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Raise the Next Generation of Fairians with Us!

Riding on MOE's PERI (Primary Education Review and Implementation) upgrading project, Fairfield will look forward to enhanced facilities and redesigned classrooms to usher in a holistic learning environment for the Fairian of the future. The cost of the entire project will be \$4 million. The upgrading project will begin in December 2012 and it will be completed in December 2014. Among the developments will be 2 non-standard items to be fully funded by the school; the Performing Arts Studio and the Competitive Indoor Sports Hall.

Performing Arts Studio: True to her tradition of inculcating an appreciation of the performing arts, Fairfield will build a Performing Arts Studio with a seating capacity of 300. This facility will provide a conducive environment for quality learning and performances for both the Primary and Secondary schools.

Competitive Indoor Sports Hall: The competitive indoor sports hall will come with a seating gallery and our schools will be able to promote spectatorship (parents, guests, pupils and staff) when we host games, events and competitions.



Mission of the Fairfield Schools

*To provide a holistic education in a Christian environment
So as to nurture leaders of good character,
Equipped to serve God, nation, community and school*

Turn to the next page for more details on how you can contribute...



...Ways You Can Contribute to the Fundraising

Fundraising Initiative	Details	How you can take part
Mighty Ocean Efforts	Spearheaded by the Partners-in-Education, parents of our students will be selling different items throughout the fundraising period.	Join the PIE and volunteer. Or look out for their activities in school and support them!
Fairfield Funfair 2013	Our once-in-5 years Fairfield Funfair will be back in July 2013!	Buy funfair tickets! Or set up a stall!
Buy a Brick, Build a Legacy	Adopt a brick for \$1,000 each and help build the Fairfield legacy. Our target is to construct a wall made up of 1,000 names in the new building.	Adopt a brick for \$1,000 and leave a legacy either in your name, your class or in memory of someone.
Walkway of Blessings	A walkway of blessings made up of STARS leading up to the new Performing Arts Studio which will remind our future aesthetic students that they can Shine Through the ARTS.	Adopt a star for \$10,000 either in your name, your class or in memory of someone.
Adopt a Room	Consider adopting a room and sponsoring the building cost for generations of Fair-sians who will be enriched within thy walls.	Adopt a room either in your name, your class or in memory of someone. Email us for more information on the value of each room.

Cheques are to be made payable to "Fairfield Methodist School (Primary)"

Please include your full name as in NRIC, NRIC number, address and contact number on the reverse side of your cheque.

An acknowledgement of receipt will follow thereafter.

All donations are eligible for tax exemption.

For enquiries,

please contact Fairfield Methodist School (Primary) and quote "Fundraising" at 67788431 or email us at fmsp@moe.edu.sg.

Please refer to the brochure inserted in this newsletter for more information! ■

Dads@Fairfield

“It’s never too late” to make a difference in your child’s life.

These words echoed in my mind after attending a recent “Dads for Life” conference.

There is overwhelming evidence that children benefit richly from their fathers’ involvement in schools, and that this is true even when their mothers are already involved. When fathers are involved in their children’s learning and in schools, their children:

- Perform better in school
- Show better rates of school attendance
- Have more positive attitudes towards school (such as greater enjoyment and achievement orientation)
- Achieve higher levels of educational qualification, and
- Exhibit fewer discipline or behaviour problems (such as reduced risk of suspension or expulsion) [1]

There are benefits for children outside of the classroom too, including less criminality, better quality interpersonal relationship and better mental health [2]

Seeing the need, the school leaders together with the PIE (Partners-In-Education) and several fathers started the Dads@Fairfield support group. We seek to inspire fathers to embrace the importance of shared parenting as they journey together with their loved ones, providing them the guidance and support they need in their growing up years.

Networking sessions will be organized to allow fathers to learn from one another, share their concerns and challenges, provide mutual support and be involved in the planning and conducting of activities that will enhance bonding with their children and spouse. Screening of the movie “Courageous” in celebration of Father’s Day on 16th June 2012 was the first initiative.

Our 1st networking session will be held on Saturday, 28 July 2012 from 9am to 12 noon at Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary). We look forward for your participation. Make a unique difference in your child’s life!

For more information, please contact Jimmy Chew (Chairman) Email: jimmy.chewbh@gmail.com (hp 98479001). David Seet (Vice-Chairman) Email: dseet007@gmail.com (hp 94555941) ■



L-R: Fairfield dads Francis, Darryl, David, Jimmy with Lim Sin Heng, VP/EMS(S)

[1] Noel C & West j (2001). Fathers and mothers’ involvement in their children schools by family type and resident status.

