



Jump Jam Leaders



**D**ear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 2019 and best wishes from all at SJS for a healthy and happy year ahead.

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and that you were able to spend some time with family and friends during the festive period.

This half term promises to be a very busy time with the School Fair, Parent Teacher and Student Conferences, The ESF Run Carnival and the Chinese New Year Assembly Celebrations to look forward to.

Please check the School Calendar in this newsletter for dates and times.

### **Three Way Conferences – Friday 25 January**

The booking process for appointments has begun. Please make sure you sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher and, if required, with your child's Mandarin teacher. Appointments with the specialist teachers will be on a 'walk in' basis.

The conferences will take place on Friday 25 January and school will be closed for lessons on this day. Please come into school with your child for the appointment time.

Additional Mandarin conferences have been arranged for Tuesday 29 January. School will remain open as usual on this day, but the Mandarin programme will not run, to allow teachers the space to meet for the conferences. Please arrive at the school reception area in time for your meeting and your child will meet you and take you to the conference venue.

### **School Fair – Night Market – Friday 18 January**

A new look school fair opportunity is planned for next Friday from 5-9pm. The evening format promises a host of new experiences. Please come along and enjoy. The Fair will have a Chinese New Year theme and children are encouraged to come along after school, for the Fair dressed in their Chinese New Year attire.

As is the usual practice, shuttle buses will run from Sha Tim MTR to the school to provide a free means of transport to the school site. We would advise against the use of private cars as there is no legal parking in the vicinity of the school and parking tickets have been issued in the past.

## Influenza Season

On Wednesday, an eNotice was sent home warning of the dangers posed by the start of the peak season for the spread of influenza across Hong Kong.

We will do all we can at school to prevent the spread of the virus through the focus on child hygiene, cleaning, disinfecting and ventilating the communal areas of the school, but we need your support. The virus is easily transmitted from children who have flu symptoms. Please keep your child at home and seek the advice of your GP if your child is presenting with a high temperature or other flu-like symptoms.

Teachers and Educational Assistants have begun the process of monitoring the body temperatures of each student at the start of the day. I would ask you to assist by measuring your child's temperature before they leave for school each morning and recoding the reading in the spaces provided in the student diary.

## New Shuttle Bus Services

To encourage the environmental benefits of using public transport to and from school, two further shuttle bus routes have been proposed. The two routes, from Wu Kai Sha and University MTR stations will start on 21 January and run through to 6 March 2019. The services will be free of charge and will depart the MTR stations at 7.30am and 3.30pm from school for the homeward trip. Bus escorts will be provided on both routes.

The pick-up and drop-off locations (photos enclosed for easy reference):



The Fo Tan route will remain in place with the same charges and timings in place.

## A Plastic Ocean

Sha Tin College PTSA have extended an invitation to our parents to share in a viewing of the documentary 'A Plastic Ocean' The showing will be held in the STC Hall at 6.30pm on 27 February. At this stage, please mark the date in your diary if you are interested. A sign up sheet for the free showing will be shared in the next week or two.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Perry Tunesi'.

Perry Tunesi

## Dates for your Diary

Friday	18 January	School Fair / Night Market
Tuesday	22 January	Author Visit - David Greenberg Poetry Assemblies for Y2, 3 & 5 Civil Rights Assembly with Y6
Friday	25 January	3-Way Conferences & Mandarin <b>(School closed for students)</b>
Saturday	26 January	ESF Hong Kong Run Carnival - Science Park
Tuesday	29 January	3-Way Conferences (Mandain Additional Day) <b>(Normal School Day)</b>
Wednesday	30 January	Author Visit - Sarah Brennan Writing Workshops
Friday	1 February	Chinese New Year Assembly Last Day of Half Term Noon Finish (11:45 am)
4 - 8 February		Chinese New Year Half Term Break
Monday	25 February	School Closure - CPD Day



As always, we have a number of events planned for parents. You will be receiving separate invitations/notifications for each event, but to remind you of the programme, there are some of the events that are already in the diary. **Subscribe to our School Calendar for the latest updates:**

<http://sjs.edu.hk/calendar/>

Date for your Diary

## ESF Run Race Kit distribution

The Race Kit for SJS runners has been delivered to school earlier this week. An email from ESFC has been sent recently to all participants. Do contact us if you did not receive your Race Kit.

