

Dear Parents

This is our last Parent Update before the Idul Fitri holiday (Thurs 09 - Wed 15 Sept). We look forward to seeing the students back on **Thursday 16 September**. We extend to you all our very best wishes for the Lebaran season and a safe & happy break.

Mohon Maaf Lahir dan Batin!

ASA & BUS ARRANGEMENTS

We have received a number of queries regarding times for ASA and buses. Please note the following clarifications.

ASA will run after regular classes are finished:

- 1.00-1.45pm Early Years
- 2.35-3.35pm Years 1-11
- 2.35-4.00pm Baseball, Football, Drama, Robotics, Language Centre ESL.
- When students finish school or ASA, they go home by private transport or they may avail themselves of JIMS' bus service - **if they wish**.
- The afternoon school bus schedule is:
3.40pm - leaves after regular ASA
4.05pm - leaves after '4pm ASA'
- Students in a '4pm ASA', may wish to leave their ASA at 3.35pm to catch the 3.40pm bus.

JIMS LANGUAGE CENTRE

The Language Centre is attracting such large numbers of students that we have to rationalise the classes. The **intensive** Beginners class runs on Mondays **AND** Wednesdays from 2.30-4.00pm. Students must attend BOTH sessions. If they are enrolled for only the Monday OR the Wednesday, they are requested to move to either Tuesday or Thursday or Friday (2.30-4.00pm). This was mentioned several times in past Parent Updates. Some students attend 5 times a week.

The **intensive** Parents Class runs on Mondays **AND** Wednesdays (8.30-10am). We still need more students to make this a viable proposition. (Cost: Rp.1,500,000 for 12 weeks/24 sessions)

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held **every Monday at 8am** and last for about 10-15 minutes. They consist of giving students information, awarding merit certificates, announcing House points, or performing class presentations, Parents are always welcome to attend Assemblies, especially if your child's class is performing.

This Mon 06 Sept, the Penguins will be performing and we'll announce House points. We'll also celebrate the launch of the school newspaper, **The JIMS Echo**.

SPECIAL TOPICS AT ASSEMBLIES

Every so often I highlight 'special topics' at Assemblies, such as the meaning of the holy month of Ramadhan and the fasting regime, the importance of homework, or the need for punctuality.

Last week I spoke to the Secondary students about JIMS' philosophy, and about developing the whole student: body, mind and spirit. The 'spirit' is particularly difficult to define. We hope that JIMS students will focus on an uncompromised and wise life style. That is why we don't tolerate bad language, aggressive behaviour, or impoliteness at JIMS. Our life style is one that does not accept drugs, cigarettes, pornographic websites, or violent computer games.

We will follow this up with presentations by experienced educational trainers to speak on a series of related topics. These visitors will address the Secondary students only. We'll develop personal and social education programmes, do drug tests, and show supervised video screenings. All speakers will be well qualified and experienced in their field of expertise.

If you have any suggestions regarding any topics you think our students should be made aware of, please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas. Your support is much appreciated. We hope everyone will benefit from this high profile series.

MULTICULTURAL PERFORMANCES

The word 'multicultural' is part of our school's name, and in order to celebrate our multiculturalism, we ask for your assistance. We'd like to stage songs, dances, stories, costumes or whatever is special in our students' countries. We will invite the relevant embassies to support the performances that will be staged during our assemblies. If you believe you can help us with song suggestions, direct folk dances or provide costumes, please come and discuss them with me at your earliest convenience. Remember, that JIMS is a multicultural school that will proudly display the many cultural traditions of our students. We thank you in anticipation!

LIBRARY: THEME OF THE MONTH



In the past, the Library has put the spotlight on the author of the month. For September, they'll display information about a **theme**: FAIRY TALES, fictional stories that may feature folkloric characters such as fairies, goblins, elves, trolls, giants, talking animals, and usually magic or enchantments, often involving an imaginative sequence of events. Fairy tales, told orally, are a subclass of folk tales. Some of the most famous fairy tales were created by writers from around the world.

The German brothers Grimm wrote, among many others, Snow White, Rapunzel, and Hansel and Gretel. Hans Christian Andersen from Denmark wrote The Little Mermaid, Thumbelina and The Ugly Duckling. Indonesia has its own Cerita Rakyat. Visit the Library for more detailed collections of famous, multicultural fairy tales.

NEW DATE FOR 'FUN SPORTS DAY'

In order not to take up 2 consecutive Fridays with great family fun, we have moved the Fun Sports Day to Fri 08 October. Details will follow.

MALO'S UOI RHYMES

Our first UOI is 'learning style'
We've been putting our work in a learning file
Did you know there are 4 different types
Like visual where we use our eyes
For kinaesthetic we use arms and legs
And our head is the same shape of an egg!



Another style is called 'read and write'



And I like drinking ice cold SPRITE!
And for aural you must use your ears



And I like eating a fruit called pears.
We tested our styles and filled our belly
With sandwich of peanut butter and jelly.
We counted in German, one to ten
And I wrote it all down with my pen.
We played 1 chord on the guitar

And I like pirates because they go AAARRR!!



And that's my rhyme for learning styles
And these will go in my learning file!!!

BY: MALO PUISSANT

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- Th 09-W15 - Lebaran Holiday
- 10-11 - Idul Fitri
- Th 16 - Students return to JIMS
- Th 23 - PTA Meeting @ 8.30am
- 27 - 01 Oct - Book Week

October

- M 04 - Teachers Day
- F 08 - Fun Sports Day
- Th 14 - Interim Reports
- Th 14 - PTA Meeting @ 8.30am
- Tu 19&Th 21 - IGCSE Indonesian
- F 22 - UN Day
- Th 28 - Music Concert

November

- T 02&Th 04 - IGCSE English Lang
- M 15-F 19 - Mid-Semester Break
- W 17 - Idul Adha 1431H
- M 22-F 26 - Secondary Exam Week
- Th 25 - PTA Meeting @ 8.30am

Kind regards

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