[2] Goldman, R. (2005). Father’s involvement in their children’s education. London: National Family and Parenting Institute

By Jimmy Chew, Chairman, Dads@Fairfield

Going Strong at 75



The Third Singapore Girls' Brigade Companies, comprising of both the Primary and Secondary section kicked off her 75 years of existence with a heart-warming Enrolment Service that saw her past and present GB members coming back for a reunion. Currently at 250 members and officers strong, the Company has indeed moved from glory to glory, from strength to strength.

It was indeed a privilege to invite Mrs Tang Poh Kim, former Principal of the school and former Captain to be one of our Guests of Honour. Her stories as a GB girl never fail to inspire many who were back to reminisce and remember the good GB times we had. Ms Pricilla Song, another former Captain of the Company, gave a powerful exhortation to our girls that evening. The theme verse for the Service is, Arise, Shine for your Light has come. Indeed, with the various activities that the Companies are organising, girls are trained to be leaders in their own right and be a positive impact in their sphere of influence.

At 75, we are still going strong! *May each Girl who is entrusted to the Third Company be trained to be godly women who will let their light shine before many. To God be the Glory!* ■

By Tan Lay Kwan Hannah (Class of 2002)

Ostentatiously Yours

124th Founder's Day Dinner

This year, we want you to show us what it means to be ostentatious*. Come dressed in the most ostentatious outfit and stand to win fabulous prizes. Forget the stare of the Discipline teachers. It is your stage, your night, anyway.

4 August 2012 (Saturday) ♦ NTU Alumni Club @ one-north

1900h till 2300h ♦ \$70 per person (\$55 for Graduating Class of 2011)

email info@fairfieldalumni.org.sg for table reservations

*The word 'ostentatious' is defined as impressive or spectacular, or fanciful.

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Fairfield Chapelthon 2012 - One Life

The Fairfield Chapelthon is an annual praise and worship night jointly organized by the Fairfield Schools Alumni Association, Aldersgate Methodist Church and Fairfield Methodist Secondary Christian Ministry. This year, close to 700 people attended the event on 4th May 2012 at the Chen Su Lan Hall at FMS(S).

The Chapelthon committee was made up of alumni, current FairSIans and the Youth Ministry of Aldersgate (Youthphoria). Our theme this year was a continuation from last year's One Love, in that as we remember God's redemptive love for us, we would be convicted to live life to the fullest as God intended for His children.

Dinner was sponsored by Aldersgate Methodist Church prior to the event. Mrs Diana Chee, President of the Alumni Association kickstarted the event by leading the people to a time of prayer for the Principals of the Fairfield schools, after which, the One Fairfield Fundraising Project was officially launched and we raised \$2000 that night. The bands then led us into God's presence as we were constantly reminded of God's everlasting love for Fairfield and for us all, and we responded to that by surrendering our lives to Him. Representatives from the head student council, Fairfield prayer group and Christian Ministry Staff also took turns to pray for Fairfield. Reverend Barnabas Chong was our guest speaker who shared his life experience and testimony and spoke about what One Life is to him.

We ended the night as a Fairfield family, across different generations, singing with one voice the heartfelt conviction for God to "Bless this school, O Lord we pray, keep it safe by night and day.."

We celebrate His faithfulness to Fairfield the past 124 years. To God be the Glory!



Happy Moments for Every Child at Wendy's

For more than four decades, Wendy's has been providing great tasting burgers to the public and throughout that time, founder Dave Thomas' compassion for children is still incorporated into the very philosophy of the restaurant, through initiatives like the Wendy's Wonderful Kids adoption program in the US.

Now, two years after their successful return to our shores, Wendy's Singapore is continuing Dave's legacy. Wendy's hosted 'Happy Moments for Every Child at Wendy's' at its Liat Towers outlet for the children from Grace Haven in May 2012. And in line with the event, Wendy's introduced its brand new 'Dave's Hot 'N Juicy Cheeseburger. Considered a complete "taste-lift" of its 42-year-old signature hamburger, Dave's Hot

'N Juicy™ Cheeseburger is paying homage to Wendy's founder, Dave Thomas, and is the hottest and juiciest in the company's history.

Wendy's Singapore will be sponsoring prizes and vouchers for the upcoming Fairfield Alumni Games Day – Alumpics! – on 21 July 2012. Thank you Wendy's Singapore for bringing Fairians loads of fun and great tasting food!

Wendy's Singapore can be found at Holland Village, Century Square, Liat Towers, Nex, Jurong East MRT Station, Manulife Centre, Jurong Point, V Hotel, Kopitiam City, Yishun 10 & Lau Pa Sat. www.wendys.com.sg



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Fairfield Alumni Games Day

FAIRFIELD ALUMPICS
FAIRFIELD ALUMNI GAMES DAY

21 JULY 2012
FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS
0900HRS TO 1700HRS
REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 PER TEAM
FOOTBALL, CAPTAIN'S BALL, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL
EMAIL WEE_TECK_GE@YAHOO.COM.SG FOR REGISTRATION

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Week of Holistic, Enriched and Experiential Learning (W.H.E.E.L.)

