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### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Happiness does not depend on what you have or who you are - It solely depends on what you think. Thinking positive will make you happy. Thinking right will make you happy. Thinking selflessly will make you happy. In other words, great thinkers are the happiest people. A thoughtless life is bound to become a useless life. Thinking for yourself and making others think because of your willingness to consider the thoughts of others are what will make you a free thinker and a great doer.

Many of us are in search of the true definition of happiness. Some say, happy is the heart that beats for others. Some say, real happiness is helping others. There are some who believe that happiness is not being smart enough but to know what to worry about. A clear conscience is the core necessity for anyone to be happy. Most of the people believe that living in a lavish house and driving the latest model car will make them the happiest. Material possessions can only provide for momentary happiness. Long lasting happiness comes out of love for others and a life which is selfless and sacrificing. Our children have to be made to understand the meaning of happiness in human life in the true sense. Several senior citizens are still in search of happiness, not knowing where to find it. To them, the road to happiness is always under construction.

The essence of education is to make our children understand that practicing honesty can make them happy; hard-work can make them happy; good health can make them happy; humility can make them happy; being human can make them happy. Happiness is all about being good hearted. A disciplined and dignified life is what will bring true happiness and this is what Blossom as an institution has been instilling in the minds of children ever since inception. The academic year 2015-16 is nearing completion and all our children, as always, have displayed a spirit of enthusiasm and excellence in all their activities. Our teachers have given their best to guide and motivate all our children to keep progressing. Blossom parents are a great source of support and encouragement to all of us.

"Blossom", to me, has been years of fulfillment. It has been a very satisfying and happy experience. Our love for children coupled with the experience which we have gained over the years gives us the confidence and the strength to continue our mission of imparting meaningful education to all our children. Let me thank the Almighty for guiding us and seek His support to bless all the members of the Blossom family with a life of safety, security, good health, peace, happiness and a bright future.

A.Alagappan, Director

### HAPPENINGS AT BLOSSOM BLUEBELLS:

Little Chef's Day, Blossom Bonanza, Honey - Home of Nurturing Energetic Youngsters, Bubbly Buds, Father's Day, Community Helpers Week were held. All the children, parents and teachers were fully involved in the programmes making our campus lively.

To make our Pre-KG children colour conscious, a colour scheme in dressing them was followed for a week during the month of February, 2016. Class photographs covering all the children were taken during first week of March, 2016.

Children's Day competitions such as drawing, colouring & reading were held in the month of November for all children. Diwali, Christmas & Pongal celebrations were held in the campus to highlight the importance of these festivals.

BASE - Bluebells Aims to promote Self Earning program was held in December. In this program children were encouraged to do gardening, cleaning cupboards, helping in cooking, etc. and do some self earning. The money earned through this program was used to support under privileged children.

A year end one-to-one meeting of all Pre-K.G. parents along with the concerned class teachers to review the progress of every child was held during the end of this term. This important and interactive session is aimed at understanding every child better and is focused on framing the future with a firm conviction - people at home viz. parents and the people at school viz. teachers have to work in close co-ordination in handling the children with great care and concern.

The annual Day of our school, named "Bubbly Buds - 2016" was celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 wherein all our children under the able guidance of our teachers performed on stage much to the delight of our parents and grandparents. Outstanding performers both in academics and extra-curricular activities were recognized on this occasion.

Our school closes on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 and re-opens for the first semester of the academic year 2016-17 on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016 for our nursery children (L.K.G. & U.K.G.) and Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 for our primary children (Std.I & Std.II)

Compiled by: K.G. Meera, Campus Head

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EXPRESSION:

Blossom Bluebells School will be three years old in June, 2016 and it is worth mentioning that the progress made has been remarkable and satisfying. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our parents for the confidence reposed in us by sending their children to Blossom Bluebells. The initial support received from them in the building up of an institution is invaluable and they have inspired us to carry on with courage in fulfilling our commitment to the cause of educating children.

A good teacher has been defined as one who makes himself progressively unnecessary. To begin, a teacher is a guide and in the end the teacher is a spectator - seeing the results of all the teaching done inside the classrooms. The result of good education should be the establishment of a good society. Education is the systematic, purposeful reconstruction of experience and the providers of education have to learn more and more in order to teach better.

Parenting has always been a challenging proposition. How to show our love for our children is a hard question to answer. Parenting is not all about providing the children with whatever

5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to touch
4. to taste
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love."

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

The things we over look as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder - that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

### HA - HA - HAAA:

Teacher : If you had three apples and the boy next door took one apple, what would you Have?

Varun : A fight, Mam.

Teacher : Can you tell me the three members of the cat family?

Hari : Mother Cat, Father Cat & Tom Cat

Teacher : Spell mouse

Sadhana : m...o...u...s...

Teacher : But what is at the end of it?

Sadhana : A tail

### **WHO ARE YOU MAKES A DIFFERENCE:**

One night a man came home to his 14 year old son and sat him down. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office and one of the junior executives came in and he told me that he admired me and gave a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine. He thinks I am a creative genius. Then he put this blue ribbon that says, 'Who I am makes a difference' on my jacket above my heart. Then he gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find out somebody else to honour. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honour with this blue ribbon and I thought about you. I want to honour you.

