



Teacher band at our Pfrang Music Night

Why does NIS host so many events?

This weekend was a mega-fun weekend on campus at NIS with the Pfrang Music event for the educational charity that has had the longest and deepest connection to the NIS community. On Sunday the Nanjing International Club fun day was a fantastic family day where it was nice to host friends from the NIS community including expat staff from other schools along with great food from Skyways. Communities only thrive when they share and are proud of what they have. As other schools don't have the same facilities as NIS we are more than happy to have them here as guests.

We have lots more happening on campus over this school year with our core educational beliefs being highlighted. In the coming weeks we will host two international, education based conferences as well as all our usual sports and Arts offerings.

Leaming2 Asia (Oct 17-19, 2019) – this is a conference which highlights leading edge ideas in education that are not just theoretical, but actually being implemented in schools. Our core team attended last year's conference in Tokyo and began the planning one year ago.

ACAMIS Early Years Conference (October 25-26, 2019) – Educators from around the region are coming to see and learn together within our new Early Years learning Centre. Our long time consultant and mentor for Reggio inspired education, Dr Junko Cancemi will be here.

Have a marvelous Mid-Autumn Festival,

Laurie McLellan
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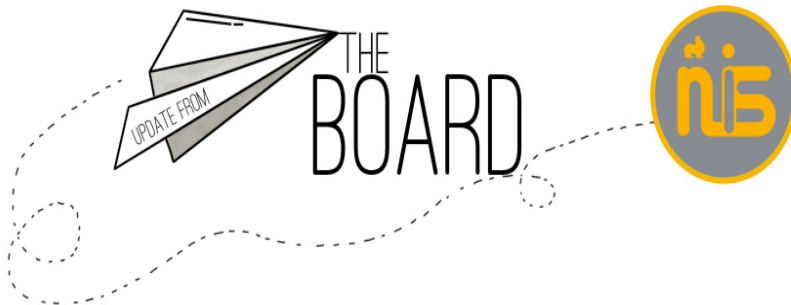
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Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W6

Monday 16th September

G3-10 MAP Testing Begins

Wednesday 18th September

G6-10 Tech Challenge

Thursday 19th September

New Teachers' Essentials

Friday 20th September

CISSA Touch Rugby @ SH

Saturday 21st September

CISSA Touch Rugby @ SH

Local Swim Meet @ NIS

NIS Volleyball Invitational

Sunday 22nd September

MS/US Production Camp

EUCC Badminton @ NIS

Annual General Meeting 2019

Date: Friday, September 27th, 2019

Time: 8:10 am

Venue: Large Group Room on 3F in The Centre (H302b)

As a current parent or legal guardian at NIS you are a member of the Association of Nanjing International School. NIS operates as a non-profit association of current parents and guardians as well as Board members. According to the Association By-laws there is an annual meeting of the association once every year. This year we will be having the meeting on Friday, September 27th at 8:10am in the Large Group Room on 3F in The Centre.

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Literacy Consultant Parent Session:

Growing Readers At Home

- Join Literacy Consultant, Natashya Hays, of Erin Kent Consulting, to learn how you can support your child's reading at home.
- Wednesday, September 18
- 2:00 – 3:00 in the Mezzanine (above the Cafeteria)



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Fall MAP Assessments: September 16-27

Starting the week of September 16th, students in Grades 3- 10 will take the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments for Reading and Maths. These online tests are administered by NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association:)

<https://www.nwea.org/>.

“MAP assessments are adaptive, which means that every student gets a unique set of questions based on responses to previous questions. As the student answers correctly, the questions get harder; if the student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. The purpose [...] is to determine what the student knows and is ready to learn next.”

(<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/>)

MAP provides us with assessment data twice annually that help track student growth and better ensure that learning is appropriate for the needs of each student.

Would you like to try a practice test? Click [here](#):

Both the username and password are: **grow**

Beyond these preparations, students should simply get a good sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school ready to give their best effort.

Reports will be sent home to parents in early October. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kasson Bratton

Deputy Director-Learning

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Campus Access for NIS PARENTS

Please refer to the access guidelines below. Their purpose is to maximize safety and student learning.

Centre Access for NIS PARENTS

Access to NIS campus beyond the guard gate	Monday through Saturday: 5:30am-9:30pm. Sunday: Scheduled activities or fitness room use.
School Holidays	As posted in the Weekly Bulletin.
Fitness Room Access	5:30am-9:30pm daily, unless otherwise posted.
NIS Pool	During posted community swimming times. See weekly bulletin for details.
Centre Cafe	During posted opening times. Children in Grades PK-10 must be supervised.

