

Thrive at E-Smart

June 2017

From the Headmaster's Desk

"It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

Mahatma Gandhi

Dear parents,

I love reading and telling stories as it enhances memory and stretches imagination. June is an extremely significant month, and I would like to revisit with you one of the stories I wrote years ago.

"For many years, Middle Kingdom had been closed off to the world. Behind the extravagant showcase put up by the king and his aides, life was unbearable for many of its people – many died of starvation and a substantial number of them were illiterate. The king used every possible means to consolidate his power, purging aides who advocated reforms and mesmerizing his people with propaganda that almost portrayed him as a god.

The king died, and for better or for worse, a new king succeeded him and put forward reforms. He reckoned the most pressing need of the kingdom was to feed all the hungry mouths. To provide enough food for everyone, the king decreed that every couple living in towns could only have one child, while those living in the rural areas could have the maximum of two. He did away with beliefs propagated by the previous king such as "everyone should have the equal share of food" to allow a small group of entrepreneurs to run their own business and get rich first, hopefully followed by an increased wealth for everyone.

Ten years on, Middle Kingdom had become much more prosperous than before. Bright young people got exposed to modern ideas of democracy and accountability of the government. And as the new king had envisaged, a very small number of businesspeople did get rich. However, graft and bribes abounded because these entrepreneurs had to buy off the king's aides. Underneath the prosperous façade, Middle Kingdom was a totalitarian and extremely corrupt entity.

Discontent slowly grew among people living in the kingdom, particularly among college students. The king had two prominent aides, Woody and Zack, who were sympathetic with the students. The king later sacked Woody who was accused by his opponents of implanting liberal ideas that would unsettle the kingdom.

Two years later, Woody died and many students were gripped by grief and anger. They staged a memorial procession at Heavenly Peace Square, which in turn became a peaceful demonstration against the king's corrupt aides. Some of them started a hunger strike and were delighted to find that they were cheered on by hundreds of thousands of students, teachers, factory workers and even farmers from the rural areas.

Zack felt for the students but at the same time was keenly aware of the impending purge by the king. He urged the students to leave the square in vain. In the end, on the fourth day of June, 7 weeks since the beginning of the movement, the king ordered fully armed soldiers to gun down defenseless civilians. That was the darkest day in the kingdom's history.

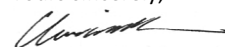
A lot of parents lost their beloved only son or daughter in the incident. Many acquiesced to the massacre while those who spoke against it were put in jail. Zack was put under house arrest until his death.

Many years had passed, but the new king and his aides still refused to admit the mistake made by the previous king. The kingdom had become even more affluent than before, and most of the younger generation seemed to care little about the incident.

By contrast, since the crackdown, people from the neighboring Fragrant Island had been holding a candlelight memorial service on the fourth day of June every year. Pro-king statesmen and businesspeople were urging these people to put their baggage behind and focus on the economic success of the kingdom. But these wise people refused to allow the rich king to shrug off his culpability of killing his own people and firmly believed that they should do their best to prevent such horrible incident in the kingdom's history from recurring."

Inspired by those wise people in the story, I will be attending the June 4 vigil in Victoria Park as I do almost every year. As Gandhi said, there may not be any immediate result, but if we do nothing, there will be no result.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

GWF2B Thur 5:30-6:30
GWF2A Thur 5:30-6:30
GWF4B Wed 6:30-7:30
GWF4B Sat 9:00-10:00
GWF4B Sat 3:00-4:00
GWF4A Thur 4:30-5:30
GWF6A Sat 2:00-3:00
GWF10A Mon 6:30-7:30
IEKKB Sat 12:00-1:00
IEKKA Tues 3:30-4:30
IEK2A Thur 4:30-5:30
IEK6B Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK6A Sat 12:00-1:00
PTWR Wed 5:30-6:30
PTWP1 Fri 5:30-6:30
PTWP1 Sat 12:00-1:00
PTWP3 Sat 10:00-11:00
PTWE3 Fri 4:30-5:30
PTW3 Sat 9:00-10:00
PTW5 Wed 4:30-5:30
STLA Thur 3:30-4:00
WTE1 Wed 4:30-5:30
WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE2A Tues 4:30-5:30
WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE4A Mon 5:30-6:30
WTE4A Thur 5:30-6:30
WTE4A Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE6B Tues 5:30-6:30
WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE6A Tues 4:30-5:30

