

Dear Keystone and Kilittaşı Community,

As the days get sunnier and flowers bloom all around us, we feel spring's joyful spirit in full swing. Summer break is just around the corner, and we can all feel the excitement building! Next week is exam week for our students. They've been preparing with focus and dedication, and we are confident they will give their best effort.

We wish them all the best and remind them to stay calm, rest well, and believe in themselves.

## Important Dates to Remember

### **Friday, May 23: Talent Show**

Our students amazed us in today's Talent Show! It was a huge success, full of fun and energy. Congratulations to all our brave and talented performers!

### **Sunday, May 25 : Summer Fest**

We're counting down the days to Summerfest, happening this Sunday on our school campus! We've invited all our families to join us for a day full of fun, laughter, and community. Parents will get the chance to play games with their children while teachers enjoy watching these special moments. Make sure it's in your calendar!

### **Monday, May 26 : Professional Photo Day**

Please ensure that students come to school wearing their school uniform.  
Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Tuesday, May 27: Brave Bears “Welcome to Primary” Event**

We look forward to welcoming our Brave Bears into the next stage of their learning journey in primary school!

### **Wednesday, May 28: Friendly Bees “Welcome to Primary School” Event**

Friendly Bees will also have their special moment as they prepare for their exciting transition into primary school.

### **Wednesday, June 11: Welcome to High School Event**

Dual 8 and INT 9 students will attend our “Welcome to High School” event, an excellent opportunity to connect, inspire, and prepare for the next chapter.

### **Friday, June 13: Graduation**

A heartfelt celebration awaits our graduating seniors. We can't wait to honour their hard work and achievements during this special ceremony.

### **Monday, June 16: Welcome to Grade 5 Party**

Our Grade 4 students will take their first step into middle school with a fun and festive “Welcome to Grade 5” party!



## Looking Ahead to Next Academic Year

We've already begun planning for the next academic year with great excitement. Our team is working with energy and passion to make it even better than the last.

These upcoming events are moments we cherish deeply. Thank you for being a part of them. We are proud to walk this journey alongside you and your children.

## Planning the Future Together with Our Students

We've already started planning next year with our high school and middle school students. One of the most exciting parts of this process is that next year's "Spread Days" and "Student Communities" will be fully designed by the students themselves!

To support this, I've been meeting regularly with our students to hear their ideas, thoughts, and visions for our school. I ask them not only how they would contribute to school life, but also: **"If you were running this school, what would you do?"**

In the past two weeks, we've had two inspiring sessions with our high school students, and we're looking forward to our third one this week. We're also meeting with our middle school students for the first time this week and again next week.

While staff and leaders may come and go, our students are the heart of the school. They are the foundation, the keystones of our community. That's why we believe it's essential for them to have a voice in shaping the decisions that affect their learning and their lives. We can't wait to see the incredible ideas they bring to the table as we build the future of our school together.

## The Purpose and Importance of School Trips

At Keystone, we believe that school trips are an essential part of education. These experiences are not designed simply for entertainment. They are purposeful, thoughtfully planned, and directly connected to learning outcomes. For this reason, **participation in school trips is not optional.** Students are expected to attend, just as they would attend a regular school day. Choosing not to join a trip, asking to stay at school instead, or deciding to skip the day altogether because of a trip is **not permitted.**

We take this very seriously because we know that learning does not only happen in the classroom. **Educational trips are carefully aligned with our curriculum, and they offer students opportunities to engage with the world in meaningful, real-life ways.**

We ask all our families to **support this approach and ensure that students participate** fully in these valuable learning experiences.