



Branksome Hall Asia Parent-Teacher Association NEWS LETTER

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Charity Donation to the local community



On Jan 20th, Yoonjung, Kim (President of PTA) along with two other PTA Executive Council members paid a visit to the Daejung-eup community office to donate 3million KRW to the Community Chest of Korea as part of the proceeds from the 2016 Plaid Tidings. The charitable donation will be used to support 10 families in the local community each with 300,000 KRW. We also took the opportunity to kindly request the local officers for their continued support for BHA students' local Service Activities. We strongly believe that this will

be a great opportunity to build upon our community.

(From left : Mr. Yunmyung Lee, Daejung-eup Head officer, Ms.Yoonjung Kim, Ms.Stella Kim, and Ms.Eun Hye Gee, BHA PTA, Ms. Youngsook Seo, Secretary General, Jeju Community Chest of Korea)

Support faculty and student-lead projects

PTA funds, raised by Plaid Tidings and the school shop, are used to support our students' on-going learning experience. This academic year, PTA received 11 outstanding proposals from faculty members, all which proposed incredible benefits to all of our students' learning and development. Among those proposals, we decided to support buying Portable Stages for Performing Arts (6 Million KRW) and expansion of the Junior School In-Class Library (2million KRW).

Empowering Women



PTA also supported 250,000 KRW to a student lead project FORGET-ME-NOT which helped students publish a book purposed to raise awareness of "comfort women" and 100,000 KRW to the Pareto project which is a media CAS project. PTA will receive and review BHA students' lead service project proposals and support them all year round. Please encourage students to submit their proposals to pta.branksome@gmail.com.

[Event council]

Children's Day Ice cream Treat



On May 2nd, the Event Council hosted the 2017 Children's Day Ice Cream Treat held from 11am to 1pm at the school dining room and lower Junior school pod. PTA prepared a total of 870 Gelato ice creams to serve students, faculty, staff and all other BHA families including C&S and JJ catering staff. A total of 1,372,500 was funded by proceeds from 2016 Plaid Tidings and the school shop. A special thanks to all of the parents who helped us at this event.



Junior School and Middle School Cultural Exchange support



A special event was held in relation to the Chinese Language as a mother tongue class in JS/MS. Chinese language teachers led a Chinese New Year cultural exchange event on the 21st of January. JS Chinese teacher, Aggie Jie Hwang along with 50 Chinese parents hosted a Chinese dumpling making event and Grade Parents(GPs) joined to support the event. 300 JS students participated and made over a thousand dumplings. Junior school provided venue and support for the cost of the event and whole JS community, regardless of their nationalities, enjoyed this special Chinese New Year's event.

On 9th of February, MS Chinese teacher, Rachel Zhang, led

another special Chinese cultural event of making Tangyuan. From 12pm to 3pm, many Chinese parents participated to make over a thousand *Tangyuans* and shared with MS students. In addition, there were several booths for students to experience Chinese culture, such as Calligraphy, Kongzhu, and Origami. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped in planning and participating in the events.



Meeting with G12 parents



On 14th of April, PTA held **Meeting with G12 parents** at PAC. From K to G11, more than 70 parents joined this meeting and listened four G12 students and the parents' valuable comments about college application process, strategies and advices to senior students and their parents about two hours. Thank you so much for G12 students to share their stories and sincere advices and the parents who flew to Jeju early in the morning only to join the meeting. We are very proud of you all.

Cheer up Gift-Goody Bag- to G12



On 4th of April, to cheer up all G12 students under the pressure before IB final test, PTA handed out cheer up Goody Bags, which consist of snacks, stationery, and sticky rice cakes. MS students prepared and displayed "Cheer up Board" at Green Lamp Room. Additionally, PTA provide snacks to support G12's late night study.



[Treasurer-PTA School Shop]



Since its opening, PTA School Shop has supported various PTA lead activities and events using the proceeds from second-hand uniform and school logo items sales. From this February, IVY CLUB started to sell pre-ordered new uniforms at the school shop every Thursday afternoon.

Like last year, G12 students donated their uniforms to School Shop and PTA gifted a newly introduced school logo blanket to

them. Donation of Uniforms from G12 (Photo: Lee, Youjin G12 and Stella Kim) before their graduation becomes BHA's meaningful tradition. School Shop also supports student/teacher lead Service projects, such as Sales of JS Production T shirt to help Cambodian Schools and sales of the fairy tale book made by Forget-me-not project to raise awareness of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan.

During this summer break, School Shop will be fully renovated supporting from school. We expect to welcome you all at whole new School Shop. In addition, School Shop is planning a Mega-second-hand uniform bazar upcoming academic year. If you have any outgrown uniforms, please donate them and enjoy PTA School shop's special gifts.

Thank you for all your interests and support to School Shop and hope more parents join our School Shop volunteer team in the next academic year.

2016-17 PTA Account annual closing

Carry over Balance from 2015-16 Academic Year		14,800
Total Revenue	Plaid Tidings	23,500
	Proceed from School Shop	10,640
Total Expense	PTA funding	9,350
	Events support	4,990
Closing Balance*		34,600

(Unit: Thousand Won) * PTA Treasurer will carry over all balance to the new Academic Year.