W.H.E.E.L. is an important Fairfield tradition. The key words in W.H.E.E.L. as well as the design of the programme give us a deep understanding of Fairfield's philosophy.

		Developmental Phase	W.H.E.E.L.
Foundation [Leadership of Self]	Sec 1	Personal Mastery	Cyber-Wellness Arts Appreciation Cultural Appreciation
	Sec 2	Relationship Mastery	Outdoor Adventure Camp
Preparation for Post Secondary Phase [Leadership of Others]	Sec 3	Ability to Lead and Serve	National Education/ Overseas Service Learning Trips
	Sec 4/5	Preparation for Bigger Challenges after Leaving FMS(S)	Career Guidance Week

W.H.E.E.L. - *Holistic*. Fairfield is passionate about developing every pupil into an active lifelong learner and influential leader through the provision of a holistic education. We focus on five domains, namely the Academic (Cognitive), Character and Leadership, Physical Well-being/Co-Curricular Activities, National Education/Service Learning and Aesthetics domains, and they are reflected in the four year W.H.E.E.L. programme.

W.H.E.E.L. - *Enriched*. We strongly believe that education should go beyond the boundaries of the syllabuses and that pupils should be given a chance to explore. This can be seen through W.H.E.E.L. as well as all the other enrichment programmes that are conducted for our pupils. This is reflected in our school song as well:

A world that's full of interest
Since to school we found our way

W.H.E.E.L. - *Experiential*. We believe in the benefits of experiential learning. Deep learning occurs for our pupils when we involve and engage them in the learning process through the provision of meaningful and authentic experiences and the assistance given to help the students draw connections through reflection.

In a nutshell, Fairfield's philosophy is that education should be holistic, enriching, experiential and pupil-centred.

With this in mind, Fairfield's secondary one to three students had the unique opportunity to travel to various venues within and outside Singapore to participate in meaningful experiential learning outside the confines of the classroom between 22 and 30 April 2012, so as to develop every pupil into an active lifelong learner and influential leader through a holistic education.

In addition, between 8 and 9 March 2012, Fairfield's secondary four and five pupils learnt about the plethora of exciting polytechnic and junior college courses through the Career Education and Guidance talks and trips.

Fairsians have certainly gained much from these exciting and enriching experiences, which would serve them well in their future endeavours. ■



...W.H.E.E.L.

Sec 1 W.H.E.E.L.



Listening intently in the museum



Playing together on the angklungs



Students working hard on their Chinese brush painting



Working out on their Bollywood dance



Bonding over food during Outward Bound School



Preparing for their OBS adventure



Putting on their protective vest



Students enjoying a skipping session during OBS

Sec 2 W.H.E.E.L.

Outward Bound Singapore



Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is a progress. Working together is a success!



In union there is strength



Many hands make light work



Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts

Sec 2 W.H.E.E.L.

Bukit Batok Trip



Fairfield teachers with the cultural performers from Nischay Girls



Fairsians performing songs for the Nischay Girls



Fairsians reading with Nischay Girls



Jaipur Trip students with the Nischay Girls

Sec 3 W.H.E.E.L.

Jaipur

Sec 3 W.H.E.E.L.

Nepal (National Education)



A group photo with Staff and Students of Jana Kalyan Lower Sec School, at the end of the Closing Ceremony



All students and teachers forming a long human chain to transport sand and bricks from hill bottom to hilltop for building of new classrooms.



Students enjoying themselves while practising a folk dance under the guidance of Mr Sanjeev



Students of both schools bonded through teaching programmes and games.



Cruising down the Trisuli River



Enjoying an outdoor breakfast



Pupils helping to paint part of the school



Pupils teaching Nepalese pupils about Mammals

Sec 3 W.H.E.E.L.

Nepal (Outdoor Education)

...W.H.E.E.L.

Sec 3
W.H.E.E.L.
Suzhou



Forging friendships



Friendly match with China buddies



Having fun with children with special needs



Learning about China History and visits to historical sites



A unique experience in a trap-hole



Presenting the Vietnamese troopers!



Staying close for a group shot

Sec 3
W.H.E.E.L.
Vietnam

Sec 3
W.H.E.E.L.
Vietnam
(Mathematics)



Having lunch with the local kids at Anh Ling Free School



Sand art with the local kids



Sharing their love with the children at the orphanage



Sampan ride in Mekong Delta



Fairsians interacting with orphans over dinner.



