

CALORX OLIVE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

AHMEDABAD

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Parents,

Trust all is well at your end.

A very vibrant and enthralling **Annual Day** was held on Fri 03 Mar. A speech was delivered on the occasion. The text of the speech is enclosed.

ANNUAL DAY ADDRESS BY DR COLONEL ATUL BHANDARI

03 MARCH 2017

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to have you all in our midst, and I hereby welcome each one of you to Calorx Olive International School.

Today, I will talk to you about five points.

The first 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 the 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 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 first point, that you must give your children the gift of a good example.

My second 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 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 second point, ie the child must be brought up in a Culture of Respect.

Now we come on to my third point, ie – **Develop a Pleasing Personality in the Child.**

A pleasing personality is the fulcrum with which many obstacles can be removed. Simply put, a child's personality determines whether people are going to be attracted to him and listen to what he has to say, or be repelled by him and run away.

A child's personality is his / her trademark. You can also say that his personality is like the display window at a departmental store. If people like what they see, they are going to want to come in and spend time there. However, if the window display is rude or impolite or arrogant, they are going to walk away. In order to be successful, you need people to give you their time, so make sure your child's 'display window' is in top shape.

Whatever personality traits your child possesses, they are can be changed and improved. Arrogance, vanity and egoism are never found in someone with an attractive personality. People who are strong in faith are always humble of heart, and these qualities are always admired.

This was my third point, that we must develop a child with a pleasing personality.

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 :

- Authorization obtained from Cambridge to conduct the IGCSE A Level Program in our School.
- Excellent Cambridge Grade 10 Board Exam results.
- Excellent IGCSE Grade 8 Checkpoint results.
- Many teachers sent for training workshops in Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and here in India.
- Holistic Development of students started for one hour, on every Fri.
- One quotation given to each student every day.
- 'Word of the Week' started.
- More visibility of Calorx Olive International School on radio, TV, etc.
- Fortnightly updates being sent from the Coordinators to the parents.
- Starting a Culture of Safety.
- A lot of positivity has come in the Campus.
- Two new languages have been started – Spanish and Gujarati.
- An Elocution Competition has been started.
- Calorx Olive International School has been awarded the 'Most Influential Brand Award' in Education.

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.

I think the most significant factor of the last one year is that our School has come up to a level where the parents, teachers, staff and students are now proud to be a part of Calorx Olive International School.

Thank you.