



# Z H A N G D E P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

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## OPEN LETTER

*January 2016*

Dear Parents / Guardians,

A blessed New Year to you! To parents of our 2016 Primary 1 cohort, a special welcome to all of you. We trust that you will soon enjoy the warmth of the extended Zhangde family as we work hand-in-hand to help realise the potential and aspirations of Zhangderens. We believe that in this process of nurturing the young minds, both parents and teachers play critical roles. Allow me to first thank you for your partnership in this learning journey for our pupils.

### **1) Monthly Open Letter**

Since January 2013, a monthly Open Letter has been written to all parents. We are encouraged by the many positive responses gathered at the yearly survey for parents. Thus, I look forward to communicating with you through the monthly Open Letters. The letters will also be posted on our school website for your easy reference.

### **2) Home – School Partnership**

I believe strongly in home-school partnership. We share similar dreams and hopes for our pupils. In the Zhangde Aspiration that the pupils recite every Monday, *they all pledge to strive to be educated persons willing always to give and do their best. They learn to love and respect themselves and in so doing, they learn to love and respect their teachers, their school and our nation.* They can therefore accomplish much if we provide them with a conducive learning environment both in school and at home.

In order to do so, open communication between home and school is key. Do feel free to get in touch with us if you have any concern, query, feedback or even suggestion for improvement. You can call the school's general line at 62740357 and leave a message with our office staff or email us at [zhangde\\_ps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg). As this email address is the school's generic email address, do indicate clearly who we should forward the email to. I look forward to hearing from you!

### **3) Best Wishes**

We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to the following staff who have joined various schools wef 4 January 2016:

<b>Name of Teacher / AED</b>	<b>School/Division Transferred to</b>
Mdm Lau Peh Peh	Damai Primary School as SH/CL
Mdm Siti Hajar Binti Mohamed Aljuhari	Punggol Green Primary School
Mr Mohammad Taib Bin Majid	Springdale Primary School
Miss Yeo Teck Wai	Curriculum Planning and Development Division, MOE
Miss Rima Melati Binte Kamsan	Yangzheng Primary School
Mdm Nur Azlinah Bte Mohamed Ali	Damai Primary School
Mdm Nadiyah Binte Suhaimi	Beacon Primary School

The school would like to wish them the very best in their new schools!

We would also like to thank Mdm Tan Qing Ling Sabrina and Mdm Noorleny Bte Ham Kamsi who have resigned wef 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and wish them the very best in all their future undertakings.

#### 4) *Welcome to the Zhangde Family*

We are delighted to welcome the following staff who have joined the Zhangde family and wish them many fulfilling years with the school:

<i>Name of Teacher / AED</i>	<i>Subjects</i>
Miss Wu Ze Xin	Chinese Language
Miss Lim Fang Yi	
Mdm Zhou Jin	
Mdm Raghumath Banu d/o Mohd Ali F	English and Mathematics
Mdm Han Xuehui Delicia	English and Mathematics
Miss Lee Yan Yi	Learning and Behavioural Support

#### 5) *New Appointments and Re-designation in 2016*

We are pleased to announce the following new appointments and re-designations that have taken effect with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

##### *Re-designations*

Mdm Samantha Chung Zhao Li has been re-designated as HOD / Special Projects while Mr Irwan Mohd Talib has been re-designated as SH / Student Management.

##### *New Appointments*

Ms Yeo Suan Shih and has been officially appointed HOD / Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) while Ms Thng Su Ying Valencia has been officially appointed HOD / Information Communication Technology (ICT).

#### 6) *Focus of 2016*

In 2016, we continue to leverage on our strategic thrusts to realize our new school vision.

##### **SCHOOL VISION**

A Learning School With A GIVER<sup>3</sup>S Heart

##### **SCHOOL MISSION**

To nurture thinking individuals and gracious citizens

##### **SCHOOL MOTTO**

Zeal, Progress & Success

##### **STRATEGIC THRUSTS**

- Strategic Thrust 1 Achieving Academic Excellence
- Strategic Thrust 2 Developing Character and Active Citizenry
- Strategic Thrust 3 Building Quality Staff
- Strategic Thrust 4 Forging Partnerships

We continue in 2016 our efforts to emphasise the importance of character and citizenship education (CCE). Our GIVER<sup>3</sup>S values of *Graciousness, Integrity, Versatility, Empathy, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Sincerity* continue to anchor our CCE curriculum in the school.

#### 7) *Recent Achievements*

##### PSLE Results

We want to congratulate our P6 pupils who have done well. 95.47% of our pupils qualified for secondary education.

We wish our graduands all the best and continued success in their secondary schools!