"My days are really hectic, and when I come home, I don't pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting enough good grades in school and for your bedroom being a mess, but somehow tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he couldn't stop crying. His whole body shook, and he looked at his father and said, through his broken tears, "I was planning to commit suicide tomorrow, Dad, because I didn't think you loved me. Now I don't need to do that"

### **THE COVER-UP:**

Two ladies, who didn't know the meaning of being neighborly, had been feuding for months. One day they finally reconciled their differences and rekindled their friendship. They hugged and retired to their respective homes.

Thirty minutes later one of the women was looking out her patio window and discovered her dog with something white in its mouth. It was her neighbor's pet rabbit.

"Oh, no," she said to herself. "I've just glued our relationship back together and my dog kills her rabbit!" She quickly took the dead animal into her home, washed it and blow dried its fur into beautiful fluff. She tiptoed into her neighbour's backyard and secretly placed the dead rabbit in its hutch and locked the door. She thought all was well until she heard a blood-curdling scream.

She ran outside to greet her neighbor.

"What's wrong?" she asked.

"Five days ago my rabbit died and we buried it in the garden. Now it's back in its cage!"

### **SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD:**

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal

they want. Children have to be taught that they cannot have everything they want the moment they want. Children should be taught to know the realities of life. Education is meant to help them distinguish between the right and the wrong. At every step the child should be allowed to meet the real experiences of life, the thorns should never be plucked from its roses.

Our School Slogan is "Enter Blossom - Enjoy Learning". Blossom Bluebells believes in making education, an enjoyable experience for every child entering it in order to make life an enjoyable proposition. After all, life is all about education.

Blossom Bluebells - Thirukkanurpatti campus is under construction and work is progressing at a quick pace. Our campus will be ready to occupy from June 2016 for primary children.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the readers of "BREEZE" a hot and happy summer with the sun shining at its brightest bringing hope into the lives of all of us. Every sunrise is a message from the God and every sunset...His signature.

A.Valliappan, Executive Director

### **HAPPENINGS IN HEAVEN:**

This is one of the nicest stories I have seen and is so true:

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section". Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth. Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed." How is it that there is no work going on here? 'I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments"

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked...

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

### **POWER OF POSITIVE TALK:**

I remember my dad teaching me the power of language at a very young age. Not only did my dad understand that specific words affect our mental pictures, but he understood words are a powerful programming factor in lifelong success.

One particularly interesting event occurred when I was eight. As a kid, I was always climbing trees, poles, and literally hanging around upside down from the rafters of our lake house. So, it came to no surprise for my dad to find me at the top of a 30-foot tree swinging back

and forth. My little eight-year-old brain didn't realize the tree could break or I could get hurt. I just thought it was fun to be up so high.

My older cousin, Tammy, was also in the same tree. She was hanging on the first big limb, about ten feet below me. Tammy's mother also noticed us at the exact time my dad did. About that time a huge gust of wind came over the tree. I could hear the leaves start to rattle and the tree begin to sway. I remember my dad's voice over the wind yell, "Bart, Hold on tightly." So I did. The next thing I know, I heard Tammy screaming at the top of her lungs, laying flat on the ground. She had fallen out of the tree.

I scampered down the tree to safety. My dad later told me why she fell and I did not. Apparently, when Tammy's mother felt the gust of wind, she yelled out, "Tammy, don't fall!" And Tammy did fall.

My dad then explained to me that the mind has a very difficult time processing a negative image. In fact, people who rely on internal pictures cannot see a negative at all. In order for Tammy to process the command of not falling, her nine-year-old brain had to first imagine falling, then try to tell the brain not to do what it just imagined. Whereas, my eight-year-old brain instantly had an internal image of me hanging on tightly.

This concept is especially useful when you are attempting to break a habit or set a goal. You can't visualize not doing something. The only way to properly visualize not doing something is to actually find a word for what you want to do.

#### **TO ALL TEACHERS WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE:**

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?

To stress his point he said to another guest; You are a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make? Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, You want to know what I make? (She paused for a second, and then began)

I make a C+ feel like the Order of Canada. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 minutes without an I-Pad, Game Cube or movie rental. You want to know what I make. (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table). I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write.

Keyboarding isn't everything. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in maths. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life.

Bonnie paused one last time and then continued. Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant. You want to know what I make. I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I make them believe they can work their way to become top guns of the organizations they work for. What do you make Mr. CEO?

His jaw dropped, he went silent.

#### **GREAT STRENGTH:**

This is a story of one 10-year-old boy who decided to study judo despite the fact that he had lost his left arm in a devastating car accident.

The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training, the master had taught him only one move. "Sensei," the boy finally said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?"

"This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the Sensei replied. Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training.

Several months later, the Sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the Sensei intervened. "No," the Sensei insisted, "Let him continue."

Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy had won the match and the tournament. He was the champion.

On the way home, the boy and Sensei reviewed every move in each and every match. Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind. "Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?" "You won for two reasons," the Sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defence for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm." **The boy's greatest weakness had become his greatest strength.**

#### **COFFEE MATTERS MORE THAN THE CUP:**

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to hot coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and were eyeing each other's cups.

Now if life is coffee, then the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, but the quality of Life doesn't change. Some times, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee in it." Please don't let the cups matter... Enjoy the coffee instead.

God makes the coffee, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy your life.