



# The Sea Dragon Monthly

Vol. 1 No. 4 Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Principal's Message

### Happy Thanksgiving!

November is upon us and in a week and half, Thanksgiving. I hope everyone enjoys this time with family and friends.



Thank you for your understanding, as we solve some issues with our new reporting system. The major error was fixed this morning, parents you should have access by Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest. (I am hopeful for tomorrow). I hope that you are all able to celebrate the learning that has occurred over the past three months and reflect on opportunities for your children to grow. Learning does not stop at the end of the school day; parents please look for meaningful connections at home to extend the day's learning.

We have a busy month ahead, with:

- 1 PM Early Release Day – Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving No School – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Community Time – Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Elementary Music Concert – Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Holidays – Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

### A Special Note Regarding our Elementary Music Concert

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, our Elementary students will be performing in the annual winter concert. Lower elementary (PK-2) will be performing ***Toys! The Night They Come Alive!*** and upper elementary will be performing ***Karaoke Christmas, A Holiday Pops Presentation!***



**DAIS has made the decision to hold our winter concert earlier in the day, with PK to 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 4:30 PM and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:20 PM.**

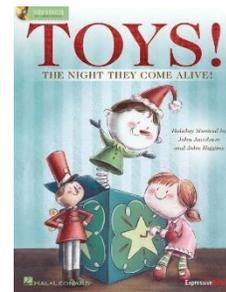
The decision was made to hold our concerts earlier for the following reasons:

- To limit the travel time for students from school, then back to school for the show.
- Making sure our youngest students can get to bed at a decent hour.

In order to support the early start time, staff will supervise students from 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM and offer a dinner during that time at a reasonable cost. More details regarding the menu will be forth coming. I appreciate your understanding and support.

## Toys! The Night They Come Alive! *Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 2*

The DAIS lower elementary will present “Toys! The Night They Come Alive!” on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM This is a story about toys on Christmas Eve that come alive under the Christmas tree. They sing, dance, play, and have fun. All students will sing songs in many different styles and time periods. There will be students acting as teddy bears, toy soldiers, princess dolls, robots, puppets, and more. We will even have the Dalian Huamei Bilingual School students join us on a few songs to present a concert that is truly enjoyable for all.



## Karaoke Christmas, A Holiday Pops Presentation! *Grade 3 - Grade 5*

Come join us on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:20 PM for a karaoke party when the DAIS and DHBS upper elementary students perform *Karaoke Christmas, A Holiday Pops Presentation!* This musical celebration features popular holiday songs and dances from the 1860s through the 2000s. You'll hear classical, swing, rock and roll, and songs from Broadway! You'll see folk dancing and dancing with candy canes, and each grade level will have their own special number to perform. It's an exciting way to kick off the first concert in the new DAIS gym. We hope to see you there and will

do our best to put you in a holiday mood!

## Community Time

Come join us on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3 PM in the MPR for our third Community Time of the year hosted by Grade 3.

Thank you so much to those of you who attended our previous Community Time. The students appreciated the fact that many of you put your devices away and simply enjoyed the moment with us.



## Library News



Mark your calendars – the DAIS Book Fair will be on November 25-27. It will be hosted by Blue Fountain. There will be a wide variety of picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, and activity kits available. Plans are well underway to ensure a successful book fair.

Scan this QR code or go to <https://daischina.libguides.com/ESLibrary> to find out what resources the library has available and what's happening.



The library is looking for iPod nanos and/or iPod touches to play audiobooks on. If you have a device you're not using, please consider donating it to the library.

## RESPONSIBILITY

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Persevere; keep on trying
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act; consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices

Showing responsibility and doing your best requires effort and a good attitude.

Whether it is learning a new skill, doing household chores, or helping kids with their homework, our success will depend on the amount of effort we put in and the attitude we have. Our greatest improvements will come when we combine a lot of effort with a great attitude.

## T.E.A.M.

**Teach:** Talk to your child how it takes both attitude and effort to reach our goals. Use the tool below to show how it can help with one of their goals.

**Enforce:** Develop high expectations and link consequences to poor choices.

**Advocate:** Give your child a chore to do. Teach them how to do it again and give them a deadline to complete it, then expect your child to be responsible in doing the task. Thank them after they do it.

