Lower School



A note from Ms. Julie Terry Lower School Principal



When we reflect on this academic year, much of it will feel like a blur, with many of the normal events and happenings taking a backseat while new experiences took their place. We are all going to remember the year 2020, not least because of the challenges we have encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have all needed to be resilient this year in many ways; learning how to manage the changes to our routines and expectations; toughing it out when we didn't know what was going to happen; being apart from loved ones, friends and family; and finding new ways to learn, engage and grow.

Resilience is the ability to mentally or emotionally cope with a crisis. Resilience exists when people control their thoughts and behaviours to protect themselves from stress. I have always found that managing expectations is a big part of this process and I have had many conversations with colleagues, friends and family this year about plans, hopes and dreams that have needed to be postponed until a later date.

It is easy to feel down when things don't go your way, but as Einstein once said, "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity". In order to thrive in or after a crisis, it is important to look for the unexpected opportunities in what seems like a sea of disappointment. Do not underestimate the great things that can come from unexpected events or happenings.

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Chen, Hemi Durix, Leo Liu, Aria Liu, Chloe

Milburn, Sienna Raniwala, Kabir Wang, Lancen Wu, Yao-Dong

Xia, Maisie Xie, Jaynean

Liu, David Lohaus, Daniel Paul, Kiara Pieronek, Alena

Qi, Elyn Wang, Yu-Ching Wang, Lucius Xu, William

Zhang, Max



































"It always seems impossible until its done."

Nelson Mandela







Ms. Tessa & Ms. Sunny







Chang, Rachel Chen, Jocelyn Feng, Boysen Hadfield, Eleanor

Kent, Lila Li, Benjamin Li, Hubert Liu, Dylan

Lou, Mike Lu, Felicity Wu, Erin

























"Play is the highest form of research." **Albert Einstein**



Ms. Maria & Ms. Zoe



Bai, Jackson Chen, Evelyn Chen, Vivian Fatima, Manha

Jiang, Aaron Kent, Cora Li, Henry Wu, Steven

Yang, Angela Zhao, Nicole

Not Pictured: Loof Ponce, Luciano

























"While we try to teach our children about life, our children teach us what life is all about ."

Angela Schwindt











A note from Mr. Ben Milburn Lower School Vice Principal



When I first saw that 'resilience' would be the title it immediately made me think about my new interest – running. John Keenan is a running and mental skills coach and explains that "Resilience is withstanding or even thriving on stressors and highlights the four most common issues – and therefore resilience-building opportunities as injury, performance slumps, illness and career transitions."

Already, I have experienced all of these factors to varying degrees and only a few weeks into my training had to pull out of a trail race after my knee seized up. At the time I found this hugely disappointing until I later realized that I had pushed my body to a point that it simply wasn't ready for. After research, mental preparation and better planning in the form of specific exercises, better nutrition and more meticulous goal planning – I was soon back out running and effectively training my body and mind to become more resilient.

Since then I have run nearly 2,000Km without injury and with a much better sense of how to build your body for a physical challenge over time. There are times where I want to get close to that breaking point simply to challenge myself and to become more resilient. Running serves as a great example for me personally but it could be how you approach an academic subject, other sports, challenges or simply some aspect that you want to improve in your life. My advice would be to find somewhere that you can plan it out and see it visually each day so that you can develop belief, strategize how you can accomplish your goal and this will help to prepare you for the moment that you will need to be resilient in order to overcome a challenge and move closer to reaching your goal.

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Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." **Harriet Tubman**









Chen, Asher Chin, Vincent Guo, Ammer Kitano, Yuna

Lin, Mark Liu, Alisa Liu, Raymond Milburn, Myla

Padoan, Rocco Pan, Mia Wu, William Xu, Eric

Zhang, Nolan



























"Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce."

