REFLECTIONS ON CAS

“Reflecting over the last two years, I’m now much more active, not only in sports, but also in terms of community service.” So says one Grade 12 student who has come to the official end to his Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) programme. I hope though that, this isn’t the end of this particular student’s CAS involvement, but only one stage in an active life of giving back to the community that has given him so much.

Each student’s CAS programme is unique and the level of learning from it will vary from one individual to the next. Much depends on the student’s affinities and the type of activities the student chooses to be involved with. All students should find activities: that present a new challenge to them; that develop new skills; and that engage them in issues of global importance, to name a few of the expected learning outcomes that now play a critical role in CAS. The depth of learning through their involvement is evident in their reflective journal entries.

For example, the activity “Volunteering at St. Barnabas” is brought more to life when reading her journal entry. “I never thought that I would talk to a homeless person on the street, but this activity has broadened my horizons and now I’m proud to say that I’ve done so. Because of CAS, I needed to find a place to work at in order to get service hours. That was when my friends and I came across a church run homeless shelter called the St. Barnabas’ Society Home. The supervisors told us we should learn to understand the lives of the homeless first, so we met up with a friend of the supervisors, “Ah Sing”, a homeless man who has lived on a bench in the park for over 15 years. I didn’t really want to talk to him at first, but after listening to him, my views about him changed. He was a very nice, genuine man. After talking for half an hour, we gave him a couple of sandwiches that we had brought along with us and said our goodbyes.”

To sum up in the words of another graduating student: “The best things about CAS is not only the activities we are forced to do but also the element of reflection. They add to the whole process. Without the reflections we might never think about all these implications in what we’ve learned. Even though we might be reluctant to write them it does force us to actively reflect on what we are doing.”

Jon Hamilton
CAS Coordinator

Alan Dick Memorial Walk
Join us Monday, March 22 as we launch the inaugural Alan Dick Memorial Walk. Our goal is to walk the same distance as walking across Canada from St. John’s to Victoria (over 8,000km!!!). More information is available on the last page of Flash. Please print off the form and return it to your child’s teacher.

The yearbook committee is looking for pictures of Alan with students. If you have one, please email it to Iris Chang at irischang@cdnis.edu.hk by March 22.

Last Day of School
Due to the Tuen Ng Festival holiday, the last day of school will be Tuesday, June 15. Report cards will be handed out on this day and it will be regular dismissal at 2:30. The last day for teachers will be Friday, June 18.

CDN National Rugby Team
In just a few weeks, Hong Kong’s biggest sporting event will take place and CDNIS is proud to be a part of the celebrations. Join us Tuesday, March 23 as we welcome the Canadian Senior Men’s National Rugby Team to CDNIS. Watch as the squad battles our girls and boys touch football/rugby teams on our 6th floor playground. Support the Canadian team by picking up a Rugby Canada t-shirt for just $150! Grab some autographs and take pictures with the team! Action gets underway at 9:30am. See you there!
LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Spring into Reading
The annual festival of reading is underway. On Monday the entire school participated in Reading Buddies, while on Wednesday, old books found new homes during the Book Swap. Don’t forget to dress as your favourite storybook character tomorrow, Friday, March 12. For a list of all the Spring into Reading activities and necessary forms, check out wow.cispa.hk. The entry form for the Chinese Creative Writing Short Story Challenge will be available March 15.

March Movie Madness Fundraising Event
The Lower School Student Council is organizing a special event “Movie Madness!” for Prep to Grade 6 students on Friday, March 26 from 2:45pm – 4pm. A small snack will be provided while watching the movie. Please see the permission slip sent home last Friday for more details and return it along with the $30 admission fee (cash) to your child’s teacher by Friday, March 12. Students will be able to take the 4:20pm bus service, however bus routes will be limited and there will be no supervising bus mothers. Students can be picked up by car at the LLAC lobby. All proceeds support the Hong Kong Society for the Blind.

Festival of the Arts: Student Showcase Auditions
One of the highlights of the May festival will be a Student Showcase. Auditions will be held in the Forum March 24 and 25 from 2:45pm – 4pm. Interested students need to download and complete the form on the last page of the Flash and submit it to the 9/F office by Monday, March 15.

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

The annual Grade 8 “Speak Off” competition was held March 10 in the LLAC. Two finalists from each homeroom presented passionate speeches. This event marked the culmination of a Social Justice Unit in Grade 8 Language A English. Congratulations go out to the first place winner, Jaime Deverall from 8C, who spoke about the unfair treatment of Filipino Domestic Workers in Hong Kong. The second place winner was Georgie Beale from 8E with a speech entitled ‘Gay Marriage Rights’ and third place went to Alison Cheung from 8B who presented a speech entitled ‘Child Prostitution’.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Tuition Fee Deposit Due and Withdrawal Notice
Just a reminder the first term tuition fee deposit is due Friday, March 26. Please let us know before Thursday, May 20 if your child will not be returning in August. This will ensure you receive your deposit back and also allow us to offer places to children currently on the waiting list. If you have any questions, or did not receive your invoice, please contact Joseph Cheng in our Accounts Department at 2240 6308.

First Aid/CPR Course for Parents and Caregivers
The Emergency First Response “Care for Children” course will be held Saturday, March 27 at CDNIS from 9am – 4pm and costs $900/person. Contact Jason Sylvester at 9764 9508 or sylvesterjay@juno.com to register.
SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to Brian Wong who smashed seven SEASAC swimming records, won eight gold medals and was named SEASAC Swimming Male Athlete of the Meet in Jakarta over the weekend. Brian set new SEASAC records in 50m Breast, 100m Free, 50m Fly, 200m Free, 100m Fly, 50m Free and 100m Breast and won the 200m Individual Medley.