## ESF website survey for parents

ESF are now conducting a survey and would like to understand how our websites should be improved to help parents in their information search and decision making.

Please help us to improve our websites by giving us your feedback below. This survey will be closed on 17 January. Thank you!

**Link:** [ESF website survey for parents](#)

(Deadline: 17 January)

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For further information, please contact us through email ([pgt@fed.cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:pgt@fed.cuhk.edu.hk)), or call us at 2603-7444 / 2603-7485.

## Learn To Swim

The Hong Kong Football Club is now offering '**non-members**' **places** on their development programme for those students who are already able to swim (this is not a LEARN TO SWIM programme). The price is very very competitive, and I think it would benefit many of your students. The club does not make money from this as it is coordinated on a voluntary basis, however, we do have one of the best swimming coaches in HK (Dominic Tsui - Fastlane) who has coached Olympic athletes.

They are NOW accepting applications so if you know of any child that would benefit from this programme, please ask the parents to contact me on [debbiehanley01@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehanley01@gmail.com) OR 6624 8297.

**Ms Debbie Hanley**

Head of Year 13

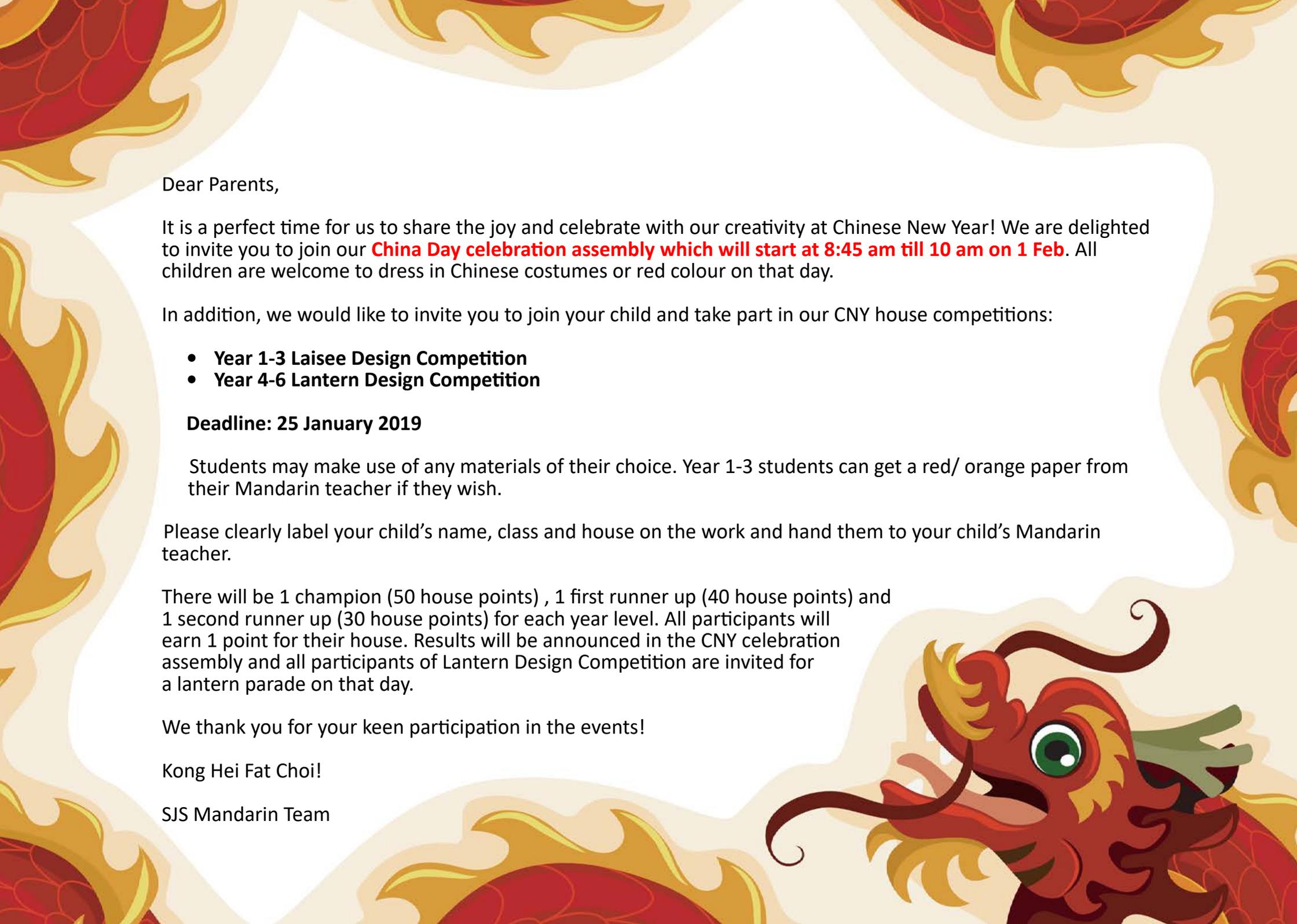


## Centre for Health Protection's Letter to Schools

### Arrival of the 2018/19 Winter Influenza Season in Hong Kong and Additional Measure on Temperature Monitoring

SJS has been informed that the local seasonal influenza activity has continued to increase in the past week and exceeded the baseline thresholds, indicating that Hong Kong has entered the 2018/19 winter influenza season. Please click on the following hyperlink to get access to the letter from the website of the Education Bureau:

