Dear All,

This month celebrates Teachers' Day. As a tribute, this article, reproduced from the Ministry of Education Kindergarten Briefing 2012, salutes all our teachers:

**The Star Polisher**

I have a great job in the universe of occupations. What do I do? I'm a "star polisher."

It's a very important job. If you want to know how important my job is, just go out at night and look at the stars twinkling and sparkling.

You see, I'm a teacher. The stars are the children in my class. My job is to take them in whatever shape they come and shine them and then send them out to take their places as bright little twinkling beacons in the sky.

They come into my room in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes they're bent, tarnished, dirty, crinkly and broken. Some stars are cuddly, soft and sweet.

Some stars are prickly and thorny.

As I buff, polish, train and teach my little stars, I tell them that the world cannot do without them. I tell them they can do anything they set their minds to do. I tell them they can be the brightest, shiniest stars in the sky and the world will be a better place because of them.

Each night as I look at the sky, I'm reminded of my very important job and awesome responsibility. I go and get my soft buffing cloth and my bottle of polish in preparation for tomorrow and for my class of little stars.

By Leah Becks
“Show and Tell” by Parent
Date: 9 July 2012

All of us at TLK were privileged to have a parent volunteer to come in to talk to the children about his occupation. Mr Peh, the father of Christian (K2) and Faith (N) conducted a “Show and Tell” for both sessions on 9 July 2012.

Mr Peh brought a giant model of an aeroplane and flight charts to demonstrate his talk as a Flight Officer. The children “ooched” and “ahhed” at the tall and handsome daddy in his flight uniform. He held a mini Q & A session, ably helped by “SIA stewardess” (Mrs Peh!)

The children had a great time, with many wanting to “fly” aeroplanes as their future dreams. Mr Peh’s talk was relevant to this term’s theme, “Community Helpers” and on behalf of all the children at TLK, we wish to thank him and Mrs Peh for bringing us all on the “flight of fantasy.”

Learning Time Kit (Flik Flak Educational)
Date” 13 Aug 2012

A 4 students team from Temasek Polytechnic requested to present the kindergarten with a complete learning time kit courtesy of the “Flik Flak” brand (Swatch)'s 25th birthday celebration. As part of their project, the students visited us on 13 Aug ’12 to explain and hand over the kit.

We are happy to be part of the Flik Flak 25th birthday celebration and have implemented the “teaching” at the age-appropriate level. Our children had a most enjoyable and colorful time learning with the two adorable characters, Flik and Flak.
Familiarization Trip to Haig Girls’ School
Date: 5 July 2012
Reported by Mrs Gladys Chor

The K2 children went on their annual familiarization trip to Haig Girls' School on 5 July 2012. The primary school located at Koon Seng Road, is one of the primary schools in Singapore to receive the National Arts Council’s pinnacle National Arts Education (Blaze) Award. Arts education is integral to 21st century learning at HGS. The trip has indeed brought awareness for the K2 children as they see the distinctive features of the school. The children were also introduced to the school's various facilities and the final station at the canteen was the greatest highlight for every child. The children were observed excitedly choosing and buying their own food. The thrill of counting real money was a worthwhile trip that came as a good practical learning experience for them.

Racial Harmony Day Celebration
Date: 20 July 2012
Reported by Mrs Gladys Chor

Tung Ling Kindergarten celebrated Racial Harmony Day on 20 July 2012. The event is to commemorate the 1964 Racial Riots and to bring awareness of racial harmony in our society. The kindergarten celebrated Singapore's success as a multi-racial harmonious nation which is built on a rich diversity of culture. Children were greatly encouraged to dress in traditional costumes such as the Cheongsam, Baju Kurong or Punjabi, etc. They were treated to multi-racial dance items by teachers also in costumes. Traditional songs were also sung in the celebrations. The message that racial harmony cannot be taken for granted was successfully reinforced.
National Day Celebration
Date: 8 August 2012
Reported by Mrs Gladys Chor

Happy 47th Birthday to Singapore! To mark the nationhood of our country, the teachers and children arrived in school in red and white. A sense of patriotic spirit filled the air as everyone sang the National Anthem followed by reciting the National Pledge. The kindergarten celebrated this event with an ‘EGG’ party. The theme ‘Eggstra-ordinary Singapore’ is to coincide with the extra-ordinary achievements that our nation has gained. The children had a fun time playing ‘egg’ relay and doing ‘egg’ craft (make red eggs that signify Singapore as the red dot in the world map.) It was indeed an ‘eggs-tremely’ and ‘eggs-citing’ and ‘eggs-cellent’ celebration that involves everyone’s eggstra-ordinary participation.

IN THE PIPELINE ..........

- Teachers’ Day Celebration
  Date: 30 August 2012 (Article will be published in Term 4 Newsletter)

- Vision Screening
  Date: 13 September 2012

- Children’s Day Celebration
  Date: 5 October 2012

- K2 Graduation & Concert
  Date: 25 October 2012

- Field Trips :-
  K1 Children (1 November 2012) - Jurong Bird Park
  PreN Children (6 November 2012) - Explorer Kid