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The Kindergarten Starters is a unique educational environment. Its is a place where we have committed ourselves to the vision of raising achievement, raising aspirations an enriching partnerships.

Strong foundations make better humans

By **Megha Anand**

Parent of KG2 Nn

Like every parent I was apprehensive about sending my daughter to the school on the very first day of her KG1 class.

“Will she be able to adjust, Will she be accepted, and will she be able to cope up”...these were my primary concerns. My daughter was very shy and she hardly ever mingled with anyone. I was way too concerned about her reticent behaviour.

But after I met her class teacher, Sabina Prabaker, I felt much relieved. She told me she was with KGS for the past 19 years and being an experienced teacher knows and understands parental concerns quite well. She assured me that by the end of the semester every student will experience a visible change and all I needed to do was to trust her and give some time to my daughter to adapt to the new surroundings. Within one month, I found a profound difference in her demeanour. From a shy and reserved girl, she turned out to be a much more expressive and confident individual.

The atmosphere in school was very child friendly with ground rules set every week and instilled in a very methodological and friendly manner.

This helped in grooming a child in a very remarkable way. They even recognised her skills in painting within a month’s time which boosted her morale further.

There are “health awareness” programs in school which have the parents pitching in and preparing breakfast inside the classroom setting. I was so astounded when my daughter started suggesting the healthy options which she has learnt in school. She is no more a fast food junkie. She has started giving cues to all others on how to meet the health standards when it comes to one’s diet.

Bringing up kids, I realized you cannot mould an individual completely. You have to introduce ideas and values and leave them to reflect on those values when situation arises.

The “shoebbox” concept introduced last year to donate stationary to the needy and unfortunate children was really commendable. It has taught my daughter the value of empathy. The only way kids can learn about empathy is by being



empathetic and by watching you respond to others with compassion and kindness. My daughter seemed very excited collecting the unused colour pencils, erasers and other stationeries and packing it up in a shoebox. She took pride in doing her bit for such a good cause.

I think the school has also succeeded in harnessing parental involvement more constructively through a number of volunteering activities. I firmly believe that blue print for an individual's personality is laid out during childhood. And by being a part of this institution, my concern for my daughter has been erased.

Environment Sustainability

By - **Sangeetha Ashook**

Parent of GR-1 Kids

Mother Nature has been all protecting since time unknown and now it is our turn to pay back. Without proper knowledge of optimal utilization of resources we end up in a lot of wastage. The insistence on recycling and reducing the wastage has gained more significance in today's era. It is rightly said by Theodore Roosevelt that

"We have become great because of the lavish use of our resources ... But the time has come to inquire seriously what will happen when our forests are gone, when the coal, the iron, the oil and the gas are exhausted."

Our children are the future generation. Keeping this in mind KGS has taken an initiative by organizing a workshop for parents in conjunction with **TARGET AKHDAR**.

The Workshop was conducted by Mr. Peter Milne, a Dubai based Environmental Education Consultant/Trainer on **15th May, 2014** at the KGS Campus. The emphasis was on reduction of wastage at the home level. During the workshop, parents were asked to discuss their own practice of reduced utility of resources at home.

In the end parents shared their own experiences in learning how to reduce wastage of resources.

Fire Drill in KGS

By - **Ramadevi**

Parent of GR-4 and KG1

At the stroke of 9 am, on Sunday 18th May, 2014, there was a fire alarm. All the students evacuated the building. The teachers and students reached the open place. The Police, Fire Engine rushed to school. The water pipes and



sprays were plunged into action.

All this was a part of FIRE DRILL conducted by KGS to make children aware as how to save them, and not to panic during fire accidents. The Police and FIRE department participated and showed the children how the actions are taken, how the fire is controlled. The following are the safety rules explained by teachers to students.....Education Consultant/Trainer on 15th May, 2014 at the KGS Campus.



Fire Drill in KGS



Success Story

Lovely Days of my life being Parent Volunteer at KGS

By - *Shabnam Irfan*

Parent of KG2 W and GR-2 H



It's been two years, I have been visiting KGS regularly on various occasions to see the progress of my kids. It's wonderful to see they growing and I ensured, I am engaged in their school activities every day, asking them how their day was and to what was are they up to, till I met KG2 Supervisor Ms. Sudha Sairam at KGS. I interacted briefly with her during my visit to school and we discussed few areas of improvements for my child which, I really liked and she suggested that I do visit the school again as parent volunteer, which sounded nice. When I came home and discussed this with my husband, he too insisted me, ongoing to the school to see and learn about the school and the activities that happens in the school and ensure our

kids gets more than money which we can bring value in to their life as kids are only in school for few hours. I too thought over it as, it could utilize my time better and also learn on how to handle kids better with more care and patiently as teachers do in school with love and care. It came as big surprise to me but decided to go and see. On the first day, Supervisor was very happy to see me and guided me lovingly to various classes. I met few class teachers and assistant teachers and it was a wonderful feeling. Also learnt on the first day itself that its big task to handle 30-35 children at the same time with love and care and maintaining patience level as every child is different from one another with their likes.

