

# ASHK NEWSLETTER

Empowering students to be independent critical thinkers and responsible global citizens

## STEAM Specialist visits ASHK



Dr. Ashley Gess is a professor of STEAM education at Augusta University in the United States. She holds a PhD in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in integrative STEM education. Dr. Gess will visit ASHK from November 16 - 21, 2018.

The purpose of Dr. Gess's visit is to help teachers and administrators deepen their knowledge and practice with regard to integrative STEAM education. Dr. Gess will build additional capacity, provide a framework, and empower teachers to help students succeed with the critical thinking component of the school's mission. We invite all parents to meet Dr Gess at a special coffee morning next week.

### Coffee Morning

#### The Benefits of STEAM Education

Wednesday, November 21  
8:00 - 9:00 am (3rd floor)

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Ashley Gess**

## Thanksgiving Family Picnic and Movie Afternoon

All parents are invited to pack a picnic lunch and join their child in celebrating American Thanksgiving on:

**Thursday, November 22, 11:30 - 12:30 pm**

Parents are invited to stay for the movie to follow and/or attend the informal social for parents (sponsored by ASPA) which runs simultaneously. Parents may take their child home after the lunch as long as the homeroom teacher is notified. Please note that there is no lunch service available for students on this day. If a parent is unable to attend the picnic, please be sure to pack a lunch for your child.

**A reminder to all that there are no ECA's next week.**



## Upcoming Coffee Morning 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 20 (in Mandarin)**

8:00 - 9:30 am (4th floor visual arts room)

**Presenters:**

Gordon Parenting: [gordonparenting.com](http://gordonparenting.com)

## Dress Down Day

**Friday, November 30**

All donations will go to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research

## Next ASPA Meeting

**Thursday, November 29**

2:45 pm

3rd. Floor Meeting Room

## Middle School “Week Without Walls” Trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand

All of our middle school students (grades 6 - 8) are currently engaged in a week-long trip incorporating service learning, team building and adventure in Ban Thaton Village, Chiang Mai Province in Thailand. We see great value in providing enhanced personal growth opportunities for students through an experiential learning component.



### School Photos

All students will have their photos taken on **November 27**. These will be available for purchase from Techni Photo. All students are expected to wear their **winter uniform** on this day and should not wear their PE uniform.

### Box of Hope Campaign Exceeds Goal!

The Box of Hope started in Hong Kong in 2008. The 1st. year collection was 1,200 boxes. In 2017, the campaign had grown significantly and over 32,000 boxes were collected. Our goal at ASHK was 150 boxes. We're pleased to report that we received over 160! Thank you to the ASHK community for your generous support and a special thanks to our student council and ASPA executive for their leadership with the campaign.

### REMINDER

**No ECA's - November 19 - 22**

**No school - November 23**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

