

CALORX OLIVE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

AHMEDABAD

DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Trust all is well at your end.

Annual Day. The Annual Day Function was held on 09 March 2018.



A speech was given on the occasion. The text of the Speech is as follows.

ANNUAL DAY ADDRESS BY DR COLONEL ATUL BHANDARI

09 MARCH 2018

Dear Grandparents and Parents,

I welcome each one of you to Calorx Olive International School.

Today, I will talk to you about five points.

My first point is – **The Qualities Required for Success.**

Can you guess what is common amongst these top, global companies ?

- Google.
- IBM.
- Bank of America.
- Apple.
- Starbucks.
- Ernst and Young.
- Hilton.

These are just some of the companies that have announced that they will not be requiring any academic qualifications for a person to get a job in their company. This is because research has shown that there is no direct correlation between the academic qualifications of a person and his or her being a success in life.

For being a success in the future, our children must strive to develop these qualities :

- Correct use of Time.
- Drive.
- Self Reliance.
- Willpower.
- Patience.
- Integrity.
- Passion.
- Self Confidence.
- Being comfortable with uncertainty.
- High Emotional Intelligence.
- Poise.
- Outgoing nature.
- Attention to detail.
- Communication Skills.
- Soft Skills.
- Action oriented.
- Being Balanced.

That was my first point, that we must teach our children good habits, eg making excellent use of time. **Successful people value their time and see a direct connection between how they spend their time and their well-being.**

The second point is about – **The Importance of Being a Role Model.**

The child's mind is like a video camera, forever observing the manner in which we talk, what we say, how we say it, what we do, how we react to an issue and so on.

Young children believe that the way their parents act is the correct way to act. You teach them how to act by the way you act. Your values become their values. Your positive or negative patterns become their positive or negative patterns.

Hence it is imperative that each one of us conducts himself or herself as an excellent role model for our children. Children tend to mirror the behaviour of their parents. You need be very correct and very proper in your thought, speech and action. If you talk and behave in a rude manner, your child will learn rudeness. If you talk and behave in a calm, level-headed and balanced manner, your child will learn to be calm, level-headed and balanced.

Shouting at somebody is like trying to steer a car by the horn. If you raise your volume, it means you have run out of logical ideas and are taking refuge of a higher volume; and, as I said, all these actions are being observed by the child and being imbibed by him / her. So let us promise ourselves that we will serve as excellent role models to our children, at all times. You must ensure that what the child sees and observes is worth emulating.

That was my second point, that **you must give your children the gift of a very good personal example.**

My third point is – **Teach the Child to Respect.**

In any organization – be it a Home or a School – a Culture of Respect improves the overall health and quality of life in the organization.

Children learn respect first and foremost at their Home and then at School. If your children see that you treat others respectfully, they will imbibe respect. Teaching the child to respect other people, their property and the opinion of others is important, as it helps the child build positive relationships.

Respect has many connotations. They are :

- Respect for Elders.
- Respect for all People.
- Respect for Authority.
- Respect for the Environment.
- Respect for one's own Self.
- Respect for one's Culture.
- Respect for one's Country.
- Respect for Diversity.
- Respect for other Cultures.

That was my third point, that the child must be brought up in a Culture of Respect.

Next we come to my fourth point ie – **Spend Quality Time with your sons and daughters.**

It is a strange world we live in. Some people spend more time watching television than they do connecting with their children.

The child must be aware that you are interested and involved with her. Talk to your child at least once a day, for a few minutes, in privacy. She may like to share her thoughts or some occurrences.

Very few things are more important than being an excellent parent. See yourself not just as a parent of your children, but as a 'developer' of them. It is important to actively develop their minds, hearts and souls.

Live your children's childhood. We must not have phantom fathers, who are rarely present in the life of their children.

There are very few things in your life that are as meaningful as being a part of your children's childhood. What is the point of climbing the steps of success, if you have missed the first steps of your own children ? These miraculous years of your sons and daughters will never come again. So act now, before time flies away.

This was my fourth point, that you must spend quality time with your children.

Next, we come to my fifth and last point – **Major Improvements.**

A few of the major improvement in our School during the past one year are as follows :

- Prime Time Global Education has given an award to Calorx Olive International School for being the 'Best School in International Programmes.'
- A new Pre Primary School has been started on Campus.

- Fortune has given an award to Calorx Olive International School for being 'Among the Top 50 Schools in India.'
- A Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Club has been started.
- Careers 360 has awarded Calorx Olive International School a 'Triple AAA Plus Rating.'
- A Design and Technology Lab has been created.
- Education World has given an award to Calorx Olive International School for being 'Among the Top Schools in Ahmedabad and Gujarat.'
- In the Diploma Programme results, the School Average has gone up by 10 points, which is a huge improvement.
- Our National Level Ranking in International Schools has moved up from Rank 23 in 2016, to Rank 15 in 2018.
- Our State and City Level Ranking has moved up from Rank 3 in 2016, to Rank 1 in 2018.
- Education Today has given an award to Calorx Olive International School for being the 'Best International School in Ahmedabad and Gujarat.'

That was my last point, regarding the major improvements in our School during the last one year.

On behalf of the School Management, the teachers and staff of Calorx Olive International School, I wish each one of you the very best.

The most significant factor of the last one year is that now, parents, teachers, staff and students are proud to be a part of Calorx Olive International School.

Thank you.

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