & Gracious Heart is the way forward!*

*Believing in your dreams is the only way to reach your destination!
Imagine with all your mind. Believe with all your heart. Achieve with all your might!*

Best Wishes!

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal



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Staff Updates

We thank the following staff for their contributions to the school. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours

1. Ms Lee Jia Qi (School Counsellor)
2. Ms Goh Xinmin
3. Ms Nurul Atiqah

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to the school

1. Ms Yao Ling Ling

Contacting our Staff

You can contact our staff through the following platforms:

- General Office hotline: **62679234** (from 7.00 am to 5.30 pm (Mon to Fri))
- Email (Refer to **<http://westgrovepri.moe.edu.sg>**)
- Student Handbook

Please remind your child to approach the general office for assistance when they are not picked up after school. In addition, parents are encouraged to approach school staff for any concerns and assistance required with regards to student matters.

Safe Management Measures

Students who are unwell should continue to stay home. Do inform your child's form teacher should your child tests positive for Covid-19.

All students are also reminded to ensure that they have daily a thermometer, water bottle, extra face mask and hand sanitizer. We encourage all students to pack a bag / case labelled with their name to safe keep their masks during physical exercise / when eating.



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School Canteen

The school canteen will not provide disposable forks and spoons for students who are eating in the ISH Canteen to align to our Environment Education programme - Empowered Emissary of the Environment (E³). Students are to bring their own lunchbox and cutleries to reduce our carbon footprints for a more sustainable environment.

Art Auction

As part of the curriculum to teach our students empathy and raise awareness of the needs of children their age, the school has been organizing Art Auction and various community exhibitions. Over the years, the proceeds from our Art Auction have gone to the School Advisory Committee funds to support our FAS students, The Straits Time School Pocket Money Fund, Child Aid, Business Times Budding Artists Funds and the Children's Cancer Foundation. In 2021, we held our annual online auction, and we are pleased to announce that we have raised a total of \$1,295 and all gross proceeds went to the Children's Cancer Foundation.

We will continue to hold our online auction and donate all gross proceeds to the Children's Cancer Foundation. This will be a good learning point for our children to show care for others through their artistic talents.

The auction features the works of our students from P1-6 classes, and they are created during their weekly art lessons. We invite all parents and students to show their support by registering at the website <http://www.whereartsgrow.com> to bid for the artworks that are up for sale.

Online art auction will start on **1 August 2022** and end on **21 August 2022 (2359)**. Thank you for your support in your child's Arts development. We look forward to your participation.

Racial Harmony Day

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on Tuesday, 26 July 22. This is a day for students to reflect on and celebrate our success as a harmonious nation, built on a rich diversity of cultures. This year's RHD theme is Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic.

To commemorate this event, we would like to encourage your child to come in his/her ethnic costume with school shoes on **Tuesday, 26 July 22**. Do note that lessons will be conducted as per normal; the celebrations will be done during FTGP.



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National Day

As Singapore moves towards resuming large-scale events, we have the opportunity to physically celebrate National Day in West Grove, bringing students together and engaging them through exciting and meaningful activities.

This year's theme parade, "*Stronger together, Majulah!*", calls for all Singaporean to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. It also serves as a reminder that unity in our diversity is what makes us stronger.

The National Day 2022 Committee will ensure that all celebrations are done in a safe, exciting and meaningful manner. We will still remain adaptable and agile in our National Day plans and make the necessary changes accordingly, in line with the national guidelines.

Teacher's Day

For the past two years, COVID-19 has had a big impact on schools and posed unprecedented challenges to the nation. We had to live with uncertainties and frequent disruptions. There has been much work behind the scenes to keep our schools going and safe. Teachers have shouldered much additional workload and made personal sacrifices - looking after each and every one of our students, leaving no student behind.

In commemoration of Teachers' Day a concert will be organized for our teachers on **1 September 2022, Thursday**. The theme will be "Passion", to honour our teachers for going the extra mile for their students and to appreciate our teachers. Despite family commitments of their own, our teachers devote themselves tirelessly and passionately to their students to develop their potential to the fullest. Although the impact of a teacher may not be evident immediately, the role of a teacher is irreplaceable. Join us in showing our appreciation to our teachers!

Handphone Usage

The school has a strict policy on the use of handphones in the school. Students can only use their handphones at the school foyer after curriculum hours, and only for communicating with parents and caregivers. We seek parents' understanding and cooperation on this. Please provide handphones to your children only if it is necessary for communication. Students will be allowed to use the phone in the General Office to contact parents when necessary.