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*Turn me over*

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## Message From Principal,

Aum Namah Shivaya..

Blessed parents and my dear children,

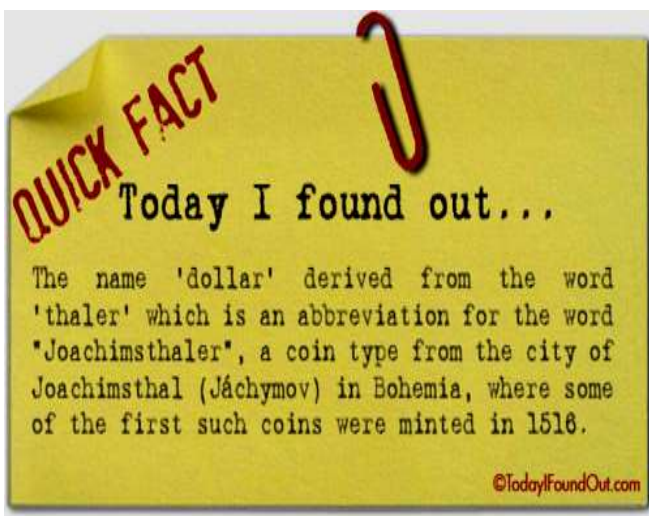
It is our pleasure to invite you on the occasion of 'Amritotsava 2015-16' Annual Sports & Cultural fest which is going to be held on 23rd December, 2015. We seek your ardent support and co-operation to make this event successful. Let this event be a very good platform for our students to exhibit their innate talents and also to convey a valuable message to society. Let our children be the torchbearers of our rich culture and heritage.



December is a month filled with love and humanity, and gift giving events like **Christmas Eve and New Year Eve.**

Christmas Eve is the evening or day before Christmas Day and falls on December 24.

Christmas is the widely celebrated annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on December 25 by billions of people around the world.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS

Let us recall our Nursery Rhyme.....

Bits of paper,  
Bits of paper,  
Lying on the floor,  
Lying on the floor,  
Make the place untidy,  
Make the place untidy,  
Pick them up,  
Pick them up.



The ancient proverb, "Cleanliness is next to godliness", is one of the most well-known and apt sayings that I have ever heard. This saying suggests that being clean is almost as good as being godly or very holy.

We can see an example of this in our own school. When we walk into an unclean classroom with waste strewn all over the floor, we become distressed about the condition of our working environment. On the other hand, when we walk into a bright and clean classroom, we feel happy and content; we can feel the difference within ourselves. This also proves that we are happier in clean surroundings. Cleanliness is traditionally associated with good health, tidiness and purity. The purpose of cleanliness includes health, beauty, avoidance of shame, and prevention of the spreading of dirt and contaminants to oneself and others.

However, despite knowing these facts, educated children are ignoring the benefits and the importance of keeping their surroundings clean. They throw their waste when and where they feel like throwing it. Cleanliness is undoubtedly a virtue and is to be encouraged. The importance of cleanliness should not be forgotten, and children should start caring not only about their classrooms and their school, but also about their communities, localities and eventually their country.

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## Ten Rules to Success

1. Have a simple and unassuming lifestyle.
2. Do not live to eat; eat to live.
3. Bear no envy. Commit no slander. Speak no falsehood. Practice no deceit. Harbour no malice. You will be ever joyful, happy and peaceful.
4. Righteousness is the rule of life. Lead a virtuous life. Strictly adhere to Dharma. Human life is not human without virtues. Study the lives of saints and draw inspiration from them.
5. Cultivate a melting heart, a giving hand, kindness in speech, a life of service, equal vision and an impartial attitude. Your life will indeed be blessed.
6. Lead a regulated life. Take each day as if it were the last day, and utilize every second in prayer, meditation and service. Let your life become a continuous sacrifice to God.
7. Live in the present. Forget the past. Give up hopes of the future.
8. Understand well the meaning of life, and then start the quest.
9. Life is thy greatest gift. Utilize every second profitably.
10. Success often comes to those who dare and act. It seldom comes to the timid. May you all attain success in life!!!

## October Calendar

Dec 1	World AIDS Day
Dec 4	Navy Day
Dec 23	Farmer's Day
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Amrita Annual Day
Dec 31	Near Year's Eve

## Tongue Twister

*Tongue Twisters are widely used in speech therapy for children and their families, helping dull, repetitive drills to become fun and silly games for the whole family.*

A tutor who tooted the flute  
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot  
Said the two to the tutor,  
"Is it harder to toot?  
Or to tutor two tooters to toot?"

## Story of the Month

### The Fox without a Tail

A fox was once caught in a trap. It was only after a tough struggle that she could free herself. But, to her sorrow, her beautiful tail got cut off and was left in the trap.

"How ugly I shall look!" moaned the fox. "Won't the other foxes laugh at me?"

Thinking hard, the fox hit upon a plan to save herself from being laughed at.

She called a meeting of her friends and said, "Brothers and sisters! Have you ever wondered why after all, we carry these long tails?" Let us cut them off and be free from their nuisance."

But the other foxes had noticed her cut-off tail. They laughed aloud and replied, "You used to say that tails look very nice when your own was alright. Now that you have lost yours, you want us to lose ours too."

**MORAL: Dirty tricks seldom work.**

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## Things God won't ask you on THAT day

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove.  
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house.  
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet.  
He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was.  
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was.  
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

## Amma's Message

*Real peace is a profound feeling that engulfs the heart when we are free from thoughts of the past*