

# ASHK NEWSLETTER

Empowering students to be independent critical thinkers and responsible global citizens

## **Pajamas Day** **Thursday, December 20th**

To kick off the holiday season, all students are invited to wear their favorite pair of cozy pajamas on the last day of school before the holiday break.

## **Early Dismissal**

Please note that school will be dismissed **at 11:45 am on Thursday, December 20th**. All buses will leave at that time. Please adjust your child's pick-up time accordingly

## **ASPA Serves Hot Chocolate and Cookies**

A group of dedicated parents, under the direction of the American School Parents' Association (ASPA), have volunteered to serve hot chocolate and homemade Christmas cookies to students and staff when they arrive for school on Thursday, December 20th. Thank you parents!



## ASHK Holiday Concerts

**Monday, December 17th, 5:00 PM (Grade 3 - 8)**

**Tuesday, December 18th, 1:30 PM (KG - Grade 2)**



Our very own ASHK students will get you into the holiday spirit at these fun and festive musical events. Enjoy an afternoon of holiday songs that will have you dancing and singing in your seats!

We look forward to your attendance at our Holiday Concerts (Dec. 17/18), Breakfast & Baking for parents (Dec. 19th) and the Christmas Assembly on Dec. 19th at 9:30 am.

As 2018 comes to a close, and we take a well earned break from the rigor of school, we pause to wish all members of the ASHK school community a safe and restful holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Breakfast & Baking with ASPA

Let's Bake!

Date: 19th December

Time: 8am

Venue: Room 305 (Breakout room)

Please sign up by 14th December for preparation (e-mail: [aspa@ashkeduhk](mailto:aspa@ashkeduhk))

## Stephen Ritz Visits ASHK



Stephen Ritz is a New York educator and innovator who believes that students shouldn't have to leave their community to live, learn, and earn in a better one.

Moving generations of students into unprecedented spheres of personal and academic successes –while reclaiming and rebuilding the Bronx – Stephen's extended student and community family have grown more than 60,000 pounds of vegetables in the Bronx while generating extraordinary academic performance. Stephen was named a Top 10 Finalist for the prestigious Global Teacher Prize in 2015.

Stephen will visit ASHK beginning the week of January 14th. While here, he will work with all students on a variety of projects including the planting of tower gardens.

Please plan to attend the following:

### Special Coffee Morning

**Stephen Ritz**

**Thursday, January 17th**

**8:00 am**

**School Gymnasium**

## A Message from the Library

We hope you have a fun and relaxing Christmas break. Please come see us in the library to check out books for the extended vacation. We're confident you'll thank us later with the quiet time your child will have spent reading! We welcome parents before school from 7:30am-7:45am and after school most days--unless we are in a staff meeting--from 2:35pm-3:45pm. Parents are allowed to check out 5 items normally and we will increase book checkout for parents to 10 items over extended vacations.

We are expecting a new book order in January. Until then, we have received some local book orders and encourage you to come see the new collection.



Thank you to all of our parents who have been helping to read and record audio books. We

can always use more help from English or Mandarin speaking parents! We are also working on separating our chapter books into genres to encourage more students to read books they like - details to follow! We hope to see you in the library. Have a Merry Christmas!

Ms. Davies and Ms. Annie

## Parent Effectiveness Training

Congratulations are extended to the graduates of the Term 1 Parent Effectiveness Training workshop! Term 2 sessions will start after the Christmas break. The Mandarin course is full but there is still room in the English speaking course. If interested, please contact Bon Bon Cheng: [bonboncheng@ashk.edu.hk](mailto:bonboncheng@ashk.edu.hk)

