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YORKLAND News

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Dear Parents,

Excitement is in the air as we gear up for the upcoming Harvest Festival! Our dedicated teachers, enthusiastic children, and hardworking committees are busy preparing for an unforgettable event. We warmly invite you to mark your calendars and join us in celebrating this joyous occasion on Saturday, May 27th, 2023.

We recently had a kick-off committee meeting on May 13th, and we were thrilled to see so many wonderful mothers volunteering their time and energy to be a part of the preparations. The meeting was brief, but it was overflowing with fruitful suggestions that will enhance the festival experience for everyone. One exciting highlight this year is our decision to purchase personalized T-shirts for all the children. Each shirt will proudly display their name and our beloved 'Yorkland' brand. We're incredibly proud to share that this will be our very first T-shirt adorned with our center name.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the compassionate mothers who have already been involved in the preparations, we are immensely grateful for your contributions to making this festival a resounding success.

Let's come together as a vibrant community, celebrate the bountiful harvest, and create cherished memories with our children. We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival!

At Yorkland, the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as we embarked on our scarecrow-making adventure. The process was a breeze this time around, with our older students easily recalling the techniques they had learned in the previous year. Determined to make this year's creations even more special, we decided to craft not just one, but two charming "child scarecrows." In a single day, we skillfully brought their bodies, legs, and heads to life. Now, the final touches are underway, adding an extra layer of magic to our scarecrows.

We're particularly thrilled to introduce the traditional paddy straw scarecrow, a design that has been somewhat forgotten in recent times. While mannequin scarecrows have become more common, we wanted to embrace the essence of our heritage. With nimble fingers and boundless creativity, the children transformed humble materials provided by the farmers into humanoid scarecrows that serve a dual purpose: not only are they beautifully crafted, but they also dutifully guard our precious vegetable beds, keeping pesky crows and birds at bay.

Collaborating hand in hand, our passionate teachers and eager young Yorkland artists successfully concocted four captivating colours. The delicate petals of bougainvillea gifted us with a mesmerizing shade of pink, reminiscent of a gentle sunset. The ethereal butterfly pea blossoms offered up a soothing blue, reminiscent of a clear sky. A touch of sunshine was captured by the golden brilliance extracted from the vibrant turmeric, while the vibrant green of pandan leaves lent a refreshing and lively hue to the palette.

Get ready to witness a kaleidoscope of natural beauty and creativity painting at our station on Harvest festival day, with the boundless imagination of our Yorkland children.

And let's not forget the awe-inspiring festival display table! A special corner in the garden will be transformed into a captivating showcase, celebrating the essence of the festival. Every element will be meticulously chosen, from the color of the cloth to the carefully collected small figurines and natural objects. To enhance the experience, Teacher Iren's talented husband has graciously crafted beautiful display benches for us this year. We are confident that this corner will be a sight to behold, adding to the overall beauty of the festivities.

For more information and specific details, please take a moment to review the program for the day, as well as your child/children's grouping. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to spend a magical festival together with you and our beloved children. Let's create unforgettable memories and embrace the joy that this day holds!

Programme

8.00 am	**Yorkland staff arrival.**
8.30 am	**Event committee's arrival.** *[Lina, Daphne, Asweni, Yih Ting, Shin Yee and Annette].*
9.00 am	**Arrival of all other families.**
9.20 am	**Welcome speech** *and programme briefing.*
9.30 – 10.00 am	**Children's Presentation.**
10.00 – 10.30 am	**Station Activity.** *Please refer to the table for your child/children's group activity.*
10.30 – 11.00 am	**Break Time.** *Snack will be served.*
11.00 – 11.30 am	**Station Activity.**
11.30 – 12.00 pm	**Station Activity.**
12.00 pm	**Goodbye song** *and going home time.*
12.00 – 12.30 pm	**Clearing up.** *After the goodbye song, teachers and committee members will clear up.*

