

***Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high  
Where knowledge is free  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments  
By narrow domestic walls  
Where words come out from the depth of truth  
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way  
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit  
Where the mind is led forward by thee  
Into ever-widening thought and action  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.***

***By Rabindranath Tagore***

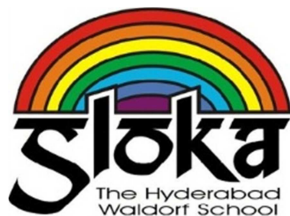
Dear Parents,

These were the words spoken by a parent on the day Sloka started and we hope to renew this feeling today as well. 2011 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> birth year of both Rabindranath Tagore and Rudolf Steiner – a special connection that we should notice.

We wish to welcome all the new parents to Sloka and greet all the existing parents in a very special way this new school year.

I'd like to inform you that the teachers were busy with training and organizing the Asian Waldorf Teacher Conference from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> at Leonia. Over 300 practicing Waldorf teachers from the various Asian countries (Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Philippines) were present.

Since school re-opened on June 13, 2011, we have met with most parents in the Grade classes on the festive morning when we had the class meetings. All the 10 classes had moved to the new building and looked bright, cool and cheerful. Class meetings are a very essential part of the school year and it was great to see most parents present to listen to their teachers who gave them an overview of the class curriculum and the



consciousness of the children. The games and the language teachers also explained their year plan and how it helps the children's health and development.

A welcoming letter that mentioned several aspects of school life that you would wish to be informed about was sent to you at the start of school. Please file and keep this as a guideline. Shortly, we will also send you a Parents' Handbook, which we are working on.

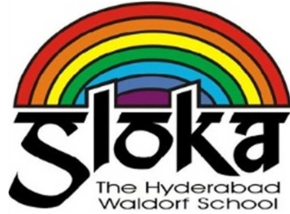
We would like to emphasize once again the importance of daily rhythm for your child. Right from kindergarten children should arrive on time for school. The morning circle gives each child a sense of belonging and calm after the morning's rush. A healthy rhythm adds stability and confidence to the way your child meets the world.

We have Clio Osman, an experienced **Eurhythmist** at Sloka working with children in all the Grade classes. Eurhythmics is a very special subject in Waldorf schools and we are honoured to have a teacher giving us her time for the next few months until December. Clio invites parents to do Eurhythmics with us at the Kindergarten building every **Wednesday at 4.10 p.m.**

July is normally a time when mentors come to visit us because it is their summer holidays. Roland Steineman and Chris Bennett were both here this month at Sloka, observing in classes and giving intense training and conducting workshops with the teachers. Parents were also invited for Roland's talks on the Waldorf curriculum and the needs of the growing child. We are very happy to see the parents' interest in the education they have chosen for their children.

Jyotsna Patnaik has also proposed a **workshop for parents** once a month on a Saturday to familiarize parents with anthroposophy, our curriculum and artistic activity. Please be present for these sessions which will surely inspire you.

We had mentioned that the **Stockmar Company** from Germany is sponsoring the **Lazure wall painting** for some class rooms at Sloka during the first week of September. We will send you a schedule as soon as it is confirmed. They will be sending us an expert, **Charles Andrade**, who will be here for a week working with interested parents, older students, teachers and the community. Stockmar will also send us the special material and brushes needed for Lazuring the walls. Many parents were very enthusiastic to join in. Please talk to your class teachers and enroll at the office. You can see his work online at [www.lazure.com](http://www.lazure.com)



Please be aware that from now on all official communication will come to you from [info@slokawaldorf.org](mailto:info@slokawaldorf.org) or [parents@slokawaldorf.org](mailto:parents@slokawaldorf.org).

Daniel & Luis have been with Sloka for a year helping at the Aziznagar campus as volunteers sent by the German Government and Freunde (Friends of Rudolf Steiner Education). They have worked hard in the schools and are much loved by children and teachers alike. We do hope they found their one year's stay enriching as we have found their presence both enjoyable and inspiring. Thank you Daniel and Luis! We wish you all the very best for the future and hope to see you again soon.

We have sent you the bus routes and the people in charge of transportation and the respective routes with their contact details. Please contact them and NOT the bus drivers.

Once again we thank parents for their support. We assure you that we are here to help when you have any questions or need our assistance.

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