



Newsletter

April 2016

Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe but, we are not coming down the home stretch of another year. This third term will go by quickly. There are 9 weeks of instruction of which 2 are gone. That makes 7. There are 5 holidays interspersed in those weeks, which reduces down to a total of 6 weeks of instruction left. Much can be done with focus and commitment. The faculty is offering the focussed lessons and commitment. We have been asking students to reflect on theirs and make the necessary adjustments to achieve the shared goals.

Here is how you at home can help:

- Communicate your expectations
- Place guidelines around your child's use of non-instructional time
- Supervise their use of the computer
- Insist on a determined bed time
- Implement consequences positive and negative based on ongoing performance
- Keep the lines of communication open between home and school

In a nutshell demonstrate that you are invested and your child will follow your lead.

Deborah Smith

Chinese Graduation Ceremony at the University of the West Indies

by Tessa Forth

I was very excited when I was told that I was invited to attend the Chinese Graduation Ceremony at UWI. All the people who have been taking Mandarin lessons through the Confucius Institute were there. The whole experience was very entertaining, interesting and eye-opening.

First, there were opening remarks made by various teachers and Chinese dignitaries here in Barbados. Performances were made by adult university students, Chinese professors and children from the Chinese community in Barbados and us, the Providence students in the Mandarin club. There were songs, dances, tongue-twisters, speeches and a very cool martial arts demonstration. It was all very culturally enlightening.

I was getting pretty nervous when our song, Chūntiān zài nǎlǐ, was about to be performed, but I was also very excited to show off our language skills to the large audience. It ended up being very fun, even though there was a slight technical malfunction with the microphone.



Later on, after many performances, we were presented with our Level 2 certificates by the Ambassador to the People's Republic of China! We were also given adorable little stuffed pandas by our super nice teacher, Lisa (Li Yanhua).

Afterwards we were treated to a delicious Chinese buffet of noodles, spring rolls and other Chinese nibbles. We got to mingle with many of the performers, teachers and the very friendly Ambassador, who told me she was impressed by our song. It was a very fun experience, and I'm very glad to have the opportunity to learn this language at our school.



Providence S. S. a CXC Centre

As of April 18, 2016, we at P.S.S. became a CXC Centre again for the second year. What that means is that our Form 5 students have begun their CXC exams. On Monday, April 18, they began with the Spanish oral exam. On Wednesday, March 23 the moderation for the Biology course took place. On Friday, April 22th moderators for CXC came to the school to observe and moderate marking of Chemistry and Physics Labs.

Our Fifth Form students go on study leave as of Tuesday, May 3rd. From then on through the examination period, Fifth Form students will be welcome to return to the school, dressed in uniform, to consult their subject teachers during what would be their regular class times. CXC examinations for our students will begin on Monday, May

2nd. At that time, we will ask the rest of the school body to respect the need for a quiet campus throughout the days and to stay away from the out of bounds areas. The examination period ends on June 8, 2016. Our Fifth Form students are invited back to the school's annual Awards Night on June 21st, where subject awards will be awarded. We wish our Fifth Form students well on their exams.

Ice Cream Truck

“Ms. Smith, when is our turn?” Seems to be the repeated question. So by popular request, arrangements have been made to have the ice cream truck come to the secondary school every second Friday, for the remainder of the year. Students will have an opportunity to purchase ice cream treats during their lunch break. Arrangement has been made with the vendor to share the profit for the privilege of selling at our school. P.S.S. profits will go towards off-setting the graduation expenses. Please assist your child in supporting, as their turn is coming soon. Friday, May 6, May 20, June 3 and June 17.



Providence Garage Sale

Parent and student volunteers are needed. Providence will be hosting a tent for school fundraising. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done to make this a successful venture. Here is how you can help:

BEFORE THE DAY

- Sorting the items a week to days prior to the sale

- Pricing the items

SATURDAY

- Setting up on Saturday between 10 – 2 p.m. If each person gave an hour or so, it would make lighter work for all.

SUNDAY

- Finalize the setup by arriving at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday to do this
- Man the booth, sell and handle cash in blocks of two hour slots

We are encouraging students and parents to come and be an active part of the Providence community by working at the Providence tent.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

The Providence Secondary School Duke of Edinburgh group would like to inform you about our upcoming fundraising event. This will be a... Family Movie Night – taking place on Friday, 20th May! The movie that will be showing is called “Inside Out”. This is a child friendly comedy.

Tickets cost \$10 BDS each.

An assortment of food and drinks will be on sale!!

Tickets will be on sale at 2:30 on: 26th April, 5th May, 12th May and 19th May @ PES.

They will also be on sale at 3:00 on the same dates @ PSS.

Please bring your own blankets, or chairs. Parking is at the PSS parking lot. Our chosen charity is Educate Ethiopia. All money raised will go towards funding an entire school in Ethiopia for a whole year!

DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS FUN FILLED FAMILY EVENT!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING US!

MAY 22
10AM - 4PM

RESERVE A SPACE:
PROVIDENCE PARENTS: \$60
GENERAL PUBLIC: \$70

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

Time to Spring Clean and sell your unwanted treasures.

Book your space now as limited space available.

EMAIL: PESGARAGESALE@GMAIL.COM

PSS DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

LEADER WANTED!

The founder of PSS Duke of Edinburgh Award (2013) and current leader Guy Berridge will be leaving Barbados in summer 2016.

We are all looking for a parent who can replace Mr. Berridge as group leader and build on the strong foundation already in place. The leader will be given full administrative back up by the school and an assistant for the group sessions.