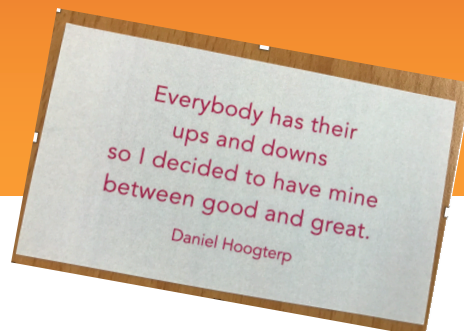
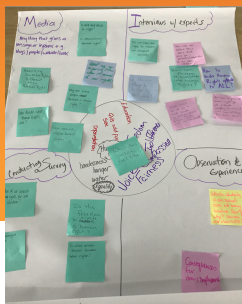
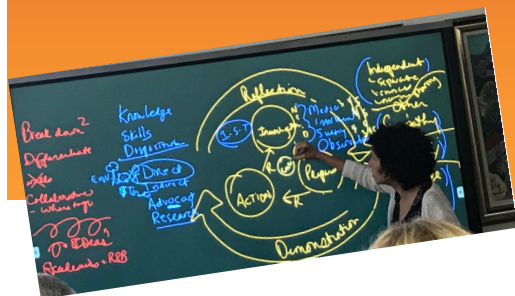
Learning Spaces Access for NIS PARENTS (Beyond the internal security barrier)

Outdoor Spaces (Spider Web, Courtyard Play Structures, Track, Pitch, Garden, etc.)	Monday-Friday: Morning drop-off and from end of school day 6:00pm. Saturday: 7:30am-6:00pm. Sunday: For NIS-approved community activities only.
NIS Gyms	Outside of the school day, for NIS-approved community activities only.
Library	Monday-Friday: 7:45am-4:15pm. Saturday: As posted. See weekly bulletin for details. Children in Grades PK-9 must be supervised by a parent after 3:00pm.
All Other Learning Spaces (Classrooms, Design Centre, Early Years Centre, PAC)	Student morning drop-off, by invitation of the teacher, and/or during scheduled events (i.e. Conferences, Open Houses, Scheduled Tours, Parent Coffees).
Cafeteria	30 Minutes after the end of the school day. Children must be supervised.
Pick-Up	Students should be picked up by parents from designated pick-up locations.
Bathrooms	Parents should only use adult bathrooms.

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Service Learning in Middle School

Ruth Clarke Head of Middle School



Why Service Learning?

The questions should really be what do I care about or why should I care? Service Learning is about caring. It could be caring for your community or friends or the elderly. It might be caring for the environment or your school. At a workshop in Shanghai this week, Anna Yuen our Service Learning Coordinator, Dan Snyder a Middle School Advisor and Service Learning teacher and myself, were learning about what Service really means in schools and how to create an authentic Service learning programme. We are excited about how this approach to pedagogy can offer so much to our students and also to the wider community. We are looking forward to sharing our insights with students and colleagues and moving towards the development of a rich programme.

Cathryn Berger-Kaye, our workshop leader, is known worldwide for her work on Service Learning. I encourage you to follow her work: <http://www.cbkassociates.com/>

All students in Grade 6 - 9 are developing Service Learning projects. They are working on changing their mindsets from 'What's in it for me' to 'What matters to me?'. Ask your children about it!



How wonderful it is
that no one need to wait
a single moment before
starting to change the world.

Anne Frank, Teen Diarist

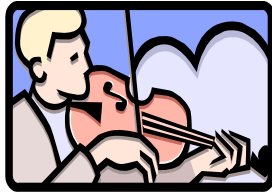


Cathryn Berger Kaye
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Being a change maker can happen at every age and having an adult listener and cheerleader is a wonderful part of the equation!

https://twitter.com/Shei_Asc/status/116605266798291584



Primary School Variety Show

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
THE PRIMARY SCHOOL VARIETY SHOW.**

WHEN: Friday 11th October, 2019

TIME: 8:10am to around 9:10am

WHERE: NIS theatre.