Success Story...

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I think every parent should volunteer so that they understand the negative and positive aspect of daily school life and biggest lesson it offers free of cost is about, how to handle children in best positive way. Forgot to mention that when I informed my friends and relatives, they looked down and nodded negatively to the idea of parent volunteering as most of the people think its schools job to ensure kids learn discipline and automatically become good citizens without they getting involved in it, wherein, they simply forget that kids are hardly in schools out of 24 hours.

This has surely changed my life and I have started admiring everyone at the school including the teachers to assistant teachers to maids to conductors to bus drivers to every individual, who are supporting our children to be good citizens of tomorrow. The most important part of parent volunteering is that this has encouraged me to tell other parents and friends of mine that they should not just blame the school for their pupil's progress but instead they should get more engaged with schools, so that they can contribute to its growth which in turn can ensure we get better citizens of tomorrow.

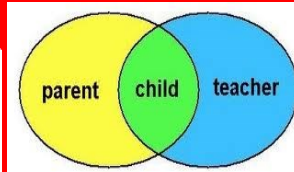
I strongly recommend to all the parents (mother and father) even who are uneducated to come to school and participate in

parent volunteering which is intended to promote goodness or improve parent's quality of life. In return, this activity can produce a feeling of self-worth and respect. There may not be any financial gain involved for the individuals but Parent Volunteers play an important role to the success of their child. When parents actively participate in their child's school, the child surely benefits.

Tasks for Parent Volunteers in the Classroom

1. Sort and file workbook and other pages.
2. Walk around classroom as children work quietly.
3. Work on particular skills (e.g., counting books, math) with student or small group of students.
4. Help students who need remedial work.
5. Help students catch up on missed work.

It won't be sufficient for me to say Thanks to Ms. Sudha Sairam and others in offering me all the possible help and going out of the way to help me understand their environment and methods of teaching and encouraging me throughout my days of being parent volunteer.



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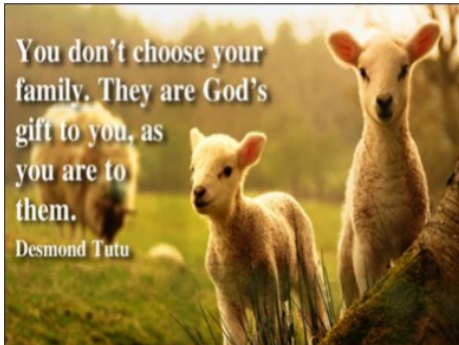


Parental
Involvement

International Family Day

By - *Ramadevi*

A family is very important for constructing a good and sustainable society; the family is the basic unit which needs to be given attention. Family is important because it provides love, support and a framework of values to each of its members. Family is the first learning place of an individual in this world. Starting from childhood till old age, he learns everything from his family.



KGS celebrated this family day with all the children, teaching the moral values of family. As a part of this celebration, the students brought pasta and noodles and demonstrated the methods of preparing dishes using these items. School is a home away from home and the children cherished this day with their teachers.



Parent Volunteering

By - *Ramadevi*

Attending parent meetings, carnivals, special assemblies, sports day, annual day.... Will just help us in knowing the kids talents and their activities in school. But to understand what is happening exactly in the school and how the school is growing, what kind of projects are undertaken, are they helpful to our children, one must definitely be a part of school activities. KGS is providing this opportunity to all parents who are interested in volunteering. This will bridge the relations between teachers, parents and students.

International Family Day



Parent Volunteers



READERS WIN AND WINNERS READ.....

By - *Ramadevi*

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

Emilie Buchwald

To learn to read is to light a fire

Victor Hugo, Les Miserable

Photo Collage

Talent Corner

Fun Express

Vacation Special

Up Coming Events

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KGS firmly believes in the above statements and the school took a step forward on emphasizing the importance of reading for children. On the occasion of Mother's Day, the school had invited mothers to participate in a discussion forum where the importance of reading was demonstrated by the staff in an explicable way.

Though the meeting was for short duration of time, the motivation is strong enough to adopt it. There were tips and methods displayed to guide parents as to how to encourage the habit of reading in children. The programme has definitely inspired many mothers to start a proper ground work for their children. By doing so, we are building a better tomorrow for our own kids.



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