

## **SPEAKER SERIES COMMITTEE**

The Parent Association Speaker Series Committee is a newly established committee designed to offer PA sponsored or subsidized talks and workshops on a wide spectrum of topics relevant to health, safety, learning, and enrichment. The audience can be any member of our school community, parents, students, administrators and teachers.

In the past, the PA has sponsored guest authors to come into the school to speak and/or hold workshops with students. This year M'KIS librarians have recommended Margriet Ruurs, a children's author, who is an excellent speaker and connects very well with the children. The ECE, ES and MS students can look forward to three days of workshops with the author in March 2010.

The Speaker Series is actively pursuing non-commercial talks on career guidance, safety and security, and travel in the region. The committee researches the speaker, attains reviews and gathers data on how the speaker can benefit the M'KIS community. This information is then presented to the PA council and school administrators for discussion and approval. The series is hoping to host more authors, motivational speakers as well as accomplished individuals in the fields of sports, visual and performing arts to share their craft with us. As it is our hope to create awareness we will try whenever possible to let you know of good speakers presenting within Kuala Lumpur. As members of the M'KIS community, if you know of speakers or would like to recommend a speaker or topic, please feel free to drop an email to committee chairperson Nazli Patel at rajnaz8@gmail.com

### **FAQ**

#### **Where are the talks held?**

Most of the talks will be held at MKIS however, some talks may be held off campus due to logistical and scheduling needs.

#### **Are there any Fees?**

The cost of bringing in speakers is variable; while some speakers travel around the world and command thousands, others share their knowledge for a token fee. The Parent Association has fully sponsored the annual Author visit to M'KIS. As the Speaker series grows we plan to fully or partially sponsor speakers. In circumstances where a speaker is partially sponsored we may look for sponsors or charge a small entry fee.

#### **IS Q & A possible with the speakers?**

Yes, most speakers will slot a certain amount of time for Q and A.

#### **Who vets the speakers so that we are sure of an acceptable quality and appropriateness?**

Anyone within the M'KIS community can recommend a speaker or topics to the Parent Association. The speaker series committee research and reviews on the speaker and the topic. This information is presented to the Parent Association and School Administrators who determine if the speaker would bring something valuable and appropriate for our school community.