Other great results:
Julain Snelling – 2nd in 400m Free and 4th in 100m Fly
Pascal Snelling – 3rd in 200m Backstroke and 4th in 100m Backstroke and 50m Backstroke
Magnus Thorkelson – 4th in 50m Backstroke
Christian Hwa – 1st in 200m Backstroke and a new SEASAC record, 1st in 200m Free, 2nd in 100m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley, 3rd in 100m Fly and 50m Backstroke.

Congratulations to all our SEASAC swimmers and thanks to Ms Garnhum, Ms Edwards and Mr Hung for taking our team to Jakarta for the competition and for all their hard work over the season.

March 16
Girls/Boys U12 Badminton @ ICS 4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Girls/Boys U14 Badminton @ HKIS 4pm, 5pm and 6pm

March 17
Girls Softball @ HOME 3pm
Girls U16 Badminton @ HKIS 4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Girls U20 Badminton @ HKIS 4pm, 5pm and 6pm

March 18
Boys U16 Badminton @ HOME 4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Boys U20 Badminton @ HOME 4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Boys U20 Football @ Kowloon Tsai Park 4:45pm

March 19
Coed SEASAC Badminton @ HOME 8am
Boys/Girls SEASAC Softball @ RIS 8am

March 20
Boys SEASAC Softball @ RIS 8am
Girls SEASAC Softball @ RIS 8am
Coed SEASAC Badminton @ HOME 8am

Important Calendar Dates
March 8 – 26 – Read-A-Thon
March 22 – Alan Dick Memorial Walk
March 22 – 26 – Lower School Book Fair
March 26 – Tuition Fee Deposit 2010/2011 Due
March 26 – Dress Down Day
March 31 – Term 2 Report Cards – Upper School

April 1 – Dismissal at 11am
April 2-9 – Spring Break (school closed)
April 13 – IB DP Exhibition by Visual Arts Graduates
April 16 – US Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school for Upper School)
April 19 – Dismissal at 11am
April 26 – 30 – Grade 7/8 China Trip
April 30 – Dress Down Day

May 3 – 7 – Lower School Festival of the Arts
May 21 – Buddha’s Birthday (school closed)
May 25 – Athletic Awards Banquet
May 28 – Dress Down Day
May 31 – June 11 – Grade 9 – 12 Exams

June 15 – Graduation
June 15 – Last day of school and Report Cards (Dismissal at 2:30pm)

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CDNIS Lower School Festival of the Arts

STUDENT SHOWCASE APPLICATION

Canadian International School of Hong Kong is hosting a Student Showcase for the Festival of the Arts for:
• Reception to Grade 2 students on Tuesday, May 4th from 8:00 - 11:30 am
• Grade 3 to 6 students on Thursday, May 6th from 8:00 - 11:30 am
• Grade 7 to 10 students on Wednesday, May 5th from 12:30 - 1:15 pm
It is an invaluable opportunity to show your talents to your parents, teachers and peers!

All interested students are invited to attend the audition at the Alan Dick Forum. Please check below for your preferred audition date:
  o Wednesday, March 24th (2:45 pm - 4:00 pm)
  o Thursday, March 25th (2:45 pm - 4:00 pm)

Please complete the information below and submit your application to 9/F Front desk by Monday, March 15th.

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Type of performance: ____________________________________________
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(for example, microphone, instruments, amplifiers, etc.)

Monday, March 22, 2010
Aberdeen Sports Ground

Programme:
08:00 – 08:45 Travel to the Aberdeen Sports Ground
(Grade 4 and above on foot, Grade 3 and below by buses)
08:45 – 09:00 Opening Ceremony
09:00 – 10:15 The Walk
10:15 – 11:45 Lunch / Performance / Concert
(Complimentary lunch will be provided to all students (hot dog, special cookies and drink). Parents are welcome to purchase lunch.)
11:45 – 12:00 Closing Remarks
12:00 Return to Classes

Participants: CDNIS community: all parents, staff & students

Purpose: Building community, remembering Alan Dick and fundraising to support the Alan Dick Memorial Fund

Canadian International School of Hong Kong

Upper School Summer Mandarin Immersion Trip to Beijing 2010.
20th June to the 5th of July 2010
Registration Deadline: 29th April 2010

Do you want to improve your Mandarin skills? Do you want to improve your B scores?
Do you want to learn to use your Mandarin skills in an authentic setting?
Do you want to experience and learn Chinese Culture in an exciting and fun way?

Eligible applicants: A grade 10 to 12 - Current students who are taking Chinese classes, and those who want to take-up Chinese studies next year in CDNIS or in University.

The program will include:
- Cultural Tours
- Daily Mandarin classes (MMP Foundation, MMP Advanced, MMP Advanced, IV)
- Daily Due to Chinese culture language partner
- Daily cultural clubs
- Daily culture activities
- Daily language activities
- Workshops, trips to Beijing and Shanghai

Scholarships will be offered (all expenses paid), all registered applicants are eligible to apply!

Registration: Due or before the 29th April 2010. Full payment and registration form must be handed in to Mrs Vanessa Wong.

Contacts: Vanessa Wong (Exams & School Secretary) Email: parawong@cdnisd.com Phone: 2346316
Phany Phoe (Program Leader) Email: phany@cdnisd.com
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Registration forms and information: Download from school website - www.cdnisd.com

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