



Giving Complete Education

Proverbs 4:7-9.

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.”

Welcome to the first issue of the

A.Y. English Medium School Newsletter. We hope to send out this newsletter periodically throughout the year to keep the parents, community and well-wishers in touch with the management of the school and to promote healthy corroboration of the parents, teachers, students and management.

The management of this school believes in promoting the physical, mental and moral faculties of the child and thus training is given in all these areas. No education is complete without these three branches of education covered.

Physical Education

Throughout the year we conduct physical exercise programs to strengthen body and mind. In addition we teach healthy ways of eating and living. Nutritious school meals are served each day for the low cost of 40 rupees per month. That works out to about 2 rupees per day per child. The meals consist of brown rice, dal, and curry. Plus chapaties and egg are each served once per week. Each day an uncooked fruit or vegetable such as a banana, guava, carrot, etc..., is given to those taking the meals. Approximately half our students are taking meals each day. If your child is not presently taking school meals and you would like him or her to, you may contact the management.

Mental Education

We seek to give the highest quality scholastic education to the children and this includes having high quality books to teach from. So we are continually looking for the best school books to train the children. This year we chose books on the various subjects, one by one, based on comparison with many others. We feel we have selected the highest standard of educational materials available in India for each subject. This curriculum is also the same that is used by the large Corbett School in Palakollu. The quarterly and unit exams are sent to the parents to see the progress of their child throughout the year. These exams must be signed by the parents and returned to the school.

Moral Education

The difference between right and wrong must be taught to the children from the youngest age in order that they might be able to make wise decisions in all areas of life. What is the definition of what is right and wrong? The staff of the school believes in the moral laws of the

Bro. Tony teaching the usage of a computer to the students



Ten Commandments, that are written in the Bible, to be the standard of right and wrong. These moral principles are taught to the children.

School Motto: “The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.” Proverbs 9:10.

School Fees

The fees of the AYEM school are kept to a minimum in order to allow all children the ability to obtain a suitable education. Half fees are given to orphans and half orphans.



Vaccinations

Recently the health department sent a representative to the AYEM School with the request to give live polio vaccines to all the students in First class and under. I had just read in the paper that one child in Visakhapatnam, who took the polio vaccine in the morning, died that afternoon. So I asked the health official if they would give any written document stating that if any of the children were harmed by the vaccine that the health department would be responsible. The health official told me that they would not give any such document. I, then, told him that before we could give permission for the vaccines on our school grounds, we would need to contact the parents and get their written permission or rejection. Thus I sent the letter for all parents to sign.

Since then, I did more study into this topic and here are some facts you need to know. The live polio vaccine is grown in the kidneys of monkeys and then this live virus, in a weakened state, is given in drops to your children. The idea is that by giving the weakened form of the virus, the body will develop its own natural resistance to the virus and will be able to resist the real virus at a later time. For most of the people the vaccine causes no problems, but there are a few children that will have negative reactions to the live polio virus. Dr. Jonas Salk, the inventor of the killed-virus vaccine, testified that the live-virus vaccine (used almost exclusively in India and the USA) was “the principle if not the sole cause” of all reported polio cases in the USA since 1961 (Washington Post, September 24, 1976). So there is a certain risk involved in taking the polio vaccine and other vaccines.

Is there any alternative to avoiding polio other than taking the polio vaccine? Yes, there is. It has been shown

by Dr. Benjamin Sandler, a nutritional expert, that there is a strong correlation between polio and excessive consumption of refined sugar and starches in hot weather climates. Almost all people have been exposed to the polio virus but their bodies are strong enough to resist the virus from harming them. But excessive sugar consumption reduces the body's ability to fight the polio virus and other viruses.

In 1949 Dr. Benjamin Sandler warned the residents of the US State, North Carolina, to reduce their intake of soda pop, ice cream and artificially sweetened products. The North Carolinians reduced their sugar consumption by about 90% that year and polio cases dropped about 90% also. (North Carolina State Health Department reported 2,498 cases of polio in 1948 and 229 in 1949.)

But, Coca Cola and other sugar product producing companies joined forces to convince the public that Dr. Sandler's reports were a coincidence. Thus in 1950 the sugar product sales were back to normal and polio cases also returned to normal that same year. So the number one defence that you can give you and your family against polio is to simply stop eating white sugar and other refined sweetened starches and grain products.

