

# Thrive at E-Smart

March 2017

## From the Headmaster's Desk

Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear parents,

I have recently received a video clip in which 13 children are asked about their views on the use of force against schoolmates and friends.<sup>1</sup> I applaud the kids for making highly sensible comments and take my hat off to their parents and teachers for imparting in them integrity and impartiality.

'It's wrong to physically attack anyone, whatever the reason.' The students were unanimous in condemning violence in the classroom. 'The class monitor is authorized to maintain order in the classroom, not to abuse his power to bully others. He must be punished for using force inappropriately and must accept the consequences of breaking the rules rather than trying to excuse himself.'

Is it your hope that these innocent students can maintain such conscience when they come of age so that love and understanding rather than hatred and indifference shall abound in our society?

However, far too often, we send conflicting messages to the next generation by justifying our own misconduct. Contrary to the Confucian teaching that we should be strict with ourselves and lenient on others, many of us are swift to pardon ourselves with numerous excuses but refuse to apprehend the difficulties faced by other people. Therefore, we feel justified to spank our child for bullying his sibling or annoying us after we come home from a grueling day at work. We claim that we are 'teaching our child a lesson' when we are in fact venting our fury and frustration.

Surely everyone needs to find ways to release their negative emotions, but our ancestors have long realized the harmful effects of unrestrained rage, and have set up sophisticated laws over the past hundreds of years to keep our propensity to use excessive force in check so that we can respect each other's rights and thrive in a world of peace. What's more, we count on law enforcement agents such as the police, courts and prisons to prevent misconduct and mete out appropriate penalty to those who violate the law and rights of others.

Understandably we have higher expectations on these law enforcement agents who should be the role models for other citizens if we are to maintain the rule of law. With that in mind, I could only feel sorry for but in no way

pardon the seven police officers who have been sent to jail for punching and kicking a protester already zip-tied and subdued on the ground. The police officers might have been ridiculed or even cursed by some protesters, but that is not an excuse to condone their wrongdoing. They need to exercise their power with absolute care and accountability.

I feel proud of our children who can clearly differentiate the right from wrong, and hope that their minds won't be polluted by some mindless adults who turn things upside down by justifying the uncivilized and violent acts of these guilty police officers. Our society will be doomed if we allow such iniquity to prevail.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

## Stars of the Month

Ho Pui Lam, Abby	GWF2B Thur 5:30-6:30
Wong Wing Yin, Tracy	GWF4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Cheung Ka Man, Carmen	GWF4A Thur 4:30-5:30
Lam Yee Tung, Stephanie	GWF6B Sat 3:00-4:00
Cheung Donna Kuen Tone	GWF6A Sat 2:00-3:00
Wong Sing	IEKKA Sat 11:00-12:00
Ko Tin Hay, Ryana	IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00
Chan Yan Yin, Cherry	IEK2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Cheung Damon Kuen Wai	IEK4B Sat 1:00-2:00
Chan Chi Lam, Larrisa	IEK6B Sat 12:00-1:00
Tsai Ying Yin, Bryan	IEK8B Sat 12:00-1:00
Chau Ching Tung, Dora	PTWR Wed 5:30-6:30
Hsu Si Lam, Venus	PTWR Fri 5:30-6:30
Cheng Hiu Ching, Jaime	PTWP1-2 Sat 11:00-12:00
Chan Wai Tung, Winky	PTWP3 Sat 10:00-11:00
Chan Nga Yung, Tiffany	PTW2 Sat 9:00-10:00
Lau Josiah	STLA Thur 3:30-4:00
Lee Hang On, Jake	WTE1 Tues 5:30-6:30
Yeung Tsz Ki, Selena	WTE1 Wed 4:30-5:30
Leung Tsz Yau, Carrie	WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lee Chi Hin, Ryan	WTE2A Tues 4:30-5:30
Lam Hau Yan, Melody	WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30
Kwok Tsz Yau, Karly	WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
Kwok Ka Chai, Sam	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Leung Kin Pong, Ivan	WTE4A Mon 5:30-6:30
Wong Tin Sum, Summer	WTE4A Sat 12:00-1:00
Lam Sin Man, Angel	WTE4A Sat 4:00-5:00
Ho Jing Fan	WTE6B Thur 6:30-7:30
Ho Man Yau, Nadia	WTE6A Tues 4:30-5:30
Lo Chung Yiu, Charles	WTE8A Sat 10:00-11:00

## Cambridge Starters Exam Preparation

We are going to run the preparation course for the Cambridge Starters Exam from April. Subject to the ability of each student, the course is suitable for K2 to P1 students. Please contact the reception staff for details.