**A huge well done to all of the students who
auditioned for the Primary School Variety Show.**

**All students that have auditioned will find out by
the end of the day on Tuesday 17th September
whether or not they have got into the Variety Show.**

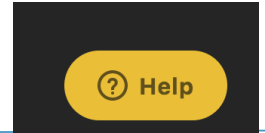
**The Primary School Student Council audition
committee were very impressed with the confidence
and creativity shown at the auditions, and would
like to congratulate all of you for been such fantastic
risk-takers.**

Introducing IT Support Team



At NIS, we take pride in our strong sense of community, encouraging behaviours like walking tech-free so that we may greet and get to know each other better as we move about our lovely campus. In the spirit of getting to know each other, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our wonderful IT Support Team of technicians who facilitate a lot of the *behind-the-scenes* and *just-in-time* support of the teaching and learning that happens every day at NIS. Our team is available for community support after school from:

- 1500-1615 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- 1430-1615 on Tuesdays
- 1500-1600 on Fridays
- Or by appointment (use the yellow help bubble in the bottom, right-hand section of the Parent Portal on our school website to send us an email)



- 石霞 in Mandarin
- **Joyce Shi** in English
- “Xia” or “Shi Xia” is what she prefers to be called by colleagues and she has worked at NIS for 18 years.
- She is Systems Administrator currently responsible for updating and maintaining our Office 365 system, directory of user accounts, IT inventory and website manager.
- When she is not working, Xia enjoys reciting Buddhist sutras, travel and learning new things.

- 查铭 in Mandarin
- **York Zha** in English
- **York** or 查哥 is what he prefers to be called by colleagues and he has worked at NIS for 14 years.
- He is our Network Administrator currently responsible for all things related to the NIS network, including printing, servers, internet, and our internal firewall.
- When he is not work, York enjoys playing badminton and spending time with his family visiting different areas of Nanjing on the weekend and holidays.



- 孔雪莲 in Mandarin
- **Cindy Kong** in English
- Cindy is what she prefers to be called by colleagues and she has worked at NIS for 7 years.
- Cindy is our Information Systems Manager currently responsible for all things related to Veracross and Managebac, as well as our frontline support person for helping to troubleshoot any issue related to technology.
- When she is not working, Cindy enjoys watching movies and traveling for recreation.

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- 陈浩源 in Mandarin
- Wicky Chen in English
- Wicky is what he prefers to be called by colleagues and he has just started his first year at NIS.
- Wicky is our main IT Support Technician with a background in software engineering, he is currently responsible for maintaining, supporting and troubleshooting the Audio/Visual technology in classrooms, along with school iPads and Macs.
- When he is not working, Wicky enjoys going to the gym and practicing photography.



- 刘清风 in Mandarin
- Wind Liu in English
- Wind is what he prefers to be called by colleagues and he has been working with NIS for 6 years.
- Wind is employed by SolutionKeys®, the Apple supplier under contract with NIS, and is our resident Apple Certified Mac Technician™ that is responsible for repairing and maintaining all Apple/Mac devices and hardware in the NIS community.
- When he is not working, Wind enjoys reading novels, watching comedies or mountain climbing.

- 李凯佳 in Mandarin
- Cassie Li in English
- Cassie is what she prefers to be called by colleagues and she has been working with NIS for 4 years.
- Cassie is employed by SolutionKeys®, the Apple supplier under contract with NIS, and coordinates the sales, repair, and supply of Apple technology for NIS students, staff and community.
- She is currently on maternity leave, but will rejoin us in the spring as a new mother!



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ACTIVITIES

Athletics

In Week 5 we started our Middle School Soccer and ACAMIS Table Tennis programs but if you missed them, don't worry, you can still join next week. Sign up on Veracross. The CISSA Touch Rugby trip to Shanghai is next weekend and the coaches have done a fantastic job of preparing our young athletes to be ready for the day. We wish them the very best for their trip. As CISSA Touch Rugby comes to an end so CISSA Soccer will start, with practices on the same days and at the same time. Sign ups are open on Veracross.



Swimming



The first American Red Cross Lifeguarding and First Aid course is currently held at NIS.

Candidates learn about Emergency and Rescue techniques at or near the water as well as First Aid/CPR and how to use an external defibrillator.

If you are interested in taking this course in the future come to the Aquatic Office for more information.

Community Activities

Please remember to pick up your payment slip. There are still a few seats available for some community activities like Tabata, HSK3 preparation course, English beginner and for some swim lessons. The lessons started on September 9th. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns or questions.

Your Community activity coordinator
Katja Schubert

	Payment Slip
Activity Name :	
Participant Name (in Capital) :	
Amount :	

**Current
Vacancies**

Updates

Coming up!

CISSA Touch Rugby @ Shanghai 20 – 21 Sep

NIS Volleyball Invitational @ NIS 21 Sep

Local Swim Meet @ NIS 21 Sep

Students in Charge!

