

ASHK NEWSLETTER

Empowering students to be independent critical thinkers and responsible global citizens

Progress Reports and Parent/ Teacher Conferences

The progress reports sent home earlier this week should be viewed as a “snapshot” of how your child is performing early on in the new school year. Parents can expect to see a more detailed report with anecdotal comments from the homeroom teacher at the end of January.

Parent/teacher conferences will take place on **Friday, November 2nd**. There is no school for students on this day. Please refer to the email message sent from school on October 23 for information regarding registration for the conferences using our on-line booking system.



CHILDREN HELPING
CHILDREN
DROP OFF DATES
NOVEMBER 5TH - 9TH



All students are encouraged to dress-up in their favorite character on Halloween. Please use common sense in selecting appropriate costumes. Costumes must be safe and not gory. No simulated weapons are permitted.

Wednesday, October 31st.

- ✦ **7:45 - 9:35 am:** students attend class as normal (in Halloween costume)
- ✦ **9:35 - 10:15 am:** assembly hosted by the PE Department in the gymnasium. Parents are invited to attend
- ✦ **10:15 - 11:00 am:** Trick or Treat for all students on the ground floor. Parents of students in KG and grade 1 are invited to participate
- ✦ **11:00 am:** students return to class

Learner Profile Attribute Featured:

Creative

Please note that there are no ECA's on October 31



ECA Update

We have 3 weeks to go till the end of our session 1 ECA's, which end on Friday, November 16th.

The session 2 ECA website will be launched on November 7th. The system is open for parents to register from November 12th - 14th. Students in Kindergarten are permitted to register for ECA's in session 2.

There are no ECA's from November 19th - 23rd.

Session 2 ECA's start on Monday, November 26th.

We look forward to your ongoing support of these activities.

Winter Uniform

A reminder to all parents that students may start wearing the winter uniform in November but it must be worn by all students from the beginning of December through to the end of March inclusive.

Please note that the uniform company will set up a temporary shop to sell the uniform on the day of the parent conferences from 10:00 - 4:00 pm in the 3rd floor meeting room. Please take advantage of this opportunity to purchase your child's uniform.

Pencil in the Date:

Join us for our 2nd annual

**American Thanksgiving
Family Picnic and Movie
Afternoon**

**Thursday, November 22
(Details to follow)**

Upcoming Coffee Mornings

The ASHK Music Programme KG - G8

Tuesday, November 6th

8:00 am

Presenter: Ms. Mandy

please note that this session will now have a combined elementary and middle school focus

Active Listening Workshop

Focus: long term goals for children; common challenges; recognising emotional upset; communication roadblocks; the helping relationship; active listening; personal action plan

Tuesday, November 13th **(in English)**

Tuesday, November 20th **(in Mandarin)**

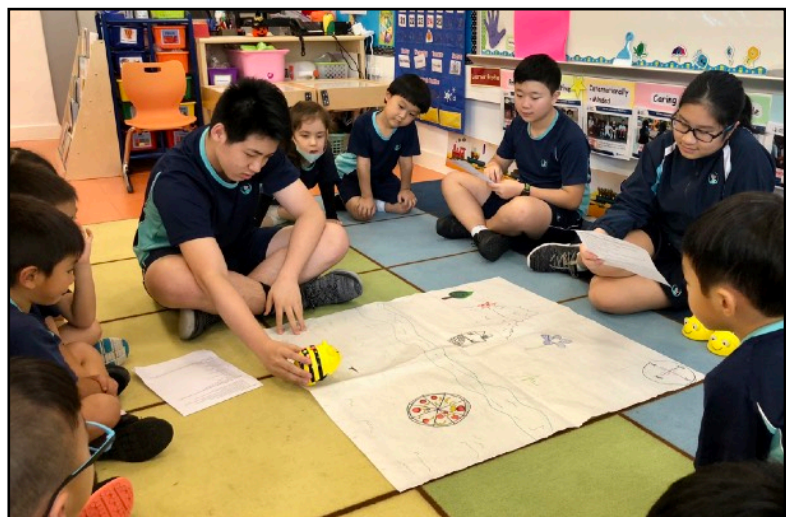
8:00 - 9:30 am

Presenters:

Gordon Parenting: gordonparenting.com

Programming is alive at ASHK

Ms. Samantha's KG students recently made friends with our Bee-Bot robots! Our 8th grade tech team guided the KG students as they learned that a program is a set of steps. There was much excitement as the students showed their thinking skills while they guided the Bee-Bot through each command sequence to finally return home. What a fun way to learn programming, develop critical thinking skills, and celebrate learning with our friends!



Join us for the Terry Fox Run Hong Kong

The Terry Fox Run is a great opportunity for our school to make a difference in the fight against cancer. We hope you can join us in this community event.



In 1977, Terry Fox was an active 18 year old Canadian who was diagnosed with bone cancer. He was forced to have his right leg amputated. While in hospital, Terry's concern for other cancer patients inspired him to run the Marathon of Hope, a run across Canada. Unfortunately, Terry was forced to abandon the marathon after completing 5,373 kilometers. His hopes of overcoming the disease and completing his marathon ended when he died nine months later.

A series of international fundraising runs have been held in his name every year. The Terry Fox Run is a volunteer-organised event with 100% of funds raised donated to cancer research projects.

At ASHK, all students have just started their Healthy Bodies Unit in their PE classes. They will be discussing health-related fitness, nutrition, physical activity, and healthy minds! Your family joining us in the Terry Fox Run will support our unit goals by showing the importance of being physically active and involved in the

community. This year, if you join, the first 50 students can receive an ASHK Sports Towel!

Run Day Details:

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Location: Renaissance College (RCHK) in Ma On Shan

Registration: 10am for 3k, 5k, 10k

Event Start: 10:30am — Opening Ceremony

Run Start: 11am — first group of runners depart

Activities: 11am to 2pm — post-run celebrations with food, dance and performances

Attached are pledge sheets as families are encouraged to collect donations, however, they are not mandatory. You may send the donations to ASHK (attention: David Jalsevac) in a sealed envelope or you may transfer directly to:

Bank: HSBC

Account name: Renaissance College

Account No: 511-335069-002

Terry Fox Hong Kong does not have its own bank account and Renaissance College is collecting on their behalf. The foundation does not recommend using the online donation option as it is an international link and conversions are a problem at times.

To register for our school team, please visit the registration page [here](#). New users will first need to **Create a Login**. After selecting the location of the run (Hong Kong), and signing the waiver, choose **Join a Run Team** under registration type. You will be able to **Search for a Team, ASHK**. Although it asks for registration to a particular event, if you wish, you can change events on the day.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: davidjalsevac@ashk.edu.hk

Thank you for your support.