Owl Press



PK Ms. Jackie & Ms. Caelyn



Chang, Liz Chu, Debra Ding, Dingding Dong, Audrey

Dong, Eric Hu, Sean Ichikawa, Ryoma Kim, Sungjin

Luo, Nico Kropanev, Platon Kurata, Sana Tse, Charlotte

Ying, Yangyang Zhao Karlsson, Philip





























"We do not need magic to transform our world.



We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already." JK Rowling



Ms. Glynie & Ms. Avery



Bauer Casasempere, Augusto Cai, Terrence Durix, Eva Haltom, Nolan

Han, Justin Hua, Sophia Kitano, Yuka Lu, Albert

Meng, Grace Qiu, Andrew Xiao, Bo-Wen Zhang, Terry





























"Resilience is all about knowing who you are and relying on our own inner strength."

Unkown





Canon, Emilie Chen, Remy Cushman, Bina Huang, Claire

Huang, Eli Jang, James Liang, Jayden Sanchez, Marcus

Wang, Peter Wu, Alyssa Xu, Terrance Yu, Patrick





























"It's a wonderful thing to be optimistic. It keeps you healthy and it keeps you resilient."

Daniel Kahneman



Ms. Edwards & Ms. Bella





Always remember you are BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem, SMARTER than you think, and LOVED more than you know.

Winnie the Pooh





A note from Mr. John Koski Lower School Vice Principal



According to Oxford:

re-sil-ience

/rəˈzilyəns/ noun

the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

I have spent quite a bit of time reflecting on the concept of resilience since the Yearbook Committee invited me to write a few words for this year's annual HIS publication. It is such a fitting theme considering the adversity we have encountered this year as individuals, institutions, and even as a species in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. In times like these, going through a day without witnessing or hearing tales of resilience is rare. Where would I start? What direction to take?

The more I started thinking about it, the more I realized that resilience is more than just a capacity, an attitude, or a characteristic trait. Resilience is essential for life. All livings things must manifest some degree of resilience in order to survive. Just take a peek at the adaptations of plants and animals throughout time! The late Andy Grove, chief executive and chairman of Intel Corporation, summed it up rather well, "Adapt or die."

In times of crisis, examples of resilience abound. However, I believe it is important to remember we all have that capacity at the very foundation of our existence. We must constantly look within ourselves, within our institutions, and within each other and muster the resilience that is part of who we are. In such a way, we can recover from difficulties quickly. We have two choices when faced with challenges. We can freak out or deal. And freaking out is no fun.

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Chang, Tim Cheung ,Oia Guo, Grace Huang, Della

Liu, Nicholas Lopez-Ward, Andy Moreno Lejard, Victoria Rui, Emma

Sanchez, Madison Sangaletti, Enea Wang, Ada Wang, Chloe

Wu, Yoyo Wu, Alex Yu, William































"Mistakes are proof you are trying." **Anonymous**





Ms. Lisa & Ms. Joyce



Bonnemaire, Camille Chen, Angela Chen, Chelsea Chen, Emily

Chu, Edith Gaete Flores, Amelia Hiranandani, Reyhaan Li, Kelvin

Li, Sunny Lin, Yihan Liu, Anita Liu, Lucas

Petring, Luke Wakim Prugnard, Alice Wang, Esther































"Do not judge me by my success. Judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Nelson Mandela



