



# Panda Press

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## Calendar

### October

- 16<sup>th</sup> FMS Family Fun Day (Laurelwood Park 1-4pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 28th INTERSESSION NO SCHOOL
- 31 No School (Teacher Professional Development Day)

### November

- 1st 8:15am PTA Meeting (in Gym)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Panda Party sign-ups: close
- 6<sup>th</sup> Campus Clean Up

### **Boost your Kids MATH Experience**

Principal Chuang would like to share some on-line resources for math, since many parents have commented that they want their children to be challenged. Here are some of his suggestions:

[Adapted Mind.com: Math Worksheets](#)

[The Singapore Maths](#)

[IXL learning](#)



### **YEARBOOK**

Remember to sign up for your **Yearbook** for College Park Elementary from **TreeRing!** Customize your **two free pages with personal photos**. Order at [CP Treering Yearbook](#) Your personalized yearbook only costs \$15.99 **10% Discount if you order in October!**

**Panda Parties** are still available! Please sign up for these FUN events that also raise money for the PTA! Please see the sign up link on Quick Links at <http://www.collegeparkpta.com/>



**Announcement:** Your PTA Board will meet next week and will discuss the upcoming General Assembly meeting agenda. Please send topics for New Business to Jerri Martin for consideration for inclusion on the agenda. Please send mail to [president@collegeparkPTA.com](mailto:president@collegeparkPTA.com)

Dear College Park families,

Time flies as always, and it has already been two months since the school year started! As a new principal at College Park, I have the privilege of witnessing all the different vigorous learning activities taking place in different classrooms, such as our fantastic P.E. instruction on the playground, integrating learning with technology in the computer laboratory, Art in Action in Room 24, hands-on Science activities in Room 18, Music for Minors in different rooms, and Mandarin help in the library. Without a doubt, College Park is an excellent school with a great reputation for Mandarin immersion and the GATE program.

I understand that our district used to have a different yearly calendar in the past, and this year we will have 6 days of intercession break between 10/24 and 10/31. I would like to share my perspective on this as a school administrator, which is that our priority is to maintain the excellent quality of instruction offered at College Park without interruption or discontinuation of Mandarin language acquisition. I fully understand that some parents have arranged a trip to travel to some distant places during some of these breaks and would like to request an independent study for their children. However, an independent study can't be more than 2 weeks or 10 school days and it requires 6 hours of course work every day. For the reasons above, we must insist on keeping within district policy and not grant any independent study which is attached to a long break (October Intercession break, winter break, and spring break).

Thank you for your understanding.  
Respectfully,

Steven Chuang  
Principal

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