## ***Important Announcements...***

### ***8) School Matters – 2016***

The new academic year has started on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and we are functioning as a single-session school. All pupils will report to the school hall in the morning at 7.30 a.m. sharp daily. We seek the cooperation of all parents to help us to instil in our pupils the value of punctuality. The school hours will be from 7.30 a.m. to 1.45 p.m. from Monday to Friday. The general office will close at 6.00 p.m. daily while the school gate will be locked at 7.00 p.m. to cater to the needs of pupils who attend the student care till 6.30 p.m.

The recess timings are as follows:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Monday to Friday</b>
P1 & P4	9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.
P2 & P5	10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.
P3 & P6	10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

### ***9) School Safety and Security***

As part of the school's efforts to maintain a safe environment for all our pupils, MOE has provided schools with 2 NSRS trained security guards since May 2005. Parents/guardians who would like to see their child/ward or speak to our staff are required to register at the security post and collect both a visitor's pass and a sticker for identification. You would then need to go to the reception counter at the general office where our receptionist will assist you. Parent volunteers coming into the school will also need to put on their tags.

For parents/guardians who have prepared packed lunches for their child/ward during the afternoons when they have lessons or activities, do take note that your child/ward will collect their lunches from you at the area in front of the Heritage Corner.

**No parents/guardians are allowed into the school at all times without registering at the security post.**

**All these measures are taken to ensure that we do not compromise on the safety of our children. We seek your fullest cooperation on this.**

### ***10) School Carpark***

We would also like to seek the cooperation of all parents to exercise courtesy and consideration by not holding up traffic especially during peak hours. The school carpark is reserved for the use of the school staff and school buses. On Fridays, in particular, we do have instructors and coaches who come to the school to conduct our CCA with the pupils and they need the car park lots. Visitors and parents on official business may park their vehicles at the vacant carpark lots. Parents waiting to fetch their children home are advised to park their cars at the nearby HDB carparks.

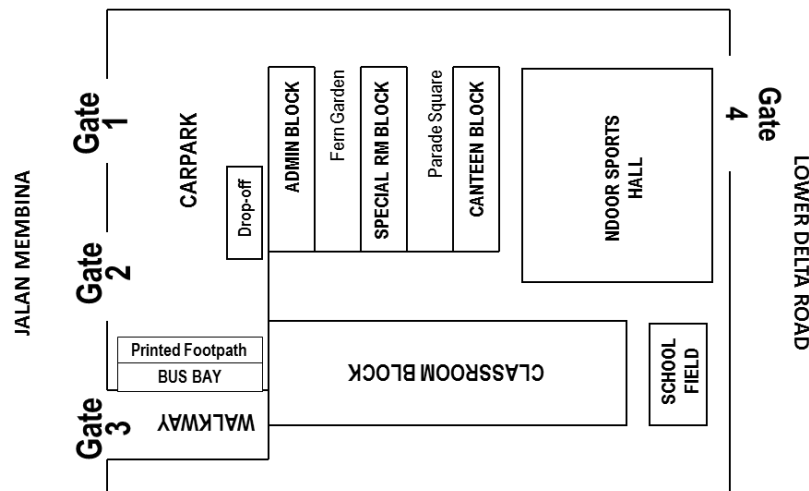
### ***11) Opening Hours of School Gates***

<b>Gate 1</b> (Main gate beside bin centre)	6.30 a.m. – 7.45 a.m.
<b>Gate 2</b> (Main gate near foyer)	6.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
<b>Gate 3</b> (Side gate for pedestrians)	6.30 a.m. – 7.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. 3.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.
<b>Gate 4</b> (Rear gate along Lower Delta Road)	6.45 a.m. – 7.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

**Please advise your child where exactly you will be fetching him/her from daily.**

On rainy days, school buses will have the priority to park at the porch area. Drivers are advised to drive into the school only after the buses have left.

Gates 1 and 2 are for vehicles ONLY. Students and parents walking to school are advised to enter the school through Gate 3 for safety reasons. Beyond the stipulated gates opening hours, students and parents are advised to follow the printed footpath along the bus bay to exit from Gate 2.



Drawing reference to the media advisory released by NEA on 19 November 2014, to safeguard the public health for our pupils and our staff, parents are reminded to switch off your engines while waiting to pick your children from the school.

### ***12) 2015 After-School Activities Structure***

To keep you informed of the after-school activities of their child, please refer to [Annex 2](#) for the 2016 After-School Activities Structure for Term 1. The school will be giving out consent form for all these activities. A Cancellation Form will be issued accordingly if there is any cancellation. For other activities, consent forms will be issued where necessary.

### ***13) Whole School Approach to Reading***

To promote a reading culture among our pupils, they are to bring an English and a MT story book daily where they will spend the pre-assembly timeslot from 7.30 a.m. – 7.40 a.m. reading. In addition, there will be designated library periods during curriculum time. The school is collaborating with Bukit Merah Community Library on mounting various library activities in the school. We do seek your assistance in helping to inculcate the reading habit early in your child.