Ms. Sarah & Ms. Julie



Cao, Angeline Chen, Jayden Chen, Roy Chen, Scarlett

Ghazanfari, Nora Guan, Herman Hoarau Mateos, Sofia Hong, Miranda

Lao, Layton Li, Eric Lu Jian, Elisa Wen, Abby

Xu, Bonny Yang, Eran





























"Dwell in possbilities." **Emily Dickenson**



Ms. Kolde & Ms. Misha



Bian, Sydney Chen, Ryan Guo, Kelly Iu, Jayden

Kweon, Sumin Li, Richard Lo, Byron Lu, William

Lu, Yvonne Ma, Zi-Xiong Muzalevskaia, Elizabeta Qi, Madeline

Sheng, Kaela Shin, Erik Zhu, Sophie

Not Pictured: Fu, Nathan



































"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

Andy Warhol



Mr. Ruan & Ms. Yolanda

















Bouquerel Zheng, Julie Felix Verdugo, Sebastian Grace, Archie Gu, Coco

Hu, Daisy Li Marzi, Nikolai Shaozhu, Kevin Shen, Yolanda

Song, Qi-Yi Wang, Amy Wang Lu, Luis Wang, Yu-Shin

Wawrzuta, Scarlett Yulzari, Nathan Zhou, Zikai































"I get knocked down, but I get up again. You're never gonna keep me down."

Chumbawamba



Ms. Cilla



Bauer Casasempere, Julieta Hong, Lily Jang, Eric Lee, Ryan

Lee, Ted Leonard, Christian Lou, Alice Modi, Aryan

Wang, Charles Wang, Richard Xu, Grace Xu, Olivia

Not Pictured: Ichikawa, Mana



























"Believe you can, and you are halfway there!" **Theodore Roosevelt**



Mrs. Ragains



Burton, Jayden Chinone, Kaito Graffigna Sancho, Naia He, Ellen

Hsieh, Henry Li Marzi, Chiara Liu, Daniel Lohaus, William Ian George

Sakata, Yuma Xue, Caroline Ye, Allen Youm, Avery Jiyoon

Yu, Flynn Yu, Jonathan































"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Hellen Keller



Ms. Little



Bagga, Kiaan Chen, Crystal Cushman, Audrey Jiang, Vivian

Leonard, Alexandra Meng, Gabriel Mi, Beck Muehe, Kevin

Nair, Reema Rooney, Sam Shou, Delun Yuan, Fiona

Zhao, Tyrone Zhu, Mia































"Work hard, play harder." **Ms. Jac**



Ms. Jac



















An, Anna Azoulay, Isaac Cai, Emma Chang, Ryan

Ding, Gracie Hawkins, Arthur Jin, Da-Di Li Marzi, Sofia

Li, Heely Liu, Arun Pengsom, Ryyka Shan, Irene

Tsoi, Jessica Wu, Amanda Yang, Ethan Yun, Anne

Zhang, Charles



































"Have courage and be kind."

Cinderella



Miss Riani



Chang, Vanness Chen, Elly Fan, Angel Felix Verdugo, Natalia

Han, Chloe Huang, Henry Lee, Julia Lee, Avery

Lou, William Mao, Jean Michalak, Lotte Shin, Lina

Tang, Henry Tu, Naomi Wu, Cassie Zhu, Felix



"Ar Scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine."

"Under the shelter of each other, people live."

Irish Proverb



Mr. Doohan



Chen, Matthew Chen, Emily Dong, Xing-Chen Hong, Astin

Jian, Luna Li, Andy Lu, Lucas Lu, Eachann

Methwani, Yana Qi, Honey Wen, Yoyo Xu, Michael

Xu, Emily Yang, Tiffany Yu, Shuning Zhang, Jason

Zhao, Antonio Zizzo, Tommaso





































"Everyone in our grade 2 community is a teacher and a learner."

Mr. Young



Mr. Young



Bonnemaire, Thibault Burns, Grace Chu, Ben Chu, Darya

Gao, Justin Guo, Leo Li, Eason Lin, Shirley

Lu, Mable Ni, Frank Shivnani, Divisha Wang, Lucy

Yang, Anna Zhao, Kris Zhou, Galina































"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Dr. Seuss



Ms. Hester

















Al-Awadhi, Rinad Bai, Edith Cao, Connie Cheung, Christina

Dai, David Emery, Maxwell Gu, Rhea Hwang, Elly

Luo, Bamboo Michalack, Willem Palu-Schuhli, Luke Wu, Tony

Wu, Kevin Zhang, Simon Zhu, Nathan

Not Pictured: Huang, Oscar

































"We do not give up in hard times." **G3A Class**



Mrs. Plotz



Bairaboina, Avanthika Chau, Kelvin He, Emma Huang, Li-Lian

Kim, Jiyu Lou, Victor Mallawa Arachchige, Pulathi Shewakramaki, Harveer

Wu, Lucas Xu, Rayan Yang, Evan Yu, Eason

Zhang, Kevin Zhang, Karis Zhang, Cici































"I tried and failed, I tried again and again and succeeded"