## Easter Cooking and Reading Classes

We will be running the Easter Cooking Fun and Reading Adventures from 18 to 20 April. Sign up early to enjoy the early bird rates.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.hk01.com/article/74196>



Today you are **YOU**,  
that is **TRUER** than true.  
There is **NO ONE** alive  
who is **YOUER** than **YOU**!

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# STUDENTS' PAGE

## Be Inspired Through Reading!

Theodore Seuss Geisel was born on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1904. He was a famous American writer, well known by his pen name "Dr. Seuss". He wrote many books in his lifetime and amongst the most popular were "The Cat in the Hat", "Green Eggs and Ham" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" His children's books were written and translated into more than 20 languages and more than 600 million copies have been sold worldwide. To this day, he remains many children's favorite author. His stories are full of catchy rhymes and funny animations which captivate an audience both young and old. His sayings or "quotes" are frequently used to encourage and inspire us to expand our horizons through reading and to appreciate our own uniqueness.

Do you have a favorite author? What type of books does he or she write? No matter the genre of readings you do, remember to read! **Be Creative! Be Inspired!** ~Ms. Heidy

### Best Writer of the Month: "Summer"

Summer is here!  
Sunshine is here!  
Swimming gear is ready,  
It's time for the beach.



Beach is always fun.  
Swimming in the sea,  
Playing in the sand,  
Along with the volleyball!

Summer, Summer  
You are my best friends,  
Please shine down on me,  
I will give you a big cheer.

—by \*Jade Chan WTE-4A (Monday 5:30)



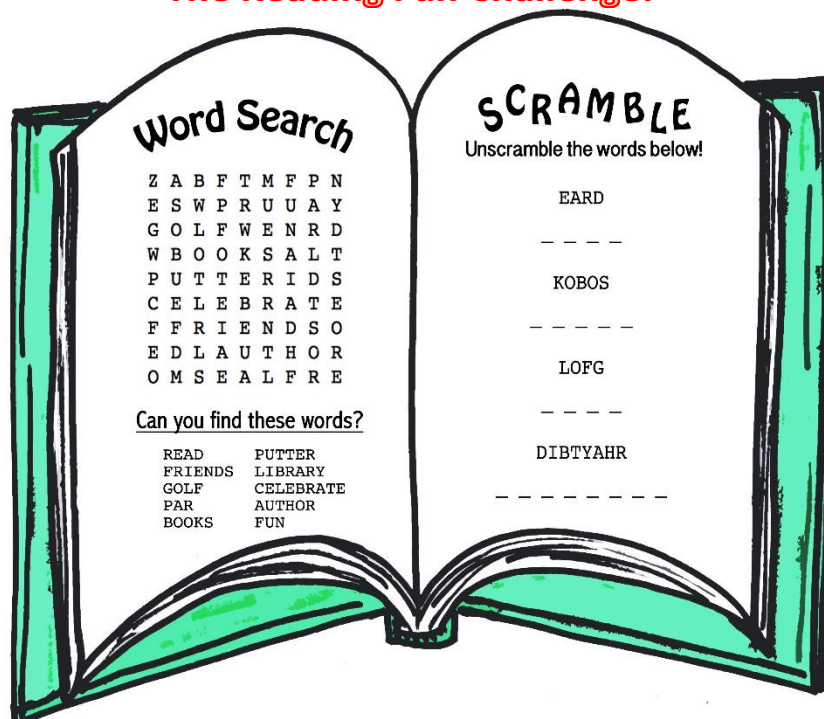
**Congratulations to ALL Writers of the Month!**

Jake Lee –WTE 1      Lau Lok Hang –WTE4B  
Jade Chan WTE-4A\*    Janice Lee –WTE 4A  
Karen Li –WTE 6B      Oscar Zhen –WTE 8B

### SEARCHING FOR... Best Quotes of the Month!!!

Get your quotes published in our Monthly Newsletter and have them posted in our classrooms! You can choose a quote from a book, internet, movies, etc. or create your own quote. ☺

## The Reading Fun Challenge:



### Word Search

Z A B F T M F P N  
E S W P R U U A Y  
G O L F W E N R D  
W B O O K S A L T  
P U T T E R I D S  
C E L E B R A T E  
F F R I E N D S O  
E D L A U T H O R  
O M S E A L F R E

Can you find these words?

READ	PUTTER
FRIENDS	LIBRARY
GOLF	CELEBRATE
PAR	AUTHOR
BOOKS	FUN

### SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below!

EARD

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KOBOS

— — — — —

LOFG

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DIBTYAHR

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## Best Quote of the March:

**"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is practice."** — From a T.V. Show (Submitted by Donna Cheung—WTE 6B)

### A Round of Applause to the Honorable Mentions:



Chan Ting Lo –WTE 6B

Noelle Cheng –WTE 6A

**Thank you for your entries! ☺**