

Dear Parents,

What a strange weather we have. Hope everyone stays healthy throughout the fall season.

Synopsis:

1. Fall Term Exam next week

Please help your child(ren) to prepare for it.

2. “One Month One Talk” Seminar #2 this week – Best Dental Care for Your Children

Time: 1:00 - 1:50pm

Place: Room 163

Speaker: Shurong Cao, D.M.D., M.S., a Board certified pediatric dentist

3. Adult Basketball Shooting Game this Week

Time: 2:15 – 3:15pm

Place: Gym

Bring your own basketball if you can.

4. Poster Contest boards distributed this Sunday

5. “Evergreen Club’ for seniors opens this week

6. Principal from China visits Weekend School this Sunday 2pm-5pm

7. Chinese GO (WeiQi) class is looking for more students (7 years and above)

8. The Winter Term Starts Soon – Please register or renew

9. China Visa Service Updates

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, if you plan to use our visa service for travel to China this December or early January, submitting your visa application by **this Sunday** would be really helpful to everyone in the process.

10. Planning a Gu Zheng class (traditional Chinese string instrument – zither)

11. 12/18/2011 Speech Contest moved to the second half of the year

12. Chinese New Year Gala Updates – Poem Group and Chorus

13. Parents on Duty this week – Wei Chen and Harry Sheng

Details:

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All Chinese language classes are reviewing for the exam next Sunday. Please help your child(ren) to prepare for it.

2. “One Month One Talk” Seminar #2 this week – Best Dental Care for Your Children

Time: 1:00 - 1:50pm

Place: Room 163

Speaker: Shurong Cao, D.M.D., M.S., a Board certified pediatric dentist

We welcome Dr. Cao to our school to give this informative seminar. She has been treating children and adolescents in the Philadelphia area since 2001. Below are her credentials.

Pediatric Dental Residency --- St. Christopher Hospital for Children

D.M.D. --- University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine

M.S. --- University of Hawaii

D.D.S. --- West China University of Medical Sciences, School of Dental Medicine

Coupons for tooth brushes and tooth pastes will also be available.

3. Adult Basketball Shooting Game this Week

Time: 2:15 – 3:15pm

Place: Gym

Come shoot a few baskets or just watch and cheer for the participants! Even if you didn't register, just show up