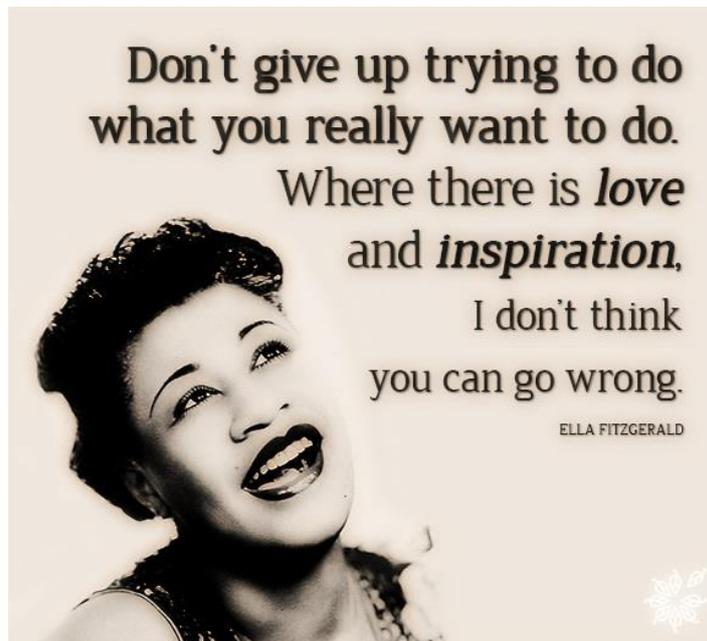


18 January 2016

Dear Parents

From the Office of the Executive Head



Ms Fitzgerald certainly gave her love and inspiration to all she did in her career and we here at Pinehurst are committed to give both our love and inspiration to all our young charges.

Despite the flurry of last minute purchases and the challenges of the first three days back at school, the children should be settling in to a routine of work and play now. It is lovely to have the school filled with the sound of children's voices again. A school that doesn't resonate with their laughter and games is a ghost town.

Of Stationery, Tablets and Clothing

Some of our challenges in the first week involved sorting out stationery, uniform and IT devices. We apologise for some stationery packs either missing items or having unordered ones. We have taken this up with the suppliers and they are rectifying matters as quickly as they can. Likewise, there is always a rush on clothing and some uniform has not been available. We have taken this into consideration when applying the Code of Conduct. Likewise the tablets have taken slightly longer to load than anticipated, but IT is attending to this also. Please note that no child will be penalised for not having everything during this interim period.

Parent Information Meetings

Parents have the opportunity this week to meet their child's teachers and get to know them as well as hear about the activities and learning programmes for the year. Attending these is vital so you

don't find yourself uninformed when events happen. Note the following days and times:

Nursery Monday: 18:30-19:30

Foundation Phase (Grade R-3) Tuesday: 18:30-19:30

Intersen Phase (Grade 4-7) Wednesday: 18:30- 19:30

High School (Grade 8-11) Thursday: 18:30-19:30

Dress Code

Please note that our learners are Meridian Pinehurst's young ambassadors when they are in uniform. Ensure that they are properly attired after hours if you are going somewhere public with them. If it is too hot for a blazer, it is definitely too hot for a jersey. Hair and clothing should be neat at all times. Impeccable manners and behaviour of course go without saying with a Meridian blazer.

Dates to Diarise

Monday, 18 January: Primary School Athletics: Field Events from 12:00-13:30

Nursery Information Evening for parents: 18:30-19:30

Tuesday, 19 January: Primary School Athletics: Track Events: 08:00-13:30

New Regional Head and Old Mutual Representative to visit

Foundation Phase Information Evening for parents: 18:30-19:30

Wednesday, 20 January: Intersen Phase Information Evening for parents: 18:30-19:30

Thursday, 21 January: High School Athletics: Field Events from 12:00- 14:30

High School Information Evening for parents: 18:30-19:30

Friday, 22 January: High School Athletics: Track Events: 08:00-13:30

Saturday, 23 January: Staff Full Moon Beach Clean-up Walk: 18:00- 19:00

<https://www.facebook.com/capetownbeachcleanup>

Sunday, 24 January: REST!

So it is a hectic time for us all, but certainly full of opportunities for 'love and inspiration'. But as Our Lord puts it in John 10:10, life is abundant. L'Chaim:

Yours in education

Colleen Bentley
Executive Head

