Thrive at E-Smart

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents,

As we enter November and the Thanksgiving season, it provides us with a meaningful opportunity to reflect on a core value that we always emphasize at E-Smart: **gratitude**.

In today's world, where children often enjoy abundant resources, high standards of comfort, and instant convenience, it can be easy for a subtle sense of entitlement to take root. When privileges come to be viewed as expectations, young people can lose sight of the quiet effort, care, and sacrifice that make those privileges possible.

At E-Smart, we believe that gratitude is the single most powerful antidote to entitlement. Gratitude shifts a child's perspective from *"What am I owed?"* to *"What have I been given?"*

When children learn to appreciate the patience of a teacher, the dedication of their parents, or the collaboration of a classmate, their character deepens. They become more resilient in the face of setbacks, more empathetic toward others, and more motivated to earn their own achievements through effort rather than expectation.

Cultivating a grateful heart begins at home and is reinforced in the classroom. This month, we encourage you to join us in simple, daily practices with your children:

- **Acknowledge effort over outcome:** Remind children to thank those who support them – from family members preparing meals to helpers and tutors.
- **Pause before giving:** Help children recognize that extra privileges or gifts are acts of generosity, not automatic rights.
- **Encourage expression:** Prompt your child to express appreciation verbally or in writing using complete, thoughtful sentences.

We are deeply grateful for your continued trust and partnership as we work together to nurture not only confident English learners, but grounded, appreciative, and mindful young individuals.

Wishing you and your family a warm, reflective, and meaningful November.

Warm regards,

Clive Chan

隨著十一月 Thanksgiving（感恩節）季節的到來，這是一個絕佳的契機，讓我們一同反思 E-Smart 一直以來深為重視的核心價值——「感恩」。

在當今物資豐富、生活便利的環境下，孩子們往往能輕易享有高質素的資源與舒適的條件，但也容易在潛移默化中產生一種「理所當然」的心態（Entitlement）。當權益被視為理所當然的期望時，年輕一代便容易忽略那些為他們默默付出、奉獻與照顧背後的辛勞。

在 E-Smart，我們深信感恩是消除「理所當然」心態最強而有力的良藥。感恩能改變孩子的思考角度，讓他們的目光從「別人欠我什麼？」轉變為「我獲得了什麼？」。

當孩子學會去體會老師的耐心教導、父母的無私奉獻以及同伴的互相支持時，他們的品格便能得到昇華。面對挫折時，他們會變得更有韌性；對待他人時，會更具同理心；並會明白到，所有的成就與收穫都需要靠自己的努力去爭取，而非憑空索取。

培養一顆感恩的心，始於家庭，並在課堂中得以深化。這個月，我們誠摯邀請您與我們攜手，在日常生活中透過簡單的小習慣培育孩子：

- 重視付出，而非僅看結果： 提醒孩子感謝身邊每一位支持他們的人——無論是準備膳食的家人、外傭姐姐，抑或是輔導他們的老師。
- 給予之前先作引導： 讓孩子明白，額外的獎勵或特權是源於他人的慷慨與愛意，而非理所當然的權利。
- 鼓勵表達： 引導孩子運用完整而真誠的言語或文字，主動向他人表達感謝。

感謝您一直以來對 E-Smart 的信任與支持。讓我們繼續攜手合作，不僅培養出自信的學生，更陪伴他們成長為踏實、懂得珍惜與感恩的年輕一代。

祝願您與家人度過一個溫馨、充實且意義深遠的十一月。

Schooling Beyond the Exam Hall

Students' Page November 2026

In this part of the world, it is far too easy to get caught up in the endless chase for top marks. Local schooling can feel like a relentless arms race, where exams get tougher every term and success is measured purely by grades.

Academic results matter, sure, but exam technique won't get you very far on its own. Kids need resilience, sharp thinking and proper emotional maturity to handle things when life gets messy.

Good education has to be about the whole child. Alongside proper English teaching, young learners need the confidence and practical sense to handle the real world, not just a test paper. ~ Mr Philip

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF NOVEMBER:

Best Writer: Tiffany Ho (10B) – The Tale of Radius and Nyx

Others writers: Aidan Shou (8B) I Am A Phone; Carson Chiu (6A) A Poem; Harriet Hui (4B) The Worst Day Ever; Perseus Wong (6B) – My Habits; Hillary Kwong (8B) – Hillary's Glasses

The Tale of Radius and Nyx – By Tiffany Ho (10B)

Long before the Sun and the Moon became permanent celestial bodies, they were the God, Radius, and the Goddess, Nyx. They controlled day and night so that humanity could live a peaceful life. During the day, Radius would shine brightly and radiantly, and people would do all sorts of daily tasks. During the night, however, people would rest and sleep. His day was very long, leaving little time for night to arise.