**Model:** Be a good role model by doing your best and not giving up.

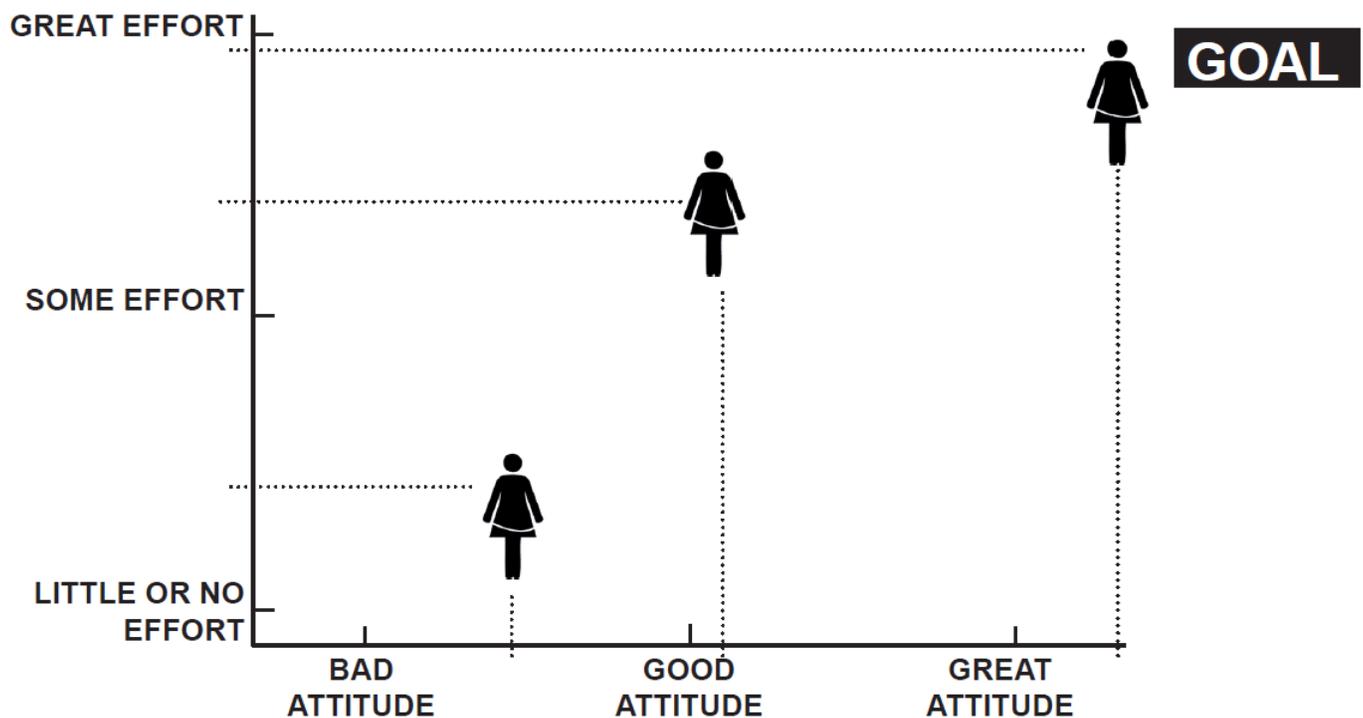
## Discussion starter

Ask your child what they think: does everything we do make a difference? What we say and what we do starts a chain reaction that affects the lives of others. Even choosing not to choose is a choice.

## Excellence and Ethics Tool

Reaching Goals with Attitude and Effort

As you can see on the diagram below, putting in good effort and having a great attitude will help achieve your goal. As Jane's attitude and effort improves, she gets closer to her goal.



### Trimester at a Glance

#### November

- Nov. 28 – Early Release @ 1 PM
- Nov. 29 – No School – Thanksgiving

#### December

- Dec. 6 – Grade 3 Community Time
- Dec. 12 – ES Music Concert PK – 2 @ 4:30 PM; 3 – 5 @ 5:20 PM
- Dec. 16 – Jan 3 Winter Break

#### January

- Jan. 13 - 17 – Writing Sample
- Jan. 14 – Grade 5 Concert Performance at DDA Grand Theatre
- Jan. 23 – 31 – Chinese New Year Break

### Our Mission

Dalian American International School facilitates a challenging, collaborative, and responsive learning environment that develops student intellect, character, and health. At DAIS, every learner strives to achieve personal excellence and contributes to the global community.