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Parents & Guardians:

Welcome back! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter Holidays. This issue of our newsletter finds us in the third and final term of this school year. It will be a very short but extremely busy term. It is very important that while perusing this issue, careful note be taken of upcoming events.

SPORTS DAY

We wish to thank everyone who attended and supported our annual Sports Day which was held on April 3rd. It was a very beautiful day.

Heartfelt thanks to our commentators for the day who did a fantastic job of keeping us entertained and updated with the races: Wesley Boynes, Sally Gayle, Michael Denton, Evelyn Marr, Michelle Miller, Lorna Spence & Karmen Hall



Congratulations to all HOUSE teams:

- First Place - BLUE HOUSE
- Second Place - RED HOUSE
- Third Place - GREEN HOUSE

Congratulations to Akeem Martin of Blue House and Shaqae Lake of Red House on their award of Champion Boy and Champion Girl respectively.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Many parents took the opportunity to have a formal parent/teacher conference March 28th to discuss their child's/children's progress.

We are happy to report that approximately 90 % of our parent population attended the conferences.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in the collaboration between home and school.



POST GSAT EXAMS

The sixth graders have now completed the GSAT exams. Several students ended the last day of the exams with shouts of "freedom". We would like to remind parents that after you breathe a sigh of relief, encourage your children to keep working hard as they finish out the school year. Please remind them that the GSAT exams is just the first step in the academic ladder of success. The end of year exams in June are very important.

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**DISMISSAL TIME**

The school does not offer an after-school care programme. Therefore your child must be picked-up at the appropriate time.

We would like to **remind** all parents of the dismissal times for the classes.

K1 ends at 1:30 p.m. These students are expected to be picked up by 2:30 p.m. the latest.

K2 & K3 ends at 2:00 p.m. These students are expected to be picked up by 3:00 p.m. the latest.

We do not expect to see kindergarten students on the compound after 3:00 p.m.

P1- P6 & Special Ed. Unit ends between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. These students are expected to be picked up by 4:00 p.m. the latest.

The teacher's playground duty ends at 4:00 p.m. All students must leave the school compound by 4:30 p.m. No teacher will be on the school compound after this time to supervise your child.

N.B: K2 & K3 ends at 1:30 p.m. each Friday afternoon to facilitate club meetings.

Your cooperation regarding all arrival and dismissal times is crucial for the safety of your child.

ENROLMENTS 2007 - 2008

Families interested in enrolling their children for the 2007-2008 school year are being encouraged to collect and complete registration forms from April 20th - May 20th between 10:00a.m. and 1:00 p.m. daily. Please inform friends and neighbours of these dates.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Birth Certificate
1 recent passport size picture
Immunization Card
Registration Fee. (\$ 500)
Completed registration forms
Copy of Student's most recent report card
Completed Recommendation form

No registration will be accepted without all of the registration requirements being met.

**Re-registration for 2007 - 2008**

All students currently enrolled at Mar-Jam Preparatory School must re-register for the 2007 - 2008 academic year.

Re-registration guarantees you a place in our enrollment for September. A fairly accurate enrollment count prevents overcrowding, helps us plan our budget for the next year, order sufficient resource materials, and hire and/or redistribute teachers as necessary.

The non-refundable re-registration fee for current students is \$100.00 for the first child and \$50.00 for each additional child.

Re-registration begins June 4 - 8, 2007.



Healthy Snacks for Kids.

Healthy snacks can help you grow, even when you're on the go!

Choose as wisely as can be -
It's as easy as **A-B-C!**

Apple Slices with cinnamon

Broccoli with low-fat dip

Carrot and celery sticks

Dried fruit

English muffin with pizza sauce

Fruit juice pop

Granola bar



Honeydew melon

Ice milk

Jell-O

Kiwi fruit

Lettuce and tomato salad

Milkshake with fruit,
non-fat yogurt and milk

Nuts

Orange slices

Pretzels

Quesadilla (with low-fat cheese)

Raisins

String cheese

Turkey slices

Unbuttered popcorn

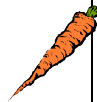
Veggie Pizza

Whole grain bagel with
jam

eXotic fruit (mango or
papaya)

Yogurt (low fat with fruit)

Zoo animal crackers



EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Education Week - May 6 - 11
 Teachers' Day - May 9
 Children's Day - May 11
 P.T.A. Meeting - May 16
 Grade 4 Literacy Test - May 16
 Mid-term Break - May 23 & 24
 Labour Day - May 23
 Open Day - May 25
 Grade 3 Diagnostic Tests - June 6
 End of Year Exams - June 18 - 29
 Prize Giving - July 4
 Valedictory Ceremony - July 5
 Report collection - July 25



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION

The Ministry of Education and Youth in Jamaica is currently undergoing a transformation. This transformation has necessitated change within our organization as well. We ask that you cooperate with us so that we can keep abreast of the new system.

All things are difficult before they are easy.

- Thomas Fuller

SCHOOL FEES

School fee for the Summer Term (third and final term for the school year) is now due. Please remember that your tuition is what keeps the school financially sound and allows us to provide such an excellent program. We ask that you make every attempt to remit your payments in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in your child not being able to sit the End of Year Exams. Thank you.



"QUOTED"

"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."

- Bob Talbert



The word writing may have had its origin in the Olde English word, writan, which meant to scratch.

Only two words in the English language end in -gry. Do you now what they are? (They are angry and hungry)

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FAIRNESS!

How many times have we heard the words, "That's not fair!" Fairness is an age-old value as well as a Pillar of Character in Character Counts! We strive to be fair in our dealings with others and teach this value to our children by our actions. They see us and our behavior and imitate the same in their interactions with others. We don't say, "Okay, today I'm going to teach you fairness." It is a value that is instilled through everyday exchanges as we work, play, and communicate with each other.

Children have a great sense of fairness. They learn quickly about even exchanges, but may not always see other factors that come into play. A child may ask why she can't do the same thing as an older sibling. It doesn't seem fair to her that she has to stay home when their older brother or sister gets to go to a movie or has some other privilege. He also may not understand why he has to do more work/chores than his younger siblings. It is important to point out to our children that fairness takes into consideration other factors besides even exchanges. Such things as age, ability level, and maturity play a big part in FAIRNESS and what is fair for one person or situation may not be what is fair in another situation or for another person. This lesson of fairness is a little more difficult to get our arms around!