Some of our MS and US school students are offering clubs and ASAs to other students. This is a fantastic opportunity for our older students to share their knowledge, passion and expertise with others. Currently our most popular club is Student-Led Badminton run by Helen, Junseong and Cameron. 28 students! Over in the Design Centre, there is a group of students who quietly create masterpieces under the guidance of Seo Kyung. Upstairs in D347, a group of students are being trained to be writing coaches to help others with their writing skills. Finally, outside on campus, we have another group of experts (Winner, Frank and Andy Z) who are showing others how to take amazing photos with drones!

Did you know that our students were so talented? Running a student-led club or ASA is one way to share YOUR story with the NIS community.

Come join us and tell us your story. Let's live your story together!



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Health & Well Being

Social, Emotional, Physical, Mental and Spiritual

Aerobic Activity: The Key to Achieving Balance in Body and Mind

In the first two weeks of the school year, all students from Grade 6-10 took part in a range of physical challenges during their Physical Education lessons. The aim of these challenges and the subsequent analysis of the data by the Health and Physical Education Department was to ascertain the capabilities of our students with respect to a range of health-related fitness components. What became clear was that a large number of our students have low levels of cardio-vascular fitness and would benefit from engaging in aerobic exercise (exercise that increases heart rate significantly) in addition to their physical education lessons. Improvement in cardio-vascular fitness can be improved and maintained by engaging in aerobic exercise between 30 and 60 minutes a day. By engaging in daily aerobic exercise all members of our community can access benefits such as:

- Reduced levels of fatigue and higher energy levels throughout the day
- Improved intellectual capacity and increased productivity
- Enhanced joint and bone strength
- Better and more effective sleep
- Improved mood and self esteem
- Aerobic exercise has been shown to assist in the fight against depression, tension, anxiety and stress
- Effective protection from heart disease
- Reduction in risk for chronic disease and adverse health outcomes

Engaging in activities such as swimming, cycling, running, walking and the multitude of activities on offer at NIS will allow all members of our community to improve their aerobic capacity. We encourage everyone to get moving and achieve balance in their lives.





HOW TO UPDATE PASSPORT INFORMATION

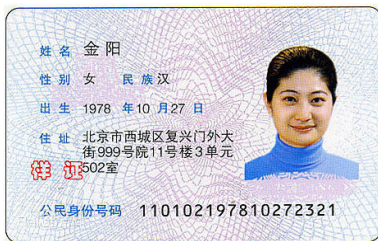
Important information about passports and visas

Please update Veracross with current student passport and valid China visa details so the Activities Office can begin booking tickets and accommodations for Discover China Trip Week 2019.

All FOREIGN students must have a valid passport and a valid visa in order for the Activities Office to book flights, train tickets and hotels. Please note that a valid visa and/or entry stamp are essential for buying tickets and making hotel reservations.

Students who intend on using their CHINESE ID cards as their travel document are asked to send a photo or a scan of their ID Card via email to elaineliu@nanjing-school.com
HONG KONG, MACAU and TAIWANESE students are also asked to send photo or a scan of their Chinese Government issued ID passes to elaineliu@nanjing-school.com

Please see the pass samples views as below:



Chinese ID sample



**Chinese government issued
pass sample for
Hongkong and Macau resident**



**Chinese government issued
pass sample for Taiwan resident**

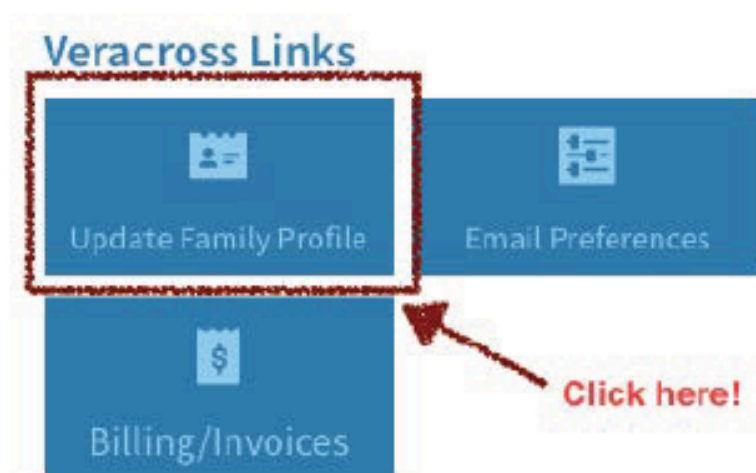
If your child/children hold Foreign Permanent Resident ID Card(s) 中华人民共和国外国人永久居留证 issued by Ministry of Public Security and you want use it/them as the travel documentation in Discover China Week, please send information via email elaineliu@nanjing-school.com

For FOREIGN passport holders ONLY: please refer to the instructions on how to update your passport and visa documentation.