### ***14) NLB Books to Go!***

Bukit Merah Public Library will be bringing the National Library books to Zhangde Primary School from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The teachers will be bringing the pupils to the School Library to borrow the books during designated curriculum periods. The school would like to seek the assistance of all parents to ensure that your child / ward has the opportunity to borrow books during this period by doing the following:

- Ensure your child / ward brings his/her school Ezlink card / library card on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Pay the fines (if any) in your child's / ward's library account
- Return all books in your child's / ward's account before the mass borrowing activity
- If your child / ward has lost his / her school Ezlink card, please report the loss at any public library and make a new library card. (Note: A fee of \$1.00 applies for a new library card)

Kindly ensure that the NLB books borrowed in the school on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January are returned to any public library by the due date that is indicated on the loan receipt. In addition, you are encouraged to sign up for *myLibrary* ID, a suite of enhanced e-services. With the *myLibrary* ID, you will be able to view your child's / ward's borrowing record as well as activate the free reminder service. The reminder service will prompt you to return the books which your child has borrowed, on time.

To register, visit [www.nlb.gov.sg/account](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/account) or our self-service e-Kiosks at any of the public libraries. For further assistance, please call the NLB Helpdesk at 6332 3255.

### ***15) Health Matters***

A child's learning is a process of acquisition of skills and knowledge. In order for our pupils to gain confidence in their literacy, numeracy and scientific literacy, their presence at all lessons is of utmost importance. Thus, we seek your help in ensuring that your child is punctual for class and attends school regularly.

If your child is not feeling well, please bring him/her to see a doctor and only allow your child to return to school when he/she is feeling better. Please support your child's absence with either a medical certificate from a doctor or a letter of excuse from you.

If your child is down with chicken pox, H1N1 or Hand-Foot-Mouth disease, please take your doctor's advice and let your child rest at home. As these diseases are highly infectious, we require parents to bring their child to see a doctor again to certify that he/she is fit for school before he/she is allowed to return to class. A memo from the doctor will be required. We seek your understanding in this matter as the health of our pupils is our concern.

### ***16) School Dental Clinic***

With effect from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the dental clinic will open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

### ***17) Pupil's Diary 2016***

The Pupil's Diary will be distributed to the pupils in Week 2. As with previous years, pupils do not need to pay for them. Please go through the information in the Pupil's Diary with your child. You may use it to communicate with your child's teacher(s).

### ***18) Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2016***

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2016 for Primary 3 pupils is given as below:

- a) GEP Screening Exercise - 26 Aug 2016 (Friday)  
(English Language and Mathematics)

Shortlisted pupils are invited to participate in the Selection Exercise.

- b) GEP Selection Exercise - 18, 19 October 2016 (Tuesday, Wednesday)  
(English Language, Mathematics and General Ability)

### ***Upcoming Events in January***

#### ***19) Principal's Dialogue & 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of FT / Co-FT with Parents***

There will be a Dialogue Session with the Principal and a 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of FT / Co-FT with parents on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** A letter with details of the session has been given out on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016. We strongly encourage all parents to attend this session as curriculum matters pertaining to each level will be discussed. We will also share with you more about our academic strategies. Do block this date on your calendar.

## **20) Family Matters @ Zhangde Primary School**

There will be a series of parenting talks, workshop and parent-child bonding activities organised throughout the year. For more information, do look out for the flyers distributed periodically through your child or email our Family Matters @ Zhangde Coordinator, Ms Josephine Tan at [zhangdefms@gmail.com](mailto:zhangdefms@gmail.com).

Coming up on **Saturday, 23 January 2016, 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m** are two workshops on **Five Love Languages** that would be conducted in English and Mandarin respectively. Parents who are interested to attend the workshop, please complete the attached application form and return it to the school through your child by Thursday, 14 January 2016.

### ***Values of the Term: Responsibility & Respect***

*Today I am proud of Zhangde  
Tomorrow Zhangde will be proud of me!*

*Sharing by Principal, Ms Loh Sing Huay on 4 January 2016*

### ***Calendar of Events for January***

Please refer to Annex 1 for the calendar of events for the month of January.

### ***Concluding Remarks...***

*In dreams begin responsibilities  
~William Yeats ~*

We started focussing on a school value each month since 2013 and will move on to focussing on two school values each term in 2016. The Values of The Term (VOTT) will be related to these school values. Pupils will hear from the teachers and school leaders how the school values are demonstrated in their everyday lives.

For the next five weeks, we seek your assistance to reinforce in our pupils the value of *Responsibility* at home. With your continued support, we are confident that 2016 will be yet another exciting and fulfilling year for your child and the school.

Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Miss Loh Sing Huay  
Principal

Day	Date	Activities	Pupils Involved	Time
Mon	04-Jan	Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Tue	05-Jan	Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		FMS: Transition Talk for P1 Parents (CL & EL)	P1 Parents who signed up	10.30am - 12.30pm
Wed	06-Jan	Basketball Extra Practice	Girls Basketball players	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Basketball Extra Practice	Boys Basketball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Soccer Extra Practice	School Soccer Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Thu	07-Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise 1	All staff and pupils	7.45am - 8.15am
		Soccer Extra Practice	School Soccer Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Fri	08-Jan	Basketball Extra Practice	Girls Basketball players	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Sat	09-Jan	BB Parade 1	BB boys	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Meeting 1	GB girls	7.30am - 9.30am
Mon	11-Jan	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Tue	12-Jan	P3 Science Workshop: Fun with Animals	P3G pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		Soccer Extra Practice	School Soccer Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Wed	13-Jan	Basketball Extra Practice	Boys Basketball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Choir Extra Practice	Choir members	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Soccer Extra Practice	School Soccer Team	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Thu	14-Jan	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Basketball Extra Practice	Girls Basketball players	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Fri	15-Jan	Basketball Extra Practice	Girls Basketball players	2.15pm - 5.15pm
		Volleyball Extra Practice	P4-P6 Sch Team Volleyball players	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Sat	16-Jan	P's Dialogue & 1st Meeting of FTs & Co-FTs with Parents	All P1 - P6 pupils & parents	P1 & P2: 8am P3 & P4: 9am P5 & P6: 10am
Mon	18-Jan	NLB: Books 2 Go	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 Managing Your Emotions Workshop	Selected P5 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Tue	19-Jan	Annual SCC Photo-Taking for P1 & P6 pupils	All P1 & P6 pupils	8am - 12pm
		NLB: Books 2 Go	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 Science Workshop: Fun with Animals	P3I pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm

Day	Date	Activities	Pupils Involved	Time
Tue	19-Jan	P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Wed	20-Jan	NLB: Books 2 Go	All pupils	Curriculum Time
		Choir Extra Practice	Choir members	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Thu	21-Jan	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P6 Sexuality Education Lesson 1	All P6 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Sat	23-Jan	BB Parade 2	BB Boys	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Meeting 2 / Tea with parents of new recruits	GB Girls	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Drill Competition Practice 1	Selected GB girls	7.30am - 11.30am
		FMS: 5 Love Languages Workshop (Mandarin)	Parents who sign up	9am - 12pm
		FMS: 5 Love Languages Workshop (EL)	Parents who sign up	9am - 1pm
Mon	25-Jan	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 iDA Code for Fun Programme (Basic) Lesson 1 (Group 1)	P5G, 5I & 5Ry pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5 Managing Your Emotions Workshop	Selected P5 pupils	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Tue	26-Jan	P3 Science Workshop: Fun with Animals	P3V pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 pupils taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 pupils taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Wed	27-Jan	P3 Conversational Chinese & Malay Prog (Beginner) 1	P3 pupils who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		Choir Extra Practice	Choir members	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Thu	28-Jan	P3 Science Workshop: Fun with Animals	P3E pupils	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 iDA Code for Fun Programme (Basic) Lesson 1 (Group 2)	P5V, 5E & 5S pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 Sexuality Education Lesson 2	All P6 pupils	2.15pm - 3.45pm
Sat	30-Jan	BB Parade 3	BB boys	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Meeting 3	GB girls	7.30am - 9.30am
		GB Drill Competition Practice 2	Selected GB girls	7.30am - 11.30am
		Chingay Student Enrichment Programme & Show 2016	Selected pupils	4pm - 10pm

*Information is updated and correct at the time of printing.*



**ZHANGDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2016 After-School Activities Structure (Term 1)**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity / Programme</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	P3 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) P4 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) P5 Information Communication Technology (ICT) Programme P5 Curriculum – Foundation Mathematics (FMA) P6 Curriculum – Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) P6 After-School Lessons Selected CCA Extra Practices
<b>Tuesdays</b>	P3 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) P4 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) P5 Curriculum – Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) P6 Curriculum – Foundation Mathematics (FMA) P6 After-School Lessons Selected CCA Extra Practices
<b>Wednesdays</b>	P3 Conversation Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme Selected CCA Extra Practices
<b>Thursdays</b>	P3 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) P4 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) P5 Information Communication Technology (ICT) Programme P5 Optional Enrichment / Remediation Programme P6 Optional Enrichment / Remediation Programme Selected CCA Extra Practices
<b>Fridays</b>	Selected CCA Extra Practices