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Session IV - 2007

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Students,

Here is the Session IV's issue of "EsSentialLly PALS". This session was a bit special not only because you all worked really hard and learned a great deal but also because it was full of fun. That's really my personal philosophy - "Work Hard - Play Hard!"

I think both major events of this session: the field trip to *Allaire State Park* and the *Spring Carnival*, were rather special and brought us a great deal of joy and experiential learning. *The Best Journal Entry* contest was a great success too. This is now an ongoing feature so begin working on it seriously from day 1 of the next session.

You may have noticed that we have nearly six weeks before we start session V. During this time, PALS will be organizing special two week English Language workshops. If you are here and would like to take advantage of this time, do contact Denise for details.

Here's wishing everyone a great Summer. If you are graduating or leaving PALS, please do not forget to sign up for our alumni service - PALS PLUS. This will help us keep in touch.

Dr. Veena Kumar

From Denise's Desk



I hope everyone is having a wonderful session! Please don't forget these very important dates:

Session IV ends on May 14, 2007

The payment deadline for Session IV is June 12, 2007. Please pay by this date in order to avoid being charged a late fee!

Session V begins on Tuesday, June 26th, 2007. Returning student orientation will be in the Yorba Lounge at 11:30 am. All schedules and books will be issued at that time.

If you are graduating or transferring from PALS, please submit your requests for transcripts, certificates and letters before you leave PALS!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



MARY ELLEN'S CORNER

Spring is in the air! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather and are looking forward to a break. Before the session ends, please keep a few things in mind:

-If you are **transferring** to another school after Session IV, please make sure to **make an appointment with me before May 14, 2007**. Once you have been transferred, you must contact your new school to pick up your new I-20. If you are traveling home for the break, I suggest that you pick up the I-20 from your new school *before* you leave. You will need the new I-20 to return to the US.

-If you would like to **travel outside the US** for vacation, please bring your I-20 to me for a travel signature *before* you leave. The signature ensures that you will be returning to PALS when you return from vacation. You must pay a deposit for your next session before I can sign your I-20. ***Please do not leave the US without a travel signature on your I-20!***

-If you were an F-1 student in the US in 2006, you must show the government that you *did not earn any income in the US* and you **DO NOT** owe taxes. You must complete Form 8843 and send it to the US government by **June 15, 2007**. The form is available with instructions at the PALS office. Please see me if you have any questions.

As always, if you have any questions, please stop by the PALS office. I hope you have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you again in June!



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Student Contributions

Ugur Kursuncu
Effective Paragraphs

My (Adopted) Child

If I get married and I cannot have children of my own, I will adopt a child.



The human is similar to a tree. Firstly, the tree was a seed on its beginning of the life. It is fed with water under the ground. And then it is moved out of the ground. It starts to become a sapling. It grows up and becomes a tree. He gives very delicious fruits and everybody eats these fruits. Actually, they serve people. But, this event wasn't occurred by itself. If you don't give water to the seed, it dies. If you don't interest with it, it doesn't give fruit, and it isn't useful for the people. If you wants that it is useful for the people with its fruits and biologic structure, you should feed and grow it and you should be interested with it.

That is the same for the human. You should raise the children. This can be your children or another. All people should be interested with at least a child. The child love is a necessity for a child. However, the children need interest and kindness. Right now, around the world, there are a lot of children who have no parents, and they need to interest and kindness much more. If nobody interested in them, they may be lost in the community. Although they may be a person who serves for the humanity, they may be a killer or thief...etc.

In addition, I think to live lonely without children is very boring. A child is an excitement in your life. You feel many feelings in your life by him or her. His birthday, growing up, succeeding in his school and job, and his marrying are an excitement for the parent.

Adopted children are necessary for the people who cannot have children of their own.

Difference and Love

My father and mother look like each other, even though they have some differences. Sometimes, the differences between my mother and father are more clear. For example, my mother is an entertaining person, but my father is usually serious. Even though she is extroverted, he is introverted. My mother is very

relaxed to do something, however, my father is a perfectionist. So, he wants everything to become great. Although she is outgoing, my father is a conservative man. Also, he is a controlling person, but my mother is an independent woman. My mother is a sociable person, but my father is very shy. Also, my father is 58 years old, and my mother is 52 years old. On the other hand, she is a housewife, while my father is an official man. Eventhough she has ten siblings, he only has five. My mother prefers to eat fish, as my father has a liking for meat. For all these reasons, my father and mother have several differences. They are wonderful in my eyes. Also, I know that they love each other through their differences. -Songul Cicek (Focus Words on Differences)

Which famous person would you like to interview? Why?

