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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Invitation to Celebration of Thinking 2024

We are pleased to invite you to our inaugural Celebration of Thinking (CoT) 2024 at Cantonment Primary School. This event celebrates our students' efforts in applying various thinking routines and processes to solve problems with guidance from their teachers, in alignment with the school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) - The Thinking Curriculum. The works of our Primary 1 to Primary 5 students from various school programmes such as the Values in Action (VIA), the Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW), the ThinkHub, the Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) and the Student Leadership activities will be showcased. Combined with Terra Village, this event also celebrates our students' efforts in the environmental education programme.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Plant-A-Tree programme by Garden City Fund, a registered charity and an Institute of a Public Character (IPC) established by the National Parks Board.

We believe that with your support and partnership at the event, our students will deepen and strengthen their adaptive and inventive thinking skills, collaboration and communication skills, civic literacy and leadership skills as they become Concerned Citizens, Innovative Thinkers and Passionate Learners. We hope you will join us for this joyous event.

Event details are as follows:

Date: Friday, 23 August 2024

Programme: Terra Village, ThinkFest Showcase & IPW showcase

| Level | Time | Venue | Remarks |
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| P1 & P2 | 7.45 - 9.00 am | P1/2 classrooms | <p>All P1 & 2 students to attend school.</p> <p>One parent is invited per child.</p> <p>Students report to classroom by 7.45 am to set up. Parents wait in the canteen.</p> <p>Parents are invited to P1 / P2 students' showcase in their classrooms from 8.00 am – 9.00 am.</p> <p>After the showcase, parents are invited to Terra Village with their child.</p> |
| P1 – P3 | 9.00 - 10.30 am | Hall, Canteen, Foyer | <p>One parent is invited per child.</p> <p>Home-based learning for P3 students not setting up booths / supporting the event in various roles.</p> |



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| P4 – P6 | 11.00 - 12.30 pm | Hall, Canteen, Foyer | One parent is invited per child. Home-based learning for P4-P6 students not setting up booths / supporting the event in various roles. |
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Important information:

a. Entry into school

To ensure smooth crowd management, please adhere to the specified timings. **Only 1 parent / caregiver** will be admitted into the school premises with their child / ward. Parents attending the event are required to present the attached Parents Gateway poster at the school gate along with their child/ren in school uniform. Parents of students performing will receive a separate hardcopy invitation letter from their respective teacher-in-charge for entry permission into the school. Kindly confirm your attendance via Parents Gateway by 13 August 2024 to assist us in planning the event effectively.

b. Toy & Book Donation Drive for Prize Booth

In our endeavour to foster active participation and promote sustainability, we are excited to introduce a prize booth in collaboration with the CPS Parent Support Group. The prize booth will allow students to exchange their winning stamps from visiting booths and playing upcycled carnival games with second-hand toys and books.

We cordially invite parents to contribute by donating gently used toys and books in good condition to the school. By doing so, we aim to not only encourage active participation among students but also instil the principles of reduce and reuse.

Date / Time: Wednesday, 20th August 2024 (7.15 – 8.00 am)

Method of Donation: Child / ward can drop off items at the Recycling Corner

To ensure that the donated items are suitable for the prize booth, we request donors to follow the following guidelines.

1. **DO:** Donate Clean Toys and Books - Prior to donating, kindly ensure that all toys and books are clean. We recommend using gentle wipes or mild dish soap to wipe off any surface dirt or grime.
2. **DO:** Check for Working Toys and Complete Sets - Please ensure that all donations are complete and that the toys are in good working condition. Playsets, puzzles, board games, and craft kits should include all required parts and pieces (small pieces can be secured in zip-top baggies or tape).
3. **DO:** Donate Age-Appropriate Toys and Books - Since these items will be given to our students, we kindly ask that the toys and books donated are age-appropriate.

4. **DON'T:** Include Anything Dangerous - For safety reasons, we urge donors to thoroughly check their donations for any items that are not toys or anything potentially hazardous.

Please note that the school reserves the right to assess whether a toy or book is suitable for the Prize Booth. Items not used for the booth will either be recycled or donated to charity. Let us join hands to make this donation drive a great success and create a memorable experience for our students. Thank you for your generosity and support!

c. Recycling Drive

We are pleased to also announce a recycling drive a day before the event.

Date/Time: Thursday, 22 August 2024 (7.15 – 8.00 am)

Method of Donation: Child / ward drops off recyclables at the Recycling Corner

Please ensure that the recyclables brought in are clean and free from any non-recyclable materials. By participating in this drive, we can collectively contribute to a greener and more sustainable future for our community.

d. Parent Volunteer Recruitment

We invite and encourage parents to become volunteers for the event. Register as a parent volunteer on our MeetUp group (<https://www.meetup.com/cantonmentprimaryschool/>) and sign up for specific volunteering opportunities related to the event. For any inquiries, please contact our CPS Parent Support Group at cantonmentpri.psgexco@gmail.com.

e. Frequently Asked Questions

A list of Frequently Asked Questions is attached to this letter for your reference.

Your support and partnership are invaluable in nurturing a vibrant school community and fostering responsible, caring citizens. Together, let us make the Celebration of Thinking 2024 an unforgettable experience for our students.

Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal
Cantonment Primary School

Celebration of Thinking 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Can students give their free games booth tickets to their friends if they are not attending the event?**

No. Free games booth tickets that will be issued to the students are non-transferable as indicated on the ticket. This is to be fair to the students who set up games booths with the intent to raise funds through the event.

2. **Can parents with siblings in the school come at one shift instead of two?**

Yes. Parents coming with more than one child (e.g. a child in P1 and another in P4) can come with their children at a shift of their choice.

3. **Can children attend without their parents?**

No. Children must attend with their parents or a caregiver for their own safety and security as our staff will be engaged with students who are running booths / performing at the event. One caregiver can take charge of more than 1 child.

Only P1 and P2 students can report to school on their own. A teacher chaperone will be assigned to this group of students from 7.45am to 10.30am.

4. **How will parents be identified at the school gate?**

Parents will present the poster shared via Parents Gateway and will be accompanying their child in school uniform.

5. **My child is a performer / participant at the event and will not be with me when I enter the school. Can I still attend?**

Yes. Parents of student performers will be given a **hardcopy invitation letter** to present at the school gate to attend the event. To be fair to all students, only 1 parent per child will be admitted into the school premises. Parent of student performers can attend a shift of their choice.

6. **Can my children come in their home clothes?**

No. All students must be in school uniform so that we can identify them at the school gate.

7. **I have a toddler at home and I need to bring him along with my child to the event as there is no one to take care of him at home. Is this possible?**

Yes.



8. Can Student Care Centre (SCC) teachers bring the students to the booth without parents?

Yes, provided their parents / guardians have given their consent to SCC teachers and the SCC teachers accompany them.

9. Will the School Bus Service operate on the day of the event?

Yes, the School Service will operate one way, transporting students to school by 7.45 am only. Parents / guardians should arrange to pick their child / ward up after the event due staggered dismissals for different groups of students.