Gail Borden



Mr. Jonathan



Baek, Jae-Ho Chaurasia, Netanya Chiu, Allie Cho, William

Hardy, Alex Jain, Vidhan Kim, Mingeon Lu, Dennis

Luo, Benny Maldonado, Juan Pablo Palma Chamorro, Maximiliano Speksnijder, Gijsje

Vohra, Rudransh Wu, Lisa Zhang, Daisy































"Good, Better, Best. Never let them rest, until your Good is Better, and your Better is your Best!" **St. Jerome**



Ms. Ehling



Han, Kevin Hong, Seo-In Jiang, Ryan Jin, Kimberly

Li, Annie Liu, Edward Mittal, Yoana Qu, Jia Heng

Ruan, Kevin Williams Marciaga, Hugo Wu, Owen Yu, Elizabeth

Zait, Matan Zhu, Lily

Not Pictured: Dhaher, Ahmad



























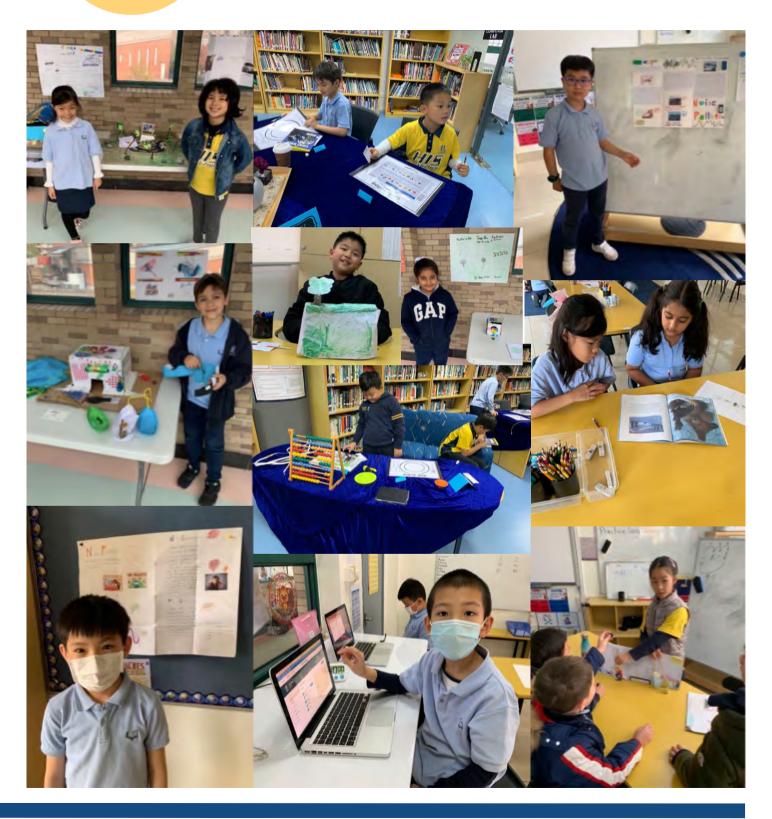


"Winning doesn't always mean being first.
Winning means you're doing better than you've done before."