Grouping									
Red		Pink		Blue		Green		Yellow	
						Siblings [above 7]		Siblings [below 7]	
1	Caden	1	Anjali	1	Han Sen	1	Enabella	1	Caelyn
2	Darren	2	Everlyn	2	Jacob	2	Dorothy	2	Trevor
3	Yadhav	3	Haley	3	Caylum	3	Gerald	3	Narielle
4	Alna	4	Sophie	4	Sklyer	4	Frederic		
5	Mayumi	5	Jing Han	5	Daxton	5	How Xuen		
6	Natalie	6	Annabelle	6	How Shen	6	Ocean		
7	Charlotte			7	Daylon	7	Han Wei		
						8	Naomi		
						9	Ashton		
						10	Ashley		
						11	Avery		

SCHEDULE

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Welcome Speech

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Station A: Bubble [Garden]

All children including their siblings will get a small bubble toy to play which they bring it back home. But those larger bubbles are set to play only here in the garden.

Station B: Natural colour painting [Classroom]

Children can paint in a small piece of watercolour paper and later paste it on a homemade book. The natural colours were made by children during outdoor play.

Station C: Fishing [Sandpit]

Children will be provided a mini fishing net to catch fish from the pool and a pail to keep the fish swimming. If children wish to bring home their fish, please do approach teachers for an individual aquarium to pack the fish safely with fish food.

Parents, do please note of the following instructions and advise:

- There will be approximately 80 people onsite, including children, teachers, parents and siblings in the garden. Parents are kindly requested to help us keep an extra eye on their children's safety and movements during the activities.

- The arrival time for parents is fixed at 9.00 am. Please do adhere and be on time as we will start the programme at 9.20 am sharp.

- The siblings will be joining us in making pancakes for our morning snack, do please ensure all the children are also in by 9.00 am.

- For parents whom are driving on the day, do kindly be considerate when parking your vehicle along the road side. Please do not block any home entrance of our neighbours. If we may encourage that you may park at Taman Jajar Public Car Park, where it is just a stone away for a morning walk to Yorkland.

- The main gate will be remained closed during the festival and only opened after the end of celebration. Please seek staff assistance to enter or exit the premises.

- Personalized T-shirts, featuring your child's name and their siblings, will be distributed before the festival. We kindly ask that your child wears their T-shirt from home when joining us in the morning.

- In addition to the children, we are thrilled to announce that T-shirts featuring the prestigious name of Yorkland will also be distributed to the committee members, teachers, and dedicated volunteers.

- It is not necessary to bring school bags or extra clothes unless the child really needs them.

- Please bring your own drinking water. For additional refreshment, cold Rooibos tea and fruit juice will be provided.

- As we are expecting a larger number of children and parents to be around, we would appreciate it if everyone could keep their voices mellowed down during the presentation.

- It is sometimes difficult for younger children to join in the festival's presentation because of the crowd. We kindly encourage mothers to sing along with their younger children to support and motivate their participation.

- The festival will be ending approximately 12.00 pm. Children and siblings are allowed to bring back home the natural colours painting, bubble and fish if they want them.

Yorkland Garden Grown Stories

Your child must have shared their recent corn harvest, and we wasted no time in turning those fresh cobs into a culinary masterpiece right in our garden! Cooked on a portable stove, the vibrant purple corns revealed a mouthwatering sweetness that intensified with each bite. Excitingly, we've saved some corns still growing on the plants, ready to be freshly harvested by the children themselves as the festival draws near. Parents, get ready to savor a delicious taste of our bountiful harvest!

Happy Mother's Day

We absolutely adore the joyous tradition of crafting heartfelt Mother's Day cards and creating handmade flowers to honour the extraordinary individuals in our lives. This year, our imaginative minds took flight as we transformed humble egg trays into exquisite blossoms. The center of each flower was carefully adorned with soft cotton, while the stems gracefully emerged from twigs lovingly gathered from Yorkland's enchanting garden.

With every stroke of creativity and every heartfelt word penned on the special heart-shaped cards, our intention was clear - to create treasures that mother will cherish forever. We hope these heartfelt tokens of appreciation, accompanied by the beautiful handmade flowers, will serve as a constant reminder of the immeasurable love and gratitude we hold for the remarkable mothers in our lives.