[https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/sch-admin/admin/about-sch/diseases-prevention/chp\\_20190102\\_eng.pdf](https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/sch-admin/admin/about-sch/diseases-prevention/chp_20190102_eng.pdf)



Dear Parents,

It is a perfect time for us to share the joy and celebrate with our creativity at Chinese New Year! We are delighted to invite you to join our **China Day celebration assembly which will start at 8:45 am till 10 am on 1 Feb**. All children are welcome to dress in Chinese costumes or red colour on that day.

In addition, we would like to invite you to join your child and take part in our CNY house competitions:

- **Year 1-3 Laisee Design Competition**
- **Year 4-6 Lantern Design Competition**

**Deadline: 25 January 2019**

Students may make use of any materials of their choice. Year 1-3 students can get a red/ orange paper from their Mandarin teacher if they wish.

Please clearly label your child's name, class and house on the work and hand them to your child's Mandarin teacher.

There will be 1 champion (50 house points) , 1 first runner up (40 house points) and 1 second runner up (30 house points) for each year level. All participants will earn 1 point for their house. Results will be announced in the CNY celebration assembly and all participants of Lantern Design Competition are invited for a lantern parade on that day.

We thank you for your keen participation in the events!

Kong Hei Fat Choi!

SJS Mandarin Team



**Please collect from the school office if this belongs to you. We will only keep it until the end of half term.**

**Nikko Blue Sleeping Bag**

**Lost & Found**



### **AUTHOR INFORMATION: SARAH BRENNAN**

Sarah Brennan is the Hong Kong-based author of the best-selling Chinese Calendar Tales and the Dirty Story series for primary school aged kids, and the highly acclaimed children's picture book Storm Whale, illustrated by award-winning Australian artist Jane Tanner.