Seeing how only people did their activities during the day, Nyx got extremely jealous. She had given her all to raise the moon and make the night just as serene as the day. Seeing her jealousy and rage, Radius tried to comfort her.

"Oh, my darling Nyx, you make the night just as beautiful as the day. It is such a shame that the humans do not appreciate it. However, I'm very certain that they will come to their senses and appreciate it just as much as I do."

"Stop with your puny little lies! We both know that's not true. They love your light more than MY night! I gave my all to them and... this is what they do? Rest in MY presence?" Nyx yelled out.

Radius felt those words like a knife had just violently pierced through his heart. He didn't like seeing her so mad or jealous. Radius had always yearned to love Nyx, but she kept refusing his affection due to her rage about the day. In a fit of rage, Nyx ran away. However, Radius' pride about his day wouldn't let Nyx have more time for her night.

In a fit of rage, Nyx ran away and hid in her Luna Cove, the only place where Radius could not reach her, no matter how hard he tried. Radius could only watch her silently weep from a distance.

On one fateful summer evening, Nyx had seemed to be more enraged than usual. Just as the sun was about to retire, Nyx flew up into the sky, unleashed all of her mighty powers, and transformed the whole sky into pitch-black night. She wanted every day to be night. Seeing her plan work, Nyx seemed to calm down and felt content that she could finally control the dark. However, Radius refused to back down and still wanted his sun up in the sky. After a prolonged period of anger toward Radius, Nyx used her magic and fought Radius. Nyx had never been this angry before. Radius was shocked but still had to stop her somehow.

"Nyx! Please! Do not do this! You will only hurt yourself by turning every day into night! It costs you too much power and it's against the Creator's will!" he desperately yelled out. "Please, my love! Do not hurt yourself to gain more power! I promise you I shall lower my sun earlier so that you may have more time for night! I beg of you, please!"

Nyx didn't seem to care about what he said. The anger in her jealous heart was eating her alive. She refused to back down at any cost. Her feelings of negativity had already taken control, and she decided to continue her spell to unleash full darkness on the world.

To save all of humanity, Radius shone his powers and painfully blasted it towards his lover. She dropped from the sky and fell down, landing in Radius' arms. She fell unconscious from his blast. Radius regretted it terribly and wept for what felt like eternity. He made a vow to put his pride away and lower the Sun for him for blasting her with his powers. Nyx eventually awoke and had agreed to his vow but would never forgive him.

To this day, the Sun and the Moon became celestial bodies as humanity also evolved. No longer was Nyx jealous of the day, and Radius had continued to yearn for her affection. The two star-crossed lovers would continue to follow each other when they arise or lower, so that they would continue to spend their eternity together.

★★★ Stars of the Month ★★★

Au Nga Hei, Tracy	WTE6A Sat 3:00-4:00
Chan Esther	PTWP2 Sat 3:00-4:00
Chen Kam Hon, Tony	WTE4A Sat 1:00-2:00
Cheng Chun Hei, Marcus	IEK10A Sat 11:00-12:00
Choi Ho Lam, Jack	IEK4A Sat 9:00-10:00
Ko Sum Yau, Zoe	WTE8A Sat 11:00-12:00
Lam Pak Yin, Lester	IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00
Li Chin Ying, Jade	WTE8B Tue 4:30-5:30
Lin Yat Hong, Hayden	WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00
Lin Yat On, Anka	WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
Liu Yi Qi, Yuki	GWF4A Fri 5:30-6:30
Lui Kai Man	WTE2A Sat 1:00-2:00
Luk Wai Yin, Phoebe	WTE2A Fri 5:30-6:30
Man Kin Ching, Lester	GWF9B Sat 2:00-3:00
Ng Chi Yin, Andy	GWF6B Sat 2:00-3:00
Ng Hei Yin, Hayley	WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30
Ng Pik Kiu, Bobo	GWF2B Sat 10:00-11:00
Wong Kai Tak, Larry	WTE8B Sat 3:00-4:00
Yiu Ho Ching, Aden	WTE4B Sat 12:00-1:00

THANKSGIVING MAZE

Can you help the squirrel get to the acorn?



