



ACACIA WALDORF SCHOOL

Educating the Child: Head ~ Heart ~ Hands

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

July 4, 2014

Dear Acacia Community,

Welcome to all our students! The students are back and it has been truly heartwarming these past two weeks to watch the hustle and bustle around the campus and feel once again their joyful energy in the school grounds. The Rose Ceremony was a historical event for Acacia this year as we welcomed our biggest number of new children into the grade school. That day was the start of many new teacher-student-parent friendships and partnerships committed to supporting and fostering the learning, growth and wholeness of our children.

The kindergarten classes have also started. Again another first in Acacia's history, we are proud to announce that we have two full kinder classes and now have a waiting list. To support this growth, we have increased the number of teacher assistants per class. These teachers are happily experiencing the healthy dynamics of bigger classes.

A third very significant beginning was the blessing of the new Upper School Building. It was a joyful and solemn occasion as the school community gathered around the new structure to sing and celebrate this momentous event with grateful hearts. We commend our brave pioneer students, their parents and teachers. No different from the explorers of old, with a spirit of adventure, boldness, fortitude and trust, our pioneers are blazing the trail for all our future high school students. We are privileged to walk beside these singular young men and women.

Come visit the new venue of the Adult/Toddler Class (the former Administration Office) whose walls were lovingly painted for the youngest of our children by the oldest, our very own high school students. Here we witness the beauty and wholeness of a school community whose members, nourished through the years by the service of others, now in turn provide for those entering the community for the first time. The gesture of service comes full circle.

The long days have now peaked in the summer solstice, and henceforth, we have begun the earth's gradual journey towards longer nights and the winter solstice. Commemorations of the births of St. John and the Christ coincide, too, with these events. "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30) Yet still in the light of our recent St. John's Festival, we continue to ponder its message of striving for virtue and of transformation and renewal of mind and heart.

With our warmest regards,

Trina Galvez
For the College of Teachers

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

July

1	Upper School: Start of regular classes
11	Kinder: Household helpers orientation
30	Eidul-Fitar/End of Ramadan (holiday)
31–Aug 1	Health break

August

4	Regular classes resume
21	Ninoy Aquino Day (holiday)
22	Regular classes
25	National Heroes Day (holiday)
29	Bahaginan / Buwan ng Wika celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Upper School Building Blessed

With happy and grateful hearts, the new Upper School building was blessed by the Acacia School community last Monday morning, June 30. After singing the St. Mikael song, verses were read by Teacher Trina Galvez, Mr. Kokoy Reonisto and several Upper School students to represent the faculty, Board of Trustees, and students, respectively. Teacher Trina thanked the Sta. Elena family, who donated the majority of the funds used to construct the building. The students, teachers, parents and staff then toured the building, sprinkling life-giving water and sharing their good wishes as they went.

Two classrooms on the second floor of this building are currently being used by the Upper School and Class 8 students.

We would like to thank the Acacia Board of Trustees, teachers, parents, school staff and workers for their hard work and perseverance in making sure that this building would be ready for our students' use by our target date.

Household Helpers Orientation

Yayas play significant roles in the care of our young children. To strengthen the partnership between school and home, the Kindergarten will be having its orientation for household helpers on Friday, July 11 at 1:30pm.

Laboratory in the New Upper School Building

A new science laboratory is currently in the works on the ground floor of the new Upper School building. We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause our students and school community. The laboratory is scheduled to be finished by September 2014, and will be used primarily by the Upper School students for their Science subjects.

The new science laboratory will have a practical and modern set up, complete with work stations, a separate area for storing and dispensing chemicals, a powerful hood to suck out fumes, and a shower inside the room for emergencies.

Update on New School Driveway

The school is experiencing some delays due to the rains in the completion of the paving of the school's new driveway and parking area near the new Upper School building. We apologize for the inconvenience and we ask for the continued patience of our school community as we continue to work hard to complete this project. In the meantime, we request our parents to kindly park their vehicles by the Kindergarten gate until the work is finished. The school office will inform the community as soon as the new driveway is ready for use.

Visiting Mentors

The school is pleased to announce the return of two visiting mentors next month. Dra. Grace Zozobrado-Hahn, a eurhythmy therapist, will be here to provide curative eurhythmy classes on August 4-15. Daniel Stokes, a Waldorf class teacher over the past 25 years, will be with us for three weeks on August 4-22 to mentor our grade school teachers.

Car Stickers Now Available

Car stickers for SY 2014-2015 are now available at the Admin Office at P150 each. To avail of a sticker, kindly fill out a form and bring a copy of your vehicle's Certificate of Registration (CR) and Official Receipt (OR).

OTHER EVENTS



Seminar on Raising Special Children

Saturday, July 12, 2014
9am – 4pm

ISIP Manila, 6241 Palma cor. Mañalac Sts.,
Poblacion, Makati 1210

Seminar fee is P2,000 (exclusive of meals).

For more information, please visit Institute for
Steiner's Ideas in Practice (ISIP) Manila's
Facebook page (www.facebook.com/isip.manila).

Seminar for New Waldorf Parents

Tuesdays & Thursdays of the last 2
weeks of July

9:00–11:30am

1086 Del Monte Avenue, Quezon
City (near West Ave.)

Seminar fee is P2,000 for 4
sessions. Minimum of 12
participants in a class.

A photograph of an adult hand gently holding a child's hand. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape.

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WALDORF
PARENTS**

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Php2,000 for 4 sessions
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Steiner/Waldorf Education:
History & Goals
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(Q&A during each session)

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