Farahnaz Khan
Developing Comp. Skills II

I think everyone knows about the famous Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan. He is a Legend, a Superstar. He is an actor. He is famous for his marvelous acting and lots of other talents.

Besides his acting, everyone likes his personality very much. He is also famous for his great voice. He is over 60 and still looks young. He maintains himself a lot. He is from a typical Indian family, where everyone in the house has to speak in pure Hindi and all the customs and other rules like the way they used to pray before having food are still running in the family.

His father was a poet. His name was Mr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan. He was very famous for his poetry. I have read his poetry in my course book in high school. Today Mr. Amitabh Bachchan recites his father's poems in some of his interviews. I would like to ask him to recite one for me. "Madhushala" and "Agnipath" are my favorites from his father's poetry which are very famous in India.

The person like Amitabh Bachchan is a great gift to this world because of his multitude of talent.



Allaire State Park

By: Jaesung Kim

Today I had a special experience to visit Allaire State Park that I can learn about America's history. After finishing classes early, we got together at the Yorba Lounge and then went on the bus. As soon as I took to the bus, I slept for charging bodily powers because maybe we had to walk there a lot. It took us about one and a half hours to get there. Once there, it seemed like the country in Korea. Two women wearing traditional clothes guided us and talked about the village. The village was built in the 19th century. At first we went to a museum of the village where we could see the figure of the traditional house, tools that they had used to live, and bog iron at that time. Especially, the guide explained the method of making iron. The explanation was very interesting and I could learn the methods of making iron.

Secondly, we went to the church and we heard about education and worship at that time. The church had a big bell on top of the building and the bell had several functions. Also, I heard an interesting story that when the teacher punished some children who didn't listen to teacher's advices or words, the children held Bibles in both hands for a long time. This was the punishment at that time.

After looking at the church and listening to interesting stories, we went toward three buildings. One of the buildings is where the carpenter worked. Carpenter Jack was his name and wood was his game! We stood there and listened to the carpenter and studied his furniture. We watched him make the goods just as how the people of the 19th century had.

Additionally, there was also a blacksmith in the village who wore the traditional costume of the time. He also taught us how he blew the hot blasts from the furnace while creating iron tools from the fire.

At the close of our tour, we visited a house where the early Americans had lived. I learned about their primitive time: no electricity, water buckets for bathing, candles for light, ovens for heat. The guide told us about food, bath, and cooking. I couldn't remember all things that she said, but she showed us the parlor and the children's sitting room as well. Even though we had a short time, I could see and learn a lot of things.

Haikus Stress Pattern II

Stream whisper to me
Spring comes around the corner
And flowers blossom.
--Young Sook Lee

Holy holy spring
I want to go to picnic
On a sunny day.
--Young Sook Lee

To make a Haiku
Takes me lots of time to do
Glad I can finish.
--KoWei Han

Homesick all the time
Like vacation with family
With feeling so good.
--Chan Jung Yang

Where's my other half
Every night I imagine
I wish dream of her.

Can you imagine?
I don't want to imagine
My life without you.

Look, there's one leaf left
Someday the branch let her go.
Oh, is it its fate?
--Katie Yoon Kyung Kim

Flowers are blooming
Show the beautiful colors
Make the world happy.

Morning has broken
Birds are singing on the trees
The sun is rising.
--Rachel Jo-Chiao Lu

The Benefit of Friends from All Over the World

Jae Hwan Oh

Reading and Writing to Communicate

If we have friends who are all just like us, our life becomes very boring. For a variety of life, we should make friends from all over countries. They may have different cultures, ages, races and habits. Their differences can make us more interesting and enjoyable. Also we can learn each other cultures.

First of all, they can teach us about their countries as well as cultures, and so do we. It may lead us to see, either some new ways or unfamiliar customs from each other. We can find some better customs or cultures from each other, so that can adopt those. We may get benefits from their better things. For example, we can learn Yoga from Indian and also we can learn polite cultures from Asian.

Secondly, we can learn large-heartedness. Since we may find many things that we can not understand and we may get cultural shocks from them, we may have to endeavor each other to understand our different cultures. Through these ways, we may have chances to look back our countries and cultures. Besides, we also may have generous mind. For example, if we know well about others; table manner, we will not rude on the table.

However, making foreign friends is not easy to us. And we will be often in discord because we have many differences. Therefore we always open our mind and ready to understand others. Also we should endeavor each other to exchange our opinions and thoughts. In these ways, if we learn good things and understand differences, we will make good friends from all over countries. Therefore we could have a lot of benefits in the life.