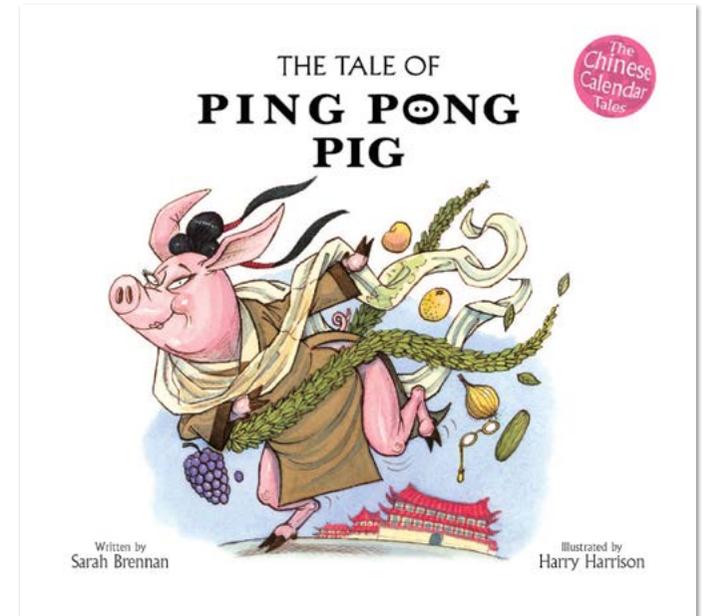
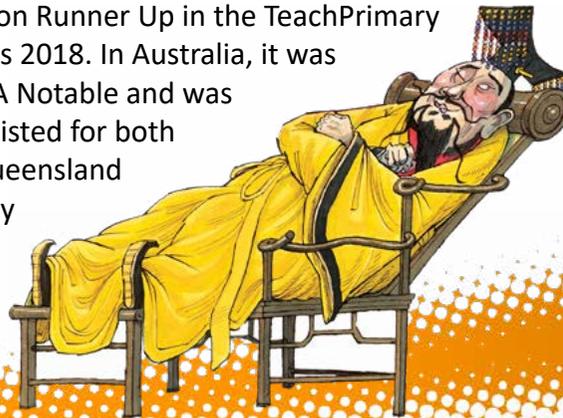
After 16 years working as a lawyer in London and Brisbane, Sarah moved with her family to Hong Kong in 1998, where she found her mission as a much-loved children's author, bringing Chinese history and culture to children everywhere through her funny and educational stories. She is passionate about children's literacy, and speaks regularly in schools about poetry, how to write stories, and the importance of reading books in the digital age from the scientific perspective. She has also addressed librarian conferences in Australia on the latter subject.

# Sarah Brennan's Writing Workshops

## Wednesday 30 January

Her books have regularly appeared on bestseller lists in Hong Kong, where at one point, two of her titles outsold the (then) latest J.K.Rowling and Stephenie Meyer titles for 6 weeks running! Two of her Chinese Calendar Tales have been long-listed for Singapore's Red Dot Children's Book Awards, and The Tale of Rodney Ram was short-listed for the Golden Dragon Book Awards 2016. Over 60,000 of Sarah's books have been sold to date. The great Australian author Thomas Keneally (Schindler's List) has described Sarah's work as "a meeting between traditional Asian narratives and the universal taste of children for graphic stories. The tale-telling gifts shown in these books, along with the exuberance of the language and rhymes, make them unique in children's literature".

In 2017 Sarah's story Storm Whale, an evocative picture book based on her childhood in Tasmania, was released by Allen and Unwin in Australia and Old Barn Books in the UK. In 2018, in the UK, it was long-listed for the Kate Greenaway Medal and won Runner Up in the TeachPrimary Awards 2018. In Australia, it was a CBCA Notable and was short-listed for both the Queensland Literary



Awards and the Prime Minister's Literary Awards 2018. It is currently on the Irish Primary Schools curriculum.

Sarah has a French husband and two daughters, and lives in Hong Kong's New Territories beside a subtropical nature reserve, visiting schools in Hong Kong, China, South East Asia and Australia on a regular basis.