Broadly speaking the program runs from Jan- June each year.

Sessions run from 3-4 PM on Mondays.

When children sign up for the award they develop the skills they need to become more rounded, confident adults, qualities that colleges, universities and employers are attracted to.

The award sets the tone for a lifetime of achievement, broadly speaking each Duker embarks on a program that encompasses:

1. A new skill – for example a musical instrument, cookery, crafts... the list is endless.
2. A sport.
3. Community service- we have a well-established fund raising program for educate Ethiopia as well as volunteering to help at various events.
4. The adventurous journey – everything involved in planning and execution of 26 km. overnight hike.

With good time management the above activities do not really place an additional burden on parents or students.

“I cannot recommend the award highly enough – the most important extra-curricular activity you can chose for your child. It has opened doors for several PSS students already and will continue to do so. As group leader you can expect to derive considerable satisfaction from playing your part in helping to guide our young students.

I am sorry to be vacating this very fulfilling position and will do my best to assist whoever is lucky enough to take over!”

Guy Berridge, Duke of Edinburgh leader and Parent

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL 2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, June 3, 2016



The annual Providence Golf Tournament tees off on **Friday, June 3, 2016, at the beautiful and challenging Royal Westmoreland Golf Club** followed by an evening **at the stunning Fusion Rooftop.**

GOLF

We tee off at **12:30 pm sharp** in a Shotgun start!!! Registration will begin at **11:00am!!!** There will be a cash bar (actually credit cards only please!) at the club until 6:00 pm. Then we will head over to **Fusion Rooftop** for dinner (7:00pm), awards and the silent and live auctions.

Entry Fee: BDS\$400 (includes round of golf, cart, dinner, prizes)

DINNER

Dinner at Fusion Rooftop at the Limegrove Lifestyle Centre (Holetown, St. James) <http://www.fusionrooftop.com>. Everyone is welcome!! Whether you come out to golf or not, you will not want to miss the evening. Built on the top floor of the vibrant Limegrove Lifestyle complex, Fusion Rooftop is spacious, visually stunning and a perfect location to dine and party under the stars. Wear your dancing shoes!! Dinner will be served informally at stations where you can choose from a fantastic selection of authentic dishes. And, you will definitely enjoy the silent and live auctions. We will advise you shortly of our website where you can view the auction items. The items up for grabs are fantastic, thanks to the generous support of so many. Dinner reservations are at 7:00 pm and are required. There will be seating for everyone but it is informal, so no need to tell us with whom you wish to be seated. **Please note that we must accommodate Golfers and their partners first. We will accommodate as many non-golfers as we can on a 'first come first served' basis thereafter.**

Dinner Only: BDS\$180

Make your plans today!
Call or email Josy Pacetti, 243-2012 or gpasquale@hotmail.com.

Please guarantee your entry by making payment by cash or cheque, payable to Providence Elementary School, by Friday, May 20th. Spots are limited.

Hole sponsors (BDS\$500) and donations for the auctions are gratefully accepted.

Laura Melnyk, parent

PTA News

The new PTA has been elected and is ready for a year of fun. The new PTA is as follows
Arlene Quintyne – Treasurer
Secretary - **vacant – Please offer your services if possible as we need this position filled. Please join us and be a part of the fun.**

Monica Tawa – Vice Chair

Heather Laughlin – Chair

Parent Reps

Pauline Tulley

Stephanie Von Oppen Taylor

Peter Forth

Laura Melnyk

Josy Pacetti

Sharon Coyle

Some of our PTA initiatives include:

Updating the website – still a long way off
Advertising for parents and local businesses in a Providence mail out to families of the school.

Beautification day (more to come on this)

Garage Sale

We will be hosting the first ever Providence garage sale on Sunday May 22nd. This will involve many families selling their previously loved items all on one day. To book a 6 foot stall space please email pesgaragesale@gmail.com and a registration package will be sent to you. The cost is \$60 for a parent of Providence and \$70 for a non-parent. Clean out those cupboards and sign up for a table today. If you wish, you can donate items to the Providence tent and all proceeds will go to support the school. We will be selling food and are looking for some parents to volunteer BBQ'ing. Please email Karen at karenandlucas@yahoo.ca . To donate items to the Providence tent, please contact Monica at monicatawa@gmail.com . The Form 5 class will be selling drinks (water, soda and juice) at the event to raise money towards their graduation event. If

you are a Form 5 parent or are interested in contributing towards their graduation, please donate water, soda bottles or juice boxes towards their event. These can be dropped in the office at any time.

Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday June 3rd. 18 holes of golf at one of the best golf courses on the island, the beautiful Royal Westmoreland and dinner afterwards on the rooftop at Limegrove at Fusion under the stars. Please support this awesome event by contacting Josy at gpasquale@hotmail.com. There are many ways to be a part of this event, you can:

- join us at the event as a golfer
- sponsor a hole
- donate an auction item to the silent auction

If you would like to volunteer or help out in any way, we would appreciate hearing from you.

PTA Meeting

The PTA will be hosting the final PTA meeting of the year in the near future. Please look out for this date and mark it on your calendar.

Have a fabulous third term as it goes by quickly.

Heather Laughlin, P.T.A. Chair



May

- 16 Whit Monday – no school
- 20 P.S.S. Dress Down Day
- 22 Providence Garage Sale
- 26/27 Mid Term Break



June

- 3 Golf Tournament
- 9 End of Term Exams begin
- 18 Graduation
- 21 Annual Awards Night
- 22 Last day of class – half day- Report Cards issued