Making traditional toys with bamboo



Precious first hand experience at tea leaves picking in Taiwan



Team Taiwan - All ready to experience life as a farmer

Sec 3
W.H.E.E.L.
Taiwan

Sec 3
W.H.E.E.L.
Local Service Learning



Chinatown trip with Fei Yue elderly members



Interacting with Fei Yue elderly members



Posing with a Fei Yue elderly member



Rehearsing for the Party for Fei Yue elderly



Pupils at multi media studio



Pupils having hands-on experience



Pupils viewing an exhibit



Writing Hub

Sec 4
W.H.E.E.L.
Career Guidance Week

Developing Self-Directed Learners

In line with the Fairfield Outcomes to equip our pupils with 21st century skills, the school enhances its teaching and learning programmes to cultivate self-directed learners through a collaborative environment. Self-directed learners articulate their learning goals, own and chart their learning as well as measure and monitor their learning process.

The school capitalises on its Learning Management System (MCOOnline) to provide a collaborative learning environment through the use of Blogs, Google Apps like Google Docs and Google Forms. Teachers and pupils communicate, exchange and build ideas, which is documented on a virtual environment for archive and future reference.

With the ICT integration plan, the school further integrates ICT into instructional programmes to achieve self-directed and collaborative learning. For example, in an experimental project, Trail Shuttle, teachers use a mobile learning platform to engage the self-directed learner as pupils download, analyse and complete learning tasks. Teachers monitor pupils' progress and communicate to pupils via an application. In the classroom, pupils also learn to use google forms to conduct surveys. For example, they survey friends on their favourite colours. Later, this data collected is used to plot a chart using Excel. This authentic learning enables pupils to relate and apply real-life data. *Pupils see the formulae in their textbooks come alive and in-turn become more excited about their learning process.* ■



Pupils using the iPad in the Trail Shuttle Project



Pupils reading the Little Red Dot and blogging their responses.

Self-Directed Learning Among Staff



On 30 May 2012, FMSP teaching and administrative staff engaged in 'A Running Man Mission' to Universal Studios, Singapore. Staff Well-Being Committee planned an amazing race event based on a Korean Entertainment Show, 'Running Man'. At the same time, Self-Directed Learning (SDL) principles were incorporated in every task in order to align to the staff mid-year development theme.

Staff members were divided into smaller groups within their department and given names of K-Pop Idols like Super Junior, Shinee, Wonder Girls etc.

At exactly at 8.00am, the Running Man Show began. Teams were tasked to complete team games in the school hall before moving on to their first station at One North MRT station. From the activities, teams were expected to show some possible behavioural indicators of SDL. Secret Running Men planted in each team observed the SDL behavioural indicators and awarded stickers to the teams discretely.

After the final task, each team had to locate its Running Man to get their entrance tickets to USS. It was not an easy task as the Running Man was always on the run. *Team members exercised self-directed learning through performing the various tasks assigned from FMSP to USS.* They well-rewarded for performing the various tasks assigned by receiving their USS entrance tickets from the Running Man.

At USS, the teams continued to bond among one another through riding rides together, eating meals and enjoying one another's company. Everyone went home happy and satisfied! ■



Partnerships with Parents

The school incorporated a new Strategic Thrust, 'Embracing Collaborative Partnerships' from 2012, to enhance partnership between its internal and external partners so as to promote greater engagement and effectiveness in teaching and learning.

Partnerships provide an extension of the curriculum for the holistic development of each child.

Through them the school hopes to enable pupils achieve excellence and engagement in learning, build their character and leadership abilities and provide them platforms to cultivate a global outlook. For the Staff, the school hopes to develop staff competencies through harnessing the resources/expertise of the community.

In particular, the school treasures its partnership ties with parents. Good partnership with parents is forged as School Leaders share the Strategic Plan at P1 Orientation, yearly Meet-the-Parents Sessions and Breakfast with Principal, Termly Newslink to Parents etc. Feedback is gathered through the various meetings and from online platforms (eg. Online surveys, emails, school website).

The school is blessed by a group of parents who render us their unwavering support. Parent helpers serve as chaperons on learning journeys; and support the school through their involvement in activities. Be it in activities organised by the PE Department during Sports Carnival, P1 Games Day or NAPFA 1.6km run, they will be there to offer help as games ushers, scorers, cheerleaders, etc; or at Chinese New Year activities and International Friendship Day celebrations, our parents are there to provide the much-appreciated manpower support to assist in the games stalls. Their creativity in bringing a concept across provides an added freshness to the activities. There is also a Parents Prayer group which support staff and pupils during examination and in times of special needs through prayers. This parent group meets weekly to pray for the school.

Indeed, the presence and support of many caring parents during the numerous school events have indeed been a blessing to the school! Parents, you are very much appreciated! ■



Parents volunteering during International Friendship Day