Step 1:

Log into Veracross via <https://accounts.veracross.com/nis/portals/login>

Go to "Update Family Profile" then "Citizenships & Passports"



Household Profile

 Update Household Profile

 Medical Profile

 School Policies

My Family: Information Review

Instructions

Please keep your information up to date. Thanks.

1. Click on the information tile to view the info. detail.
2. If you want to make change, please click on blue "Edit" button on the information window.
3. After you make change, please "Save".

Review and Edit

Update Log

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

[Review Medical Profile](#)

View current profile and submit change requests

Click Here!

FAMILY INFORMATION

[My Personal Contact Information](#)

[Citizenships & Passports](#)

Step 2:

Add or update passport information:

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship? *

yes

Input passport Name, Country then chose Primary Citizenship "yes"

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

Expires On *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship? *

yes

Input all the * information here!!

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

Expires On *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

Step 3:

Add or update China visa information :

Citizenships & Passports
United States: [Click here!](#)

China Visas
No visa information on file

Updating "Expiration Date " is essential!		edit
Issue Date		
Expiration Date	--	
Visa Number	--	
Visa Notes	--	

Please complete the information update at your earliest convenience.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Activities Office.

Thank you for your understanding!

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PTA NEWS

2019-2020

PTA COMMITTEE

President: Benedicte Thomasson
 Vice President: Yvonne Zollner
 Vice President: Gina Ryu
 Vice President: Ying Liu
 Treasurer: Gina Policelli
 Secretary: Jo Laycock

PTA EVENTS

Trivia Night - September 20th

**Coffee Morning - 8:15am
 September 25th**

PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours

Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00

Friday 2:30 - 3:30

- **PTA Trivia Night is Friday September 20th!**

Buy your tickets this week! Tickets are available for 100¥ in the NIS foyer on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of September at drop-off and pickup times.



The PTA Trivia Night includes:

- trivia questions presented in Korean, Mandarin & English
- prizes; individual trophies for the winning team
- buffet food & one welcome drink
- beer, wine & soft-drink (cash bar)
- games & guaranteed fun!

Organize a table of 6-8 people before the event or on the night.

- **Tuesday September 17th** is the last day to purchase tickets.

- **PTA Birthday Cupcakes**

Happy Birthday to all students and staff with birthdays in August and September. We hope you enjoyed eating your cupcakes as much as we enjoyed supplying them! Students and staff with an October birthday can enjoy cupcakes on **Wednesday October 19th**.

- **PTA Coffee morning** is on **Wednesday September 25th** at 8:15am in the centre cafe. Come along to hear teachers and members of our community talk about current issues in our school.

To join the volunteer group for any of our PTA events, please contact Benedicte Thomasson, Yvonne Zollner, Gina Policelli or Sue Northcott. Or contact us on at ptapresident@nanjing-school.com

THE PTA PRESENTS

Food
and
Drinks

Trivia Night

Make
new
Friends

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH
7:00 - 11:00PM
CENTRE CAFE

Games
and
Fun

Dress code
smart
casual

100 ¥

INCLUDES FINGER FOOD & A WELCOME DRINK

TICKETS AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

WEDNESDAY SEP. 4, FRIDAY SEP. 6TH

MONDAY SEP. 9, WEDNESDAY SEP. 11, SEP. 13

MONDAY SEP.16, TUESDAY SEP. 17

MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM OR FORM ONE ON THE
NIGHT (6 – 8 PEOPLE)



MAKE EVERY STEP COUNT

FROM 1ST TO 28TH SEPTEMBER
Step up to the challenge and walk
10 000 steps per day

All the money raised through registration
fees will be divided equally between the four
charities.

Registration fee 100 RMB per person

Weekly prizes

Email: tea@thenicclub.com to register
and for more information

By paying the registration fee, you
agree to undertake this activity
at your own risk



Save the Date

Friday & Saturday

DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH



FOR THE INCREDIBLE

Christmas Market

AT ROYAL FAMILY GARDEN

6 XIAN YIN BEI LU, QIXIA, NANJING

Inquiries: lotusklysner (WeChat)