*Updated to 1 January 2019*

**Author Visit - Sarah Brennan**



# David Greenberg's Assemblies

## Tuesday 22 January

Poetry Assemblies with Years 2, 3 & 5  
Civil Rights Assembly with Year 6

### AUTHOR INFORMATION: David Greenberg

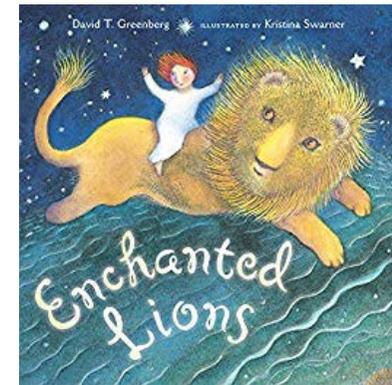
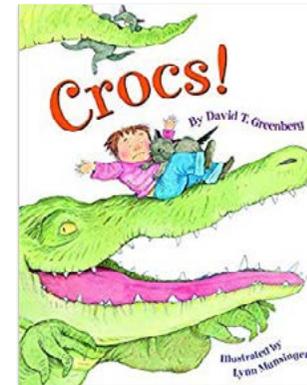
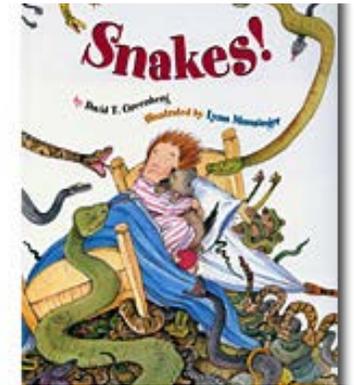
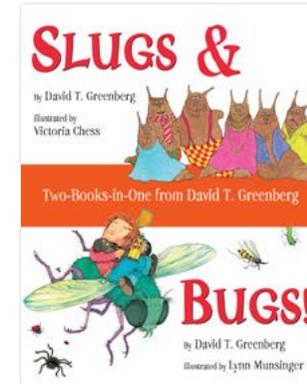
David Greenberg is the author of many published poetry picture books such as SLUGS, BUGS!, SKUNKS!, SNAKES!, CROCS!, ENCHANTED LIONS, MISS BEHAVIOR'S BOOK OF ETIQUETTE, etc. He is also the author of a highly-regarded novel dealing with human rights, A TUGGING STRING. Hailing from the United States, he now has taken up residence in Hong Kong where his wife is a teacher. He travels the world giving readings from his books and teaching writing. Recently he's spoken in Turkey, Japan, China, Singapore, Korea, and Myanmar. Soon he's off to Uzbekistan. And, of course, he is presenting in Hong Kong schools, spreading his message of joy for literature and care for fellow citizens of our planet.

The information below is copied from <http://www.authorsillustrators.com/greenberg/greenberg.htm>

**Poetry Assemblies:** Filled with dozens of dazzling illustrations from Greenberg's books, these assemblies are fun, funny, and inspirational. Not only do children laugh, chant refrains, and tap along with the beat, but

teachers and parents do as well. Kids leave saying, "I want to be a writer when I grow up!" Greenberg dynamically and expressively performs his rollicking poems for kids (click on book covers to see reviews). His poems are filled with alliteration, acrobatic meter patterns, and snazzy rhymes. Students are so captivated by the joy of Greenberg's performances they leave his assembly quoting their favorite lines. The assembly is, in essence, standards based academics wrapped within memorable entertainment. Greenberg weaves explanations of the various elements that activate good writing into his performance. He discusses the fierce perseverance necessary to succeed and emphasizes the key importance of the writing process.

**Civil Rights Assemblies:** This assembly grips the listener. It inspires us to be our best. It is filled with basic American history. It deals with our challenges as a nation and what has made us great. Based upon his novel, A Tugging String, Greenberg discusses the racial attitudes in the United States at the end of the Civil War, and how deep prejudice against blacks still persisted. He talks about the rights denied to blacks, emphasizing that although blacks technically had the right to vote, they were quite often denied it in practice, and thus denied a voice in our political process. He talks about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s attempt to march from Selma to