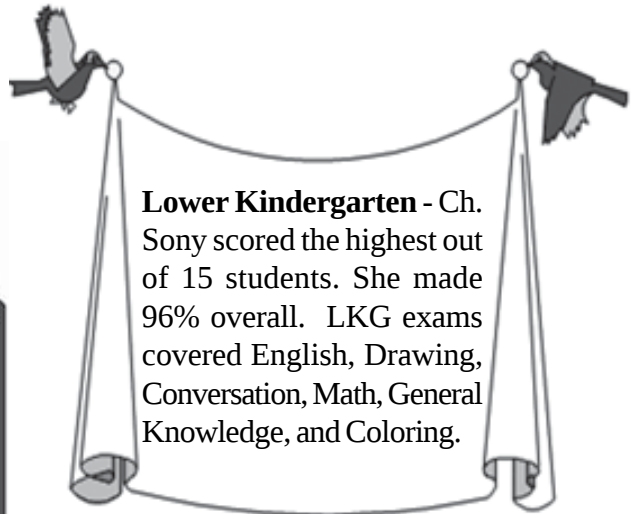
Also, polio virus is normally spread through human feces. So it is wise to use proper sanitation in one's toilet etiquette. In this village area, many people use the side of the road as a toilet and thus promote the spread of polio, and other viruses, through this unhealthy immodest practice. The Bible, in Deuteronomy 23:12-14, says that Yahweh will leave those who defecate in public view. For the good health, cleanliness and decency of the village we highly encourage all people to build their own toilets or, at least, use the public toilets provided by the government.

Below are the highest achievers
in the recent quarterly exams.

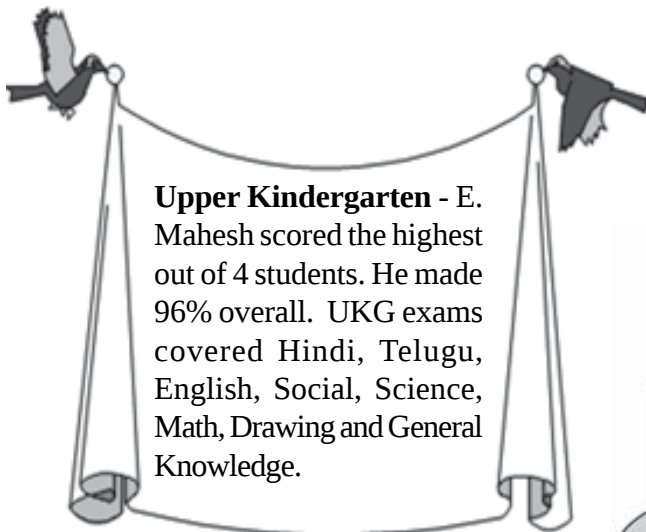
Nursery - D. Angali scored the highest out of 23 students. She made 76% overall. The Nursery exams covered Numbers, English, Rhymes, Coloring, Conversation, and Drawing.



Lower Kindergarten - Ch. Sony scored the highest out of 15 students. She made 96% overall. LKG exams covered English, Drawing, Conversation, Math, General Knowledge, and Coloring.



Upper Kindergarten - E. Mahesh scored the highest out of 4 students. He made 96% overall. UKG exams covered Hindi, Telugu, English, Social, Science, Math, Drawing and General Knowledge.



First Class - A. Pruthvi scored the highest out of 13 students. He made 91% overall. First class exams covered English, Grammar, Math, Science, Social, Hindi, Telugu, General Knowledge, and Computers.



Second Class - P. John Kevin scored highest out of 8 students at 85% overall. The exams covered the same subjects as First class.



Third Class - P. Sai Durga scored the highest out of 4 students at 91% overall. Exam subjects were the same as First class.



Half-yearly exams are scheduled to start on
17 December, 2007.

Fourth Class - V. Hima Bindu - scored the highest out of 4 students with 88% overall. Fourth class exams covered the same subjects as first class.

Fifth Class - G. Ramesh - scored highest out of two students with 79% overall. Subjects included the same as First class. G. Ramesh did not get to take his Social exam due to sickness; otherwise his overall percentage would have been in the high 80's.



Teacher Profile: Mr. P. John Keats and Mrs. Swarna



Teachers are chosen for First through Fifth class who have a reasonably good understanding of reading, writing, and speaking English. The senior-most teachers at our school are P. John and his wife Swarna. They came to this area about five years ago to teach the children. John grew up in Narsapur and did his B.A. degree in Economics at Visakhapatnam. Later he obtained his M.A. degree in Public Administration from Narsapur. He also studied for M.A..degree in English for one year, but did not complete. John teaches the third class students.

Swarna grew up in Rajahmundry and obtained her B.A. degree in Office Administration. Swarna teaches Fifth class and Hindi. Swarna taught Hindi previous to her marriage at another school in Rajahmundry. After school hours, Monday through Thursday, Swarna gives private tuitions for a small fee.

John and Swarna have two children, John David - 3rd class, and John Kevin - 2nd class. Both John and Swarna are fluent in English and have the dedication to see that your child excels in his or her subjects.

John and Swarna oversee the daily management of the school and the harmonious operation of all programs.