Wong Yu Sze, Sisi
Wong Chak Fung, Andy
Lo Wai Lok, Louis
Lam Hau Yan, Melody
Chan Nga Yung, Tiffany
Wong Pak Kiu, Jan
Cheung Ka Ching, Loraine
Wong Chak Yan, Cindy
Yip Ho Yin, Andrew
Ho Sau Tung, Emma
Wong Tsz Hin, Markel
Chan Angus
Cheung Donna Kuen Tone
Lam King Lun
Lam Lok Tung, Janelle
Lau Sze Ching, Kacie
Wong Man Yin, Macy
Wong Ho Ching, Sunny
Tam Lai Wa, Kerry
Leung Yat Lam, Niji
Lau Josiah
Yeung Tsz Ki, Selena
Lam Ka Hei, Chelsea
Chang Kam Yuen, Thomas
Kwok Tsz Yau, Karly
Leung Kin Pong, Ivan
Lee Yee Bing, Icy
Yu Kingsley
Yuen Siu Nam, Alfred
Chan Ho Ching, Cyrus
Ho Man Yau, Nadia

Summer Courses – Rush!


Sign up before June 10 to enjoy the early bird discount. Don't miss it!



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STUDENTS' PAGE

Summer is HERE!!! What do you plan to do in the month of June? As June marks the last month of school for most students, many are studying hard and preparing for final exams. In the hustle and bustle of school and daily life, it is a good reminder to parents and students alike to keep a good balance between work and play so that we do not feel overwhelmed by one or the other. We should also remember that there is an important day that falls on the third Sunday of June to celebrate the love and support of a very special person in our family: Our dad.

So  to all the Daddies. Don't forget to reach over to give your father a hug or a big high-five for the guidance he offers whenever you are lost and confused. Have a fantastic month ahead!

~Ms. Heidi



"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" —Sarita Chan (WTE 8B)

Writer of the Month: "THE HAUNTED HOUSE"

One day, James invited me to his forest for an adventure. It was night time when we saw a little building with some crying sound. That sound attracted us so we went into the house.

Once we stepped in, we noticed it's dark in the house. The room was lit by a candle and it lit up a skeleton. It was so awfully scary that we were sweating a lot. Suddenly, the sound stopped and a deep voice said, "Why are you two here? Here's for us; you must die if you want to live here!"

As I had just mentioned that there's other light rushing towards us.

"Hey!" I whispered, "I think this room is very creepy."

"I think so too!" answered James.

"We don't want to die, so can we go now?" I asked.

"Yes, you can." The voice replied.

"Wait!" another voice shouted. "Too late. It is a permanent lesson for you to learn how to behave yourselves. Ha! Ha! Ha!"

Then, I felt that I was tied up with a rope tightly. At last, all the lights were on. I could see some green smoke floating in the room. Oh, they were ghosts! I was so scared that I screamed. James muttered, "Why? Why, couldn't...I find...this...haunted house before...?"

At that very moment, a police car arrived and some police rushed into the room and protected us from the "attack". At the end, the ghosts were burned in the fire with the room while we walked back out of the forest.

I swear I will not go to that forest forever!

—Hinson Ho (WTE-6B)

☺ **OTHER WRITERS OF THE MONTH:** Nicky Ho (WTE 8A); Kylie Leung (WTE 6B); Zoe Lam (WTE 4A)



BEST DAD

Father's Day Word Search

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





Father's Day Word Search:

Father	son	love
Dad	daughter	hugs
Daddy	June	kisses
Papa	respect	family
Pa	thank	tools



Help the father find his way through the DAD shaped maze to find his gift giving son.