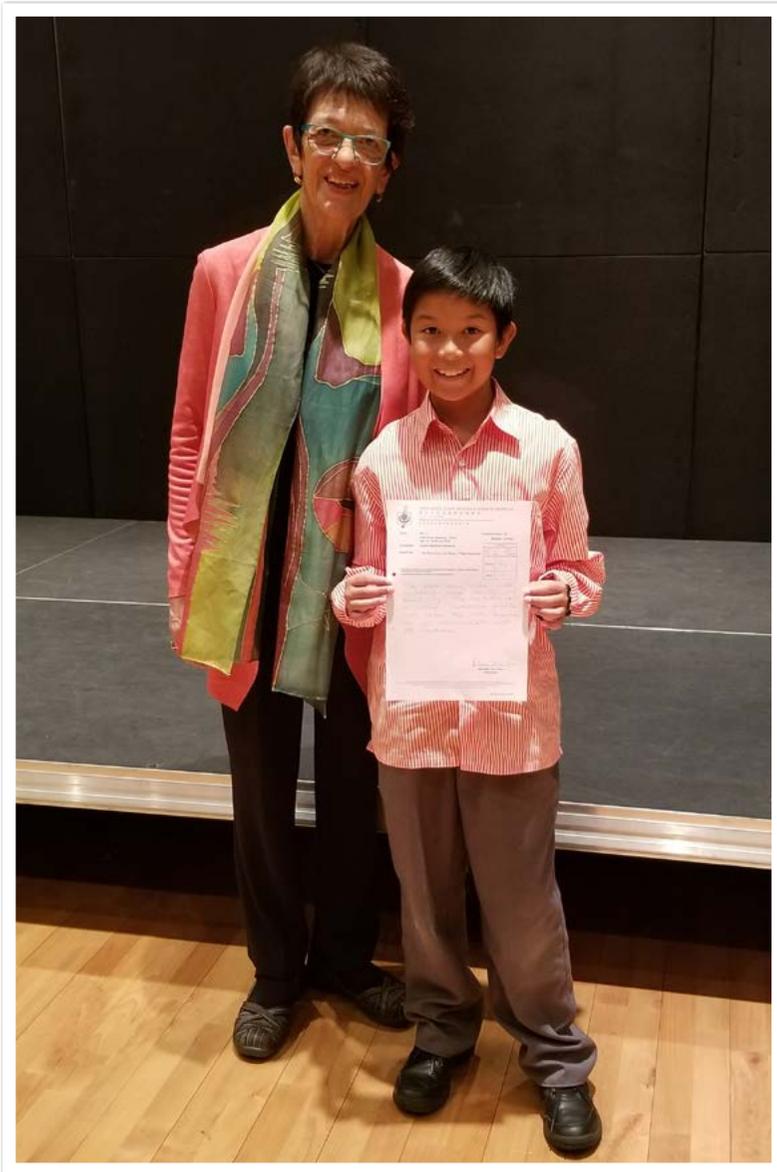


Montgomery to call attention to this injustice, and the response of the racist governor of Alabama, George Wallace. He discusses how King (helped by Greenberg's father) used the courts to peacefully overcome the forces arrayed against them, bringing about the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Ultimately, he shows how this has helped to make America a far better place. Greenberg draws the connection between the institutionalized bullying of the racists and the bullying that persists today. He calls upon students to take inspiration from King and his colleagues and challenges students to embrace personal responsibility and stand up for what is just and right.

Author Visit - David Greenberg

I am delighted to congratulate

**Jayden** of class 6.5 for participating in the Solo Verse speaking, age 10 group at the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival.



**Sophia** of class 3.2 for winning 1st place in Mandarin Speaking for Year 3-4 at the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival.

Student Recognition

I am delighted to congratulate



**Winston** of class 3.1 for achieving distinction in ABRSM Grade 3 Piano exam and merit in ABRSM Grade 3 Violin exam.



**Cadence** of class 3.2 for achieving distinction in Royal Academy of Dance Entry Level Award in the Graded Examination in Dance (Primary).



**Kiefer** of class 3.3 for being one of the Hong Kong Junior Team players, who won the first runner-up in the 2018-2019 China Hong Kong Elite Youth Ice Hockey Tournament (Hong Kong Stop).



Student Recognition

## **Student Recognition**

If your child has achieved something special, we would happy to feature their efforts in the newsletter if we can. Please send the details to the Communication Officer

Maximum size of attached files are: 8 mb

[newsletter@sjs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:newsletter@sjs.esf.edu.hk)

## **Gateway Link**

<https://sjs.tg.esf.edu.hk>

## **Enquiry on Gateway**

E-mail: [gateway.support@sjs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:gateway.support@sjs.esf.edu.hk)

## **To Remove or Change of your E-mail or Update your contact**

Login to the Gateway and go to

**Admin > Change Request**

to update your contact information in school

## **Report Absent Email**

Please email your child's class teacher and cc a copy to

[absent@sjs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:absent@sjs.esf.edu.hk)

Contact Us

# Disclaimer

Please note: The following programmes are not school based.  
They are run by some reputable organizations in Hong Kong  
and information is passed to parents on this basis.



# 春季資優課程2019

Spring Program for the Gifted and Talented



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For further information, please contact us through email ( [pgt@fed.cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:pgt@fed.cuhk.edu.hk) ), or call 2603-7444 / 2603-7485.