Bonnie Blair

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Mr. Tom



















Au, Thomas Chen, Emily Daulatani, Kanisha Juarez Leynez, Andrea

Kong, Amy Lai, Anderson Lu, Tiger Ni, Nicole

Satwani, Bhaumik Speicher, Annabelle Wang, Alice Wang, Zoe

Wei, Fei Fei Xu, Richard Yulzari, Camille Zhou, Jun-Wen

Zizzo, Anna



































"We learned together. We learned apart. But most importantly, we all grew as learners from the very start."

Ms. Hooper



Ms. Hooper



Altes Kartach, Elliot Dong, Prince Fahad, Mohammad Fu, Angela

Hong, Miranda Jhurani, Riddhi Jiang, Mike Kim, Noah

Li, Ruby Liang, Zhuo-Ma Meng, Bella Sharma, Aditya

Wang, Allison Xia, Naomi Xu, Roger Yun, Anthony

Zhang, Mile Zhang, Jerry



"Fairy tales are more than true: not becuase they tell us dragns exist, but becuase they tell us dragons can be beaten." **Neil Gaiman**



Mr. Dobson



Agarwal, Divay Chan, Jonathan Cheng, Cyrus Gao, Jason

Lee, Avril Liang, De-Ji Pan, Peter Qu, Nora

Sakata, Sena Sangaletti, Gaia Sharma, Aryan Tang, Jessie

Wang, Christina Yao, Jim Zhao Karlsson, Anna





































Ms. Wilson



Chemouny, Guy Ehlert Ruiz, Greta Hiranandani, Prisha Hong, Fiona

Huang, Harry Joshi, Pragun Krieg, Alex Kennedy, Jadyn

Li, Ella Ostermayer, Oscar Palu-Schuli, Peter Ryu, Yelim

Shou, Melanie Tang Zhou, Lucas Wang, Andrew Yu, Lisa

Zhu Lina



































"Resilience: Never give up.
Fall down seven times, get up
eight."
Japanese Proverb



Mr. Burns

























Bai, Michael Cobian Wu, Diego Ding, Sophia Hong, Rhema

Kim, Gwanho Lai, Selena Lee, Joey Mehta, Aaira

Modi, Siya Pengsom, Vedaz Shu, Jerry Sukhramani, Aaray

Wang, Bonnie Wang, Tiana Wu, Alice Yang, David

Zhang, Bella Zhao, Allen

Not Pictured: Chen, Rogers







































Mrs. Burns



Amano, Sissi Barbier, Ines Bhatia, Divit Ding, Joyce

Fu, Ethan Hsu, Colin Huang, Linzi Jeswani, Prisha

Li, Angel Lou, David Motiyani, Mayank Ren, Preston

Semple, James Shivnani, Devansh Simon, Hugo Vujicic, Marko

Wu, Nicole Xu, Derek Zhao, Kevin



"It matters not what someone is born but what they grow to be."

Albus Dumbledore



Ms. Rocha



Aggarwal, Rishi Cao, Lucy Chu, Joe Cui, Joshua

Emery, Samuel Fang, Nicky Horau Mateos, Lucia Jhamb, Kaira

Lachhwani, Ruhaani Lai, Debbie Lu, Anna Palma Chamorro, Maria Josefina

Plotz, Maximilian Shi, Roger Tukula, Paweike Wu, Kevin

Wu, Yu-Chen Yang, Jun-Lin Zheng, Jeffery



"The future belongs to the curious. The ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it and turn it inside out." **Anonymous**



Ms. Doherty



Aswani, Nasha Bonnemarie, Candide Cao, Victoria Chen, Owen

Chen, Amy Chu, Carlos Gao, Shark Hao, Sylvie

Li, Queena Punyarthi, Vipra Rangwani, Yuvraj Ryu, Minkyung

Wang, Patrick Wang, Diana Wang, Allen Wang, Harry

Yao, Elsa Yu, Shu-Man

Not Pictured: Chen, Warren





































"Resilience is based on compassion for ourselves as well as compassion for others."

Sharon Salzberg



Mr. Cushman





