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#### **DEAN'S ARTICLE**

#### **Nurturing the Love of Learning Amidst Challenges**

In a world brimming with challenges, nurturing a love for learning remains a beacon of hope for both students and educators. The journey of education is not merely about imparting knowledge; it's about instilling a lifelong passion for discovery, resilience, and growth. However, amidst various obstacles, ranging from technological disruptions to personal struggles, spreading the love of learning can seem like an uphill battle. Yet, during these trying times, the true spirit of education shines brightest.

For teachers, parents, and students alike, embracing a collaborative approach becomes paramount in fostering an environment where the love of learning flourishes despite adversities.

It is no secret that the education landscape is continually evolving, presenting new challenges and opportunities. Teachers must be adaptable and ready to pivot their teaching methods toaccommodate diverse learning styles and technological advancements. Likewise, parents and students should remain open to alternative approaches to learning and understand that flexibility breeds resilience.

Encouraging curiosity is one of the key strategies in overcoming these challenges. Curiosity is the fuel that ignites the flame of learning. Teachers can cultivate curiosity by incorporating inquiry-based learning techniques, encouraging students to ask questions and explore topics independently. Parents can support this by fostering a curious mindset at home and engaging in conversations that encourage critical thinking and exploration.

Moreover, in the face of challenges, it's essential to cultivate a growth mindset—the belief that abilities can be developed through dedication and effort. Teachers can reinforce this mindset by providing constructive feedback and celebrating students' progress rather than focusing solely on outcomes. Conversely, parents play a crucial role in fostering resilience by emphasising the value of perseverance and embracing failure as an opportunity for growth.

Creating a supportive community is also essential for overcoming challenges and fostering a love of learning. Teachers can cultivate a classroom culture where students feel safe to take risks, ask for help, and collaborate with their peers. Parents can extend this support by actively engaging in their child's education, attending school events, and fostering connections with other families. Students, in turn, can support one another, creating a network of encouragement and solidarity.

Emphasising the joy of learning amidst the pressure to excel academically is something that we all need to remember. It's easy to lose sight of the joy that learning can bring. That said, teachers should create engaging and meaningful learning experiences that spark curiosity and enthusiasm. On the other hand, parents can support this by nurturing their child's interests outside of the classroom, whether through extracurricular activities, hobbies, or community involvement. Students, too, can find joy in the learning process by approaching challenges with a positive attitude and embracing opportunities for discovery.







#### **DEAN'S ARTICLE**

Spreading the love of learning amidst challenges requires a concerted effort from teachers, parents, and students alike. By embracing flexibility, encouraging curiosity, promoting a growth mindset, creating a supportive community, and emphasising the joy of learning, we can overcome obstacles and cultivate a lifelong passion for education. Let us come together and embark on a journey of discovery, resilience, and growth, shaping a brighter future for future generations.

Shared by

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#### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Amidst a jubilant atmosphere filled with laughter and cheer, Nationalhigh Jakarta school hosted its annual Chinese New Year celebration themed "Dragons Soar and Phoenixes Dance to Welcome Spring." The event, divided into two parts, commenced in the school auditorium with a heartfelt address from Principal Mr Ang, followed by captivating performances by the elementary students.

In the first part of the celebration, the auditorium became a stage for the students' vibrant songs and dances, setting the tone for the festive occasion. Mr Ang's address emphasised the importance of cherishing traditions while embracing the spirit of renewal that the Lunar New Year brings.

The second part of the festivities unfolded on the school Multi Purpose Hall (MPH), where students showcased their talents through lively performances of traditional songs and dances. Following the entertainment, games and food stalls were set up, offering a variety of treats and activities for everyone to enjoy. Parents contributed an array of delicious dishes, while teachers meticulously prepared engaging games for all to participate in.

In the end, the highlight of the celebration took center stage - a magnificent lion dance performance. Accompanied by the rhythmic beats of drums and cymbals, the colourful lions wove their way through the crowd, symbolising good luck, prosperity, and warding off evil spirits.

The grand finale of the celebration left everyone in awe, marking the conclusion of a day filled with joy, unity, and cultural pride. Mr Ang expressed his gratitude to the students, parents, and teachers for their enthusiastic participation and dedication in making the event a resounding success.

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#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT**





















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#### **STAFF APPRECIATION DAY**

On the afternoon of January 31st 2024, the Student Council held a delightful Staff Appreciation Day, where students can extend their gratitude towards the dedicated staff and educators who tirelessly contribute to the vibrant learning atmosphere throughout the academic year.

Smiles illuminated the faces of teachers and staff as they entered the venue, captivated by the delightful spread that greeted them with coffee, tea and cookies from Starbucks. The event offered sensory experience, with uplifting music being played and a projector casting heart-touching video messages from students, creating a joyous ambiance.





In the spirit of fostering camaraderie and laughter, the Student Council also arranged several engaging activities which were Finish the Lyrics and Charades. Staff members were divided into 7 teams, and not long after, the games began. Laughter echoed through the canteen as teams battled each other over a friendly competition of Charades, showcasing their acting prowess and decoding hilarious gestures from their colleagues.

The second game, Finish the Lyrics, was truly the highlight of the event as teams raced against each other to recall and finish the lyrics of popular tunes. The nostalgic songs and the shared joy of singing along added a harmonious touch to the celebration.



As Staff Appreciation Day was nearing its end, the final moments were filled with applause, cheers and expressions of gratitude. The event did not just achieve its goal of appreciating the hard working staff of NationalHigh Jakarta School but also fostered a sense of community within them. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their appreciation for the thoughtful activities. Mathematics facilitator, Ms. Anna, shared her thoughts on the event, stating "As a staff, it's very heartwarming that you all managed to squeeze in your busy school to arrange an exciting event for all staff. While it may be contested that it is part of your work plan and timetable, you guys put in all your efforts and time to make it memorable for all staff."

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

- Marcel Proust





#### **BE YOURSELF WEEK**

On the 24th to 31st of January, the Student Council held Be Yourself Week! This year, it became a six-day event where students are able to showcase their unique personalities through various themes. The chosen themes for this year consisted of Wordle Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, Initial Friday, Rhyme without reason Monday, Pajama Tuesday and Disney Day.





Be Yourself Week was embraced with enthusiastic participation, creating a lively atmosphere. The variety of unique and creative costumes worn by students brought joy to everyone, fostering a strong sense of togetherness. Moreover, some staff members also contributed to the fun, sporting pajamas and elegant dresses. The event's success can be credited to the fun engagement of students and the support from the staff.

Most importantly, we must highlight the fantastic addition of the Photo Spot in Be Yourself Week! Featuring a large polaroid frame decorated with adorable decorations, it established a fun atmosphere. This setting not only showcased a variety of styles but also reflected in the delightful decor. Students, ranging from Primary to Junior College, were delighted in capturing moments with their friends, creating memories to cherish.



Finally, we can't forget the highlight event of the week – the Fashion Show! This time, the Primary division made an appearance in unique group outfits, portraying various characters from Marvel, Frozen, and Aladdin. Meanwhile, several classes in the Secondary & Junior College divisions added their creative touch to the theme with engaging performances inspired by Coco, Princess Diaries, and Jungle Book. The collaboration demonstrated by all students, both behind the scenes and on stage, added an extra layer of significance to these performances.

The dedication invested in props and videos truly became evident, making the overall experience even more unforgettable.







#### **BE YOURSELF WEEK**



Congratulations to every class for their outstanding performances, with special congratulations to the winners!

Y1-Y3 Category	Y4-Y6 Category	
1st - Y3I	1st - Y5T	
2nd - Y2P	2nd - Y5E	
3rd - Y3P	3rd - Y4E	

Y7-Y9 Category	Y10-Y12 Category
1st - Y9E	1st - Y10G
2nd - Y7I	2nd - Y12P
3rd - Y9G	3rd - Y10E

In conclusion, the Student Council expresses gratitude to everyone for their support throughout this event. It has been a valuable learning experience for all involved, prompting reflection on areas where we could have made further improvements. We hope that everyone will look forward to an even more enhanced Be Yourself Week next year!

"You can change the world by being yourself."
- Yoko Ono

Shared by

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#### **ILMU PENGETAHUAN SOSIAL**

#### Meskipun Kita Berbeda Tetapi Tetap Satu Bangsa

Apakah Pemilu itu? Pemilu merupakan sarana pelaksanaan kedaulatan rakyat yang diselenggarakan secara Langsung, Umum, BEbas, Rahasia (LUBER) serta jujur, dan adil dalam negara Kesatuan Republik Indonesia. Pemilu juga merupakan hajat dari rakyat, untuk rakyat, dan oleh rakyat

Pada Rabu, 14 Februari 2024, masyarakat Indonesia akan memilih calon presiden yang akan menjabat selama lima tahun ke depan. Saat ini keterlibatan generasi milenial terfokus pada pemilu 2024. Misalnya, pakar politik Universitas Surabaya (UNESA) menyatakan bahwa partisipasi mereka sangat krusial, agar pesta demokrasi tersebut bisa sukses dan mampu mewujudkan jalan strategis menuju emas di Indonesia pada tahun 2045.

Jika kita lihat ilmuwan politik dari UNESA, Dr. M. Mubarok Muharram, M.IP. Menurutnya, kaum muda merupakan entitas substansial yang mampu menopang kehidupan dan pengaruh kebijakan yang diusung oleh para pemimpin. Pentingnya peran generasi muda dalam mendukung Pemilu 2024 membuat mereka harus berhati-hati dalam memilih kepala pemerintahannya.

Mereka hendaknya tidak mengikuti orang banyak dalam memilih calon pejabat tanah air. "Keikutsertaan angkatan tersebut dalam Pemilu dengan cara yang bermakna adalah dengan memilih pengurus negeri yang memiliki informasi, semangat, empati, simpati, dan kepedulian." kata guru besar ilmu politik UNESA itu.

Lebih lanjut, Pemilu yang sarat dengan pelanggaran akan berisiko pada terganggunya pelaksanaan Pemilu yang berintegritas. Selain itu, pengawasannya menjadi tanggung jawab bersama dan setiap peserta didik di sekolah sebagai bagian dari masyarakat diharapkan ikut berperan serta demi lancarnya kegiatan ini.

Dalam Pemilu, masyarakat memainkan peran penting dalam menjaga kerukunan dan keragaman sosial. Partisipasi aktif warga negara dapat membantu mencegah konflik sosial yang dapat timbul akibat perbedaan pandangan politik, identitas, suku bangsa atau budaya. Publik Indonesia perlu waspada terhadap potensi konflik atau perseteruan dengan menjaga komunikasi yang baik, merangkul tokoh agama, adat, dan masyarakat, serta selalu bersikap menjaga kerukunan.

Selain itu, pemerintah kita juga perlu terus meningkatkan pemahaman kepada bangsa Indonesia mengenai keberagaman yang ada di negara kita, sehingga musyawarah dan kearifan lokal bisa diwujudkan di tengah masyarakat yang majemuk ini.







## ILMU PENGETAHUAN SOSIAL

Dengan demikian, pilihan boleh berbeda, tetapi kerukunan bermasyarakat harus tetap terjaga sehingga stabilitas nasional dapat terwujud.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **CHESS COMPETITION**

Two students from NationalHigh Jakarta School, Elijah Bjarenas and Brendan Hartono from Year 9-Excellence joined the STB – ACS open chess tournament last January 20 and January 27, 2024. They played the online elimination round with the top 16 to qualify to the final round. Elijah having his first chess competition ranked 22 out of 68 competitors from different schools in Jakarta. Brendan moved to the final round with an impressive 2nd spot having lost only once in the qualifying matches.

In the final round, Brendan beat two other opponents to qualify for the semifinal round before falling short and played for the 3rd place which he eventually won.

Kudos to our NH chess masters for a wonderful work!

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**











## **GALLERY**

#### Sports Day (Make Up), 13 February 2024





















### **ANNOUNCEMENT**









## UPCOMING EVENTS

- SCHOOL FOOTBALL COMPETITION 8 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2024
- OPEN HOUSE 16 FEBRUARY 2024
- TEENEAGLE (2ND ONLINE ROUND)
  17 FEBRUARY 2024
- ENGLISH FEST
  19 21 FEBRUARY 2024
- STUDENT COUNCIL: FAIRGROUNDS 24 FEBRUARY 2024
- END OF YEAR REVIEW: YEAR 10 27 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH 2024