Greetings Parents,

I want to thank the PE staff, teachers and parents for contributing to the success of the ‘Pump It Up’ event. Our children in addition to all participating adults enjoyed a morning of fitness and fun while supporting a good cause by donating the food cans to a Syrian refugee camp.

From Coach Kim:
Dear Parents,
I would like to thank you all for coming out to our EY Pump it Up last Friday, I saw lots of participation, lots of red and most of all many smiles. We have exceeded our 1500 target of cans collected for Cedars for Care. I Look forward to seeing you all for our upcoming Parent PE lesson in April.

Kind Regards,
Coach Kim

Piaget, a renowned theorist in the field of early childhood education, found that children’s curiosity actually drives their learning. By providing real world experiences that fill children with wonder and nurturing the child’s inquiry and their search for answers we use research-based practices to foster growth and development in the whole child. The following is the description of our Atelierista’s presentation, Ms. Jesse Schlabach, on Curiosity. She will be sharing more on Curiosity with you at our next parent-coffee session on March 18th at 8:15 in the Lower School Auditorium.

Curiosity is Key: Cultivating a Desire to Know
For centuries curiosity has been identified as a key ingredient for innovation and creativity, but only recently have scientists and psychologists begun to uncover the origins of this “hunger for knowledge,” how it functions, and the ways in which it can be evoked. This talk will guide you through recent discoveries about curiosity and how to unlock its powerful potential to motivate children, improve memory, and overcome a fear of failure. Case studies will be used to illustrate effective strategies to cultivate curiosity in our children and ourselves.

The Early Years classes have started an environmental initiative focusing on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). At our last Professional Development day, the EY teachers probed deeply into this initiative with guest speaker Ziad Abi Chaker, a multi-disciplinary engineer who specializes in building Municipal Recycling Facilities at the community level. Ziad updated us on the status of the garbage crisis in our country and stressed how essential school support is in spreading awareness, and in reducing the harmful side effects of uncollected and untreated garbage. To learn more about Ziad Abi Chaker’s projects please visit the following link: https://beirutgreenproject.wordpress.com/2013/07/23/meet-ziad-abi-chaker-from-cedar-environmental/
Beginning in March and continuing through to the end of the year, the children will be engaging in hands-on learning experiences and discussions that will help them reflect upon their role as responsible citizens in their society and in their country. As the children work on a variety of meaningful learning provocations focusing on reducing, reusing and recycling, the teachers will facilitate their higher order thinking and deep learning in order to internalize the concepts of responsibility and citizenship. To optimize the children’s learning, home support for this initiative is imperative. In my next Mail I will share with you how you can help your child to solidify his or her learning at home, and to grow into the perception of himself/herself as a responsible citizen whose contribution makes a difference.

**Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember:**

- **March 9th**: Teacher's Day
- **March 18th**: Parent Coffee on 'Curiosity' at 8:15 in the LS Auditorium
- **March 25th- April 3rd**: Spring Break

Respectfully,
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