

C.G.S. Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We continue to struggle to help give a shape and form to our endeavours in bringing up our children with the IDEALS of yesteryear. It is difficult to do so, in the midst of the social ills of modern life.

Kurt Hahn, an eccentric, charismatic educator, born in Germany, in 1886, faced the same dilemma. 'He believed that each child is born with innate spiritual powers and the ability to make correct judgments about moral issues. However, in the progression through adolescence, the child loses these spiritual powers because of, what Hahn calls, 'the diseased society and the impulses of adolescence.'

To amend the social declines, Hahn became an inspirational founder and a significant contributor to many well-recognized, innovative experiential, social development, and outdoor education schools and programs. One of the things Hahn prescribed was the pursuit of physical fitness and physical challenges through physical education. He believed in helping students to strengthen their physical aptitudes and overcome any physical weaknesses. He believed in an education which developed the deepest qualities of character and compassion by real, hands-on and practical challenges. 'There is more in you than you think' sums up the philosophy of his educational programs.

CGS is now fully committed to his philosophy and brings to our Campus, the **Duke of Edinburgh Awards** and membership to the **Round Square Schools** which are some of the few antidotes to the social ills, Hahn helped set up. We need your wholehearted commitment to our cause.

Mahine Khan

MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2010

CGS along with CGS:NC will be commemorating Ekushey with wreaths to the Martyr's memorial as well as a walkathon and cultural programme at the Upper School hall.



A scene from the Lower School's ADF.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

As we go into print, Middle and Upper School students are participating in day-long mini RS conferences to promote awareness of environmental issues in both global and local contexts.



The 'Environmental Challenges' conference will address the four themes 'Earth, Wind, Water and Fire, as follows:

Earth: Land-based issues and biodiversity.

Wind: Air quality and urban air pollution.

Water: Water quality and availability.

Fire: Energy issues and global warming.

Students will hear key note presentations by Australian environmentalist, **Taimur Siddiqi** and participate in activities and discussions to reinforce key environmental concepts.



CGS AT DOON

In January, Upper School Head, **Mahine Khan** attended the RS Annual Heads and Reps Conference for South Asia at Doon School, India. Topics included regional projects, expanding membership, news of service projects, RS standards for entry and upcoming conferences.



CGS @ TSVS

Pictured on the left is the CGS team in India at The Sanskaar Valley School at their December conference. The team, L to R, are **Pujanie, Rabab, N. Raghuraman** (keynote speaker) **Zia Mohiuddin, Saleh, Jumana, Aishik.**

SPORTS ROUND-UP

The Annual Athletics is scheduled in early February and is an opportunity for the CGS athletes to shine.

BASKETBALL: CGS girls played William Carey (WCA) in a friendly match recently. CGS scored 18 points to WCA's 16. Player-Of-The-Match, was **Rahnuma** (12). A re-match is scheduled on 30th January.

CRICKET: A 20-20 inter-school tournament is scheduled in mid-February.

INTER-SCHOOL: CGS will be sending teams to Dhaka in February for a girl's basketball and boy's soccer tournament.

Children are special...

ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS...

"The only place where dreams are impossible is in your own mind."

Emalie

'FESTIVALS OF THE WORLD'

Is the theme chosen for our next year's ADF. This year teaching staff along with Upper School students participated in discussions to choose a suitable theme to explore.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE

Middle, Upper, Heats	3.2.2010
Middle, Upper, Athletics	4.2.2010
Ekushey	21.2.2010
Eid-i-Milad	26.2.2010