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YORKLAND News

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Dear Parents,

In July and August, we welcomed several new children to our class. While our returning students have formed close friend groups, they have been very welcoming to the new students. The play dynamics in the class evolve as new friendships form.

We often remind the older, more experienced children to set a good example by including the new students in play activities. These students play an important role in fostering a harmonious environment. When they make an effort to engage the newcomers, especially younger ones, it promotes pleasant interactions that can last for days.

Even though disagreements occur at times, the children are usually quick to make up afterwards. Through these daily social interactions, they learn valuable skills like compromise and empathy.

Overall, it has been heartwarming to see our students embrace the new additions to the class so warmly. Watching them include and guide the new children demonstrates their maturity and thoughtfulness.

In July, we celebrated Tanabata Day, also known as the Evening of the Seventh. Tanabata is a Japanese festival with origins in the Chinese Qixi festival. It celebrates the once-a-year meeting of two stars - Vega and Altair - who are separated by the Milky Way but allowed to meet on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month according to legend.

People celebrate Tanabata by writing wishes on small strips of paper called Tanzaku and hanging them on bamboo branches, hoping their wishes will come true.

Here at Yorkland, we celebrate Tanabata every year. The children share their wishes with teachers, often expressing love and concern for their parents and siblings.

We write their wishes on coloured, decorated papers and the children hang them on bamboo branches. They then pray that their wishes will be granted.

Many parents have told us they place the bamboo branches at entrances or in backyards of their homes.

The children's heartfelt wishes deeply touch us, and we feel privileged to convey these loving messages. We hope their wishes and warmth reach you as well.

Bento Day

We're thrilled to share that this year's Bento Day at Yorkland was a huge hit! On August 1st, we gathered in the garden for a joyful picnic lunch packed into the traditional Japanese bento boxes.

Bento meals, neatly arranged in specialized boxes, are perfect for eating on-the-go. Our talented kitchen staff prepared the food, while our older students carefully packed the meticulous bento boxes themselves.

On this fun day, Aunty Anny from the kitchen had the children "buy" their bento boxes using artistic handmade wallets and play money. The colourful foods packed into the divided sections of the bentos were far more eye-catching than the usual dining hall presentation.

At a glance, it seemed like the children devoured everything in their bento boxes and wanted more! Even our pickiest eaters cleaned out their boxes completely.

The festive bento boxes added so much to the celebratory, picnic vibe and got the kids excited to try new foods. We can't wait for the next Bento Day at Yorkland - it was a delicious success!

Yorkland Garden Grown Stories

We have so much to celebrate at Yorkland over the past couple of months. Our little green thumbs have been hard at work in our garden and we've enjoyed two wonderful harvests!

First, our mountain paddy rice has fully matured and the children loved helping to gather the grain. It was so exciting to peel back the hull and see the delicious white rice inside. We are amazed that this rice thrives with less water than the type we planted last year. What clever rice!

Our long beans have also been growing rapidly up their trellises. The children check on them every day, looking for the perfect beans to pick. They've learned how to identify the best ones - bright green, crunchy, and about 1 to 1.5 long. Our little bean pickers collected almost half a kilogram so far! Aunty Anny plans to stir fry some up fresh from the garden for lunch. Yum!

We are so proud of our junior gardeners for caring for these plants from seed to harvest. They are learning so much about where food comes from and how things grow. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. We can't wait to see what we'll harvest next!

MOONCAKE Festival

The Mooncake Festival is fast approaching and we are over the moon with excitement! We warmly invite all parents, siblings, and loved ones to join us on Friday, September 22nd in the evening for Yorkland's biggest celebration of the year.

In preparation for the festival, our little bakers will be making delicious mooncakes from scratch on that Wednesday. Please make sure your child attends school as usual so they can take part in the fun.

The children have also been practicing mooncake songs and poems during class. And they have been busy transforming their colourful paintings into beautiful lanterns by adding a glossy wax finish. We can't wait to see them lit up!

We've attached the program for the evening's festivities. You and your family can look forward to mooncake sampling, glowing lanterns, cultural songs and dances, and other surprises. It will be a night to remember!

We hope to see everyone there as we celebrate this special tradition together as a community. Thank you for being a part of our Yorkland family.

Wishing you joy this Mooncake Festival!

Upcoming Events

Mooncake Festival Program

22nd September 2023 [Friday Evening]

6.15-6.30 pm	Arrival
6.30-6.35 pm	Welcome performance [After School Care children]
6.35-7.05 pm	Presentations [Pre-school children]
7.05-8.00 pm	Light Dinner & Toilet time
8.00-8.15 pm	Presentation [After School Care children]
8.15 pm	Lantern walk
	Goodbye

Please be on time so that the children have ample time to prepare for their presentations.

Notes regarding the Mooncake Festival [Evening]

- There will be NO class session in the morning. The children will come at 6.15pm with their parents and siblings. A light dinner will be served. ***Please be on time***.
- If parents wish to park their cars along the road, please do not block our neighbours' entrances. Alternatively, you may park at the Taman Jajar public car park.
- As there will be many people attending the Mooncake Festival, please look after the safety of your child.
- We would like to encourage the children to come in traditional clothes as it helps them to be in the festive mood. This is not compulsory but your co-operation is much appreciated.
- If the weather permits, we plan to have a lantern walk outside of Yorkland i.e. on the roads surrounding our kindergarten. Parents are requested to help keep an eye on their children's safety when they are walking on the road. Please do not block the children's passage while taking their photos. We request fathers to help with traffic control during our walk.
- Playing at the Wooden Hut is not allowed as it is dark and thus it is dangerous to do so.