



Dear parents, carers,

The flu has been going around for quite a while now, but we do hope it's finally coming close to an end. Please find the announcements and calendar for the upcoming period below.

Calendar

February 6 th	Group 5 Van Abbemuseum Group 8 final advice secondary school (this week)
February 8 th	Crea group 4-5-6
February 9 th	Groups 3-4; author of children's books Jacques Vriens at school
February 10 th	Last day of school fruit (provided by school)
February 13 th	Week of Carnaval at the Startbaan
February 15 th	Crea groups 7-8
February 16 th	Children bring their reports home Circus performance for parents by toddler groups
February 17 th	Carnaval in the morning School closes at 12:30
February 20 th -24 th	Carnavalsvakantie = Spring Break

School fruit

While being a healthy school, we're always grateful to be selected for the National school fruit program. During several months, all children receive 3 portions of a variety of fruit per week. We regret that this doesn't last for an entire school year.

Attention to you all:

As of February 13th, the children will need to bring their own fruit for 5 days, every week.

Road traffic safety

Fortunately most of the time all goes well. However, by the beginning and end of the day we ask you to:

- Be extra alert to the bus lane and even more to the cycle lane where mopeds, scooters and fast cyclists are rushing by every morning.
- In addition, some parents take their children to school by car. When doing so, make sure you park your car in the designated areas, even if just for a while, so that no unsafe situations can occur.

Thank you for making our environment a safer place together!

Lost and found

Occasionally it appears that children lose personal things at school. When found items are brought in, larger items, such as school bags and clothing, go to the 'lost and found'-basket in the hall next to the staircase. Smaller items, such as keys or accessories, go to the concierge and can be recollected there.

Here's some advice:

- Don't let your child bring valuables to school.
- At home, discuss with your child that it's always a good idea to look back after the break or gym class, just to check if the child may have left something behind.
- Label objects with your child's name.

Poverty

From a distance, all seems to be okay. A good job, nice car, nice house and most of the wages have risen lately, haven't they?! Yet there are families who struggle to make ends meet. This is often not known by the environment, but it always has an impact on all family members. No one knows exactly what goes on behind a front door.

At the St@rtbaan, we facilitate to all our colleagues that they can talk anonymously with a budget coach, or call in other help. The director's door is always open for a conversation in confidence to look at possibilities.

We not only want to be there for our colleagues, but for you, parents and carers, as well. We're aware that there can be a taboo, regardless of cultural background! Reality shows that when acted on them quickly, much challenges can be tackled in an early stage.

The following Dutch organisations are well known to help:

- Stichting Leergeld (www.leergeld.nl)
- Stichting Hulp bij Armoede (www.hulpbijarmoede.nl)

Stichting Leergeld

In the Netherlands, 1 in 12 children grow up in poverty. These children cannot participate in activities that are normal to their peers, because there is not enough money. Our mission is: All children can participate! Because to participate now is to count later!

We help children from families with money issues in the Netherlands. Our local 111 Leergeld-foundings make sure that these children in the Netherlands have the same chances to join as their peers. For example, we help to finance school materials, a laptop, a bike, swimming lessons, sports, music lessons or a birthday celebration package. This way, parents and carers can do the right thing for their child and every child can participate!

Stichting Hulp bij Armoede

This foundation gives more specific answers to specific requests for help:

You are not alone. Over 1 million people in the Netherlands on benefits or income from work have difficulty paying their bills. Although the Netherlands is one of the richest countries in Europe, there is also poverty here. But what is poverty? Many local organisations in the Netherlands are active to offer help, also in your area.

Miss Miriam's tips and tricks to motivate reading

Are you going to read to your child? Before you start, give the child a question, for example:

- What would the main character look like?
- What character does the main character have?
- Which character in the text do you find the most interesting/funny and why?
- Which word in the text was nice or difficult?
- Did you notice something specific in the text?
- Which part did you like/dislike most?

These questions give you an easy way to talk with your child about the book.

You don't necessarily have to read in Dutch, reading in the mother tongue also contributes to the promotion of reading in Dutch!

Enjoy your weekend!

Team St@rtbaan

Attachment: Continuation Star Class on the St@rtbaan

Continuation Star Class on De St@rtbaan

From March 3, Enthousiasment offers a production course aimed at creating a short theatre performance together with the children, which is shown to parents, friends and acquaintances at the end of the course. The performance is tailor-made based on the ideas of the participating children.

Below is a summary of everything related to this production course:

Dates and times

Location: primary school 't Slingertouw (the course is provided at both the Grasland and Waterrijk location)

Dates :

March 3 (inventory ideas children for writing script)

March 10, March 17, March 24, April 7, April 14

April 21, May 12, May 26, June 2, June 9 (rehearsals)

June 23 (performance)

Time : 14:45 to 15:45 (children are taken care of from 14:30)

Course price : € 134,50

For more information you can always call 040-2572410 or send an email to info@enthousiasment.nl.

If you would like to register your child, please send an email to info@enthousiasment.nl. You will then receive a registration email from us by return. Your child will also receive the paper flyer at school. You can also use this for registration by filling in the slip from the flyer, photographing it and emailing it back. You may also send the slip by post to:

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