Dear Principal of EMI School,

2008 English Drama Fest

I have very good news for you! SCOLAR will sponsor the ‘2008 English Drama Fest’ and the NET Section, EDB and Chung Ying Theatre Company will be our consultants for this event, which will provide an opportunity every year for students and teachers to come together to share the fun and joy of English drama. To celebrate the tremendous support that we are getting, we have a new logo designed by Fiona Chong, an S4 Visual Arts student of Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School.

Please inform the teacher in charge of drama at your school about the following arrangements and check our official website at www.emi.edu.hk so that they can access the latest information on the ‘2008 Drama Fest’.

Dates and venues for ‘2008 Drama Fest’

Thanks to the suggestion of a NET who attended our briefing session on 29 October, the event will now be held on week day afternoons so that there will be a bigger audience. This year, we are offering schools a choice of 5 venues and 6 dates. Please ask your teacher to submit the ENTRY FORM before the Christmas holidays as allocation will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please note that there will be 6 schools at each session and each session will be from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Each session will be judged individually with 7 trophies to be awarded:

1 Outstanding Performance
2 Outstanding Performers
1 Outstanding Teamwork
1 Outstanding Spoken English
1 Outstanding Script
1 Outstanding Creativity

We ask schools NOT to use elaborate sets and costumes and to limit their performance to no more than 15 minutes.
Drama Workshops  (January 2008)

We are very happy that Ms. Tanya Kempston, Curriculum Development Officer from the NET Section of the EDB, will offer 2 identical and free-of-charge drama workshops to teachers in January 2008. Teachers are requested to sign up for these workshops as soon as possible. Ms Kempston will include some new elements in her workshops, such as the use of a chorus in drama, so teachers who attended last year’s workshop may want to attend again as there will be something new to learn! The dates for the workshops are 12 January 2008 and 19 January 2008, both Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Belilios Public School, 51 Tin Hau Temple Road.

Drama Coaches (February/March 2008)

Schools may also consider hiring a drama coach from Chung Ying Theatre Company to help teachers and students write/adapt a script, give drama lessons and professional advice on all aspects of theatre work. The fees are $700 per hour for a minimum of 12 sessions, each session 1-2 hours, depending on the needs of the school. Detailed arrangements can be made in January as the drama course will not start until February/March 2008.

What’s next?

Please ask your teacher in charge to complete the Drama Fest Entry Form, Drama Workshop Enrolment Form and Drama Coach Request Form. Remember to write a cheque for $300 and send it together with the Entry Form.

I take this opportunity to wish you, your staff and students a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to see you at ‘2008 English Drama Fest’ Performance Day which will be on 10 May 2008. Please mark this date on your 2008 calendar!

Yours sincerely,

Liliana Kung
Chairperson
2008 English Drama Fest Sub-committee