Greetings Parents,

We were all saddened by the tragic events that took place last week. Such news is very hard for the EY children to understand as it is beyond their comprehension ability yet, and if they hear it, they directly relate it to their own and their family’s safety. As adults, we need to protect our children and make them feel safe. Read the article on the following link to learn how to deal with your children when living through distressing events.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/explaining-the-news-to-our-kids

**Independence Day Celebration**

The Early Years children will celebrate Independence Day on Thursday, November 19th. Kindly arrange to send your kids on that day wearing one of the Lebanese flag colors (Red, white or green). Please note that this event is only for the children; the parents are not involved.

**Winter Carnival**

The Early Years parent coordinator group will start working on the upcoming Winter Carnival very soon. As this is a huge project that requires many hands, I kindly ask you to consider joining the parent coordinators and helping out. A couple of hours from each parent will definitely speed up the process. Your collaboration is very much appreciated. Remember MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. More details will be included in my next Monday Mail, so stay tuned.

**Open House**

As you take part in your child’s Open House on Friday, please know that:

- Growth is deeply influenced by culture, personality and environment.
- No two children are alike, no two families, no two communities.
- While children may all go through somewhat predictable stages in similar order, they will not all go through them at the same rate.

Please use this information as your child proudly shares with you what he/she has been learning and use the conference time to celebrate the unique development of your child.

This is an important event and we kindly ask you to be punctual and to turn off cellular phones during your child’s conference time.

Remember, there will be NO classes for Early Years on that day and parents will come with their child at the scheduled time for the Open House.
**Book Fair**

Below is the schedule of the EY classes’ book fair visits. You are welcome to attend at the same time as your child’s class in order to help your child select books. Alternatively, you can send money with your child for purchasing books on the day of the scheduled class visit. **If you would like to join your children at their appointed time, please meet them in the lower school auditorium NOT in the classroom.** More information about the book fair is included in the attached flyer.

Please note that on Friday 20th the times provided are for all the Nursery children and their parents as they’ll be coming in small groups at 3 different sessions for Open House.

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**High School Concert**

I leave you with the following inspirational poem that reflects our EY program and offers you some insight as you interact with your children.

“Where words fail, music speaks”

**Harmony for Humanity**

Thursday November 19 - 7:00 PM  
Upper School Auditorium
If…

If you help me to
ask my own questions,
try out my ideas,
explore what’s around me,
share what I find;

If I have plenty of time for
my special pace,
a nurturing space,
things to transform;

If you’ll be
my patient friend,
trusted guide,
fellow investigator,
partner in learning;

Then I will
explore the world,
discover my voice,
and tell you what I know
in a hundred languages.

By Pam Houk

Respectfully,
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Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember
Nov. 18-20  Book Fair
Nov. 19     Independence Day Celebration
Nov. 20     EY Open House
Nov. 26     12:00 Dismissal
Nov. 27     Thanksgiving—No School
Nov. 30     Project & Teachers’ Reflection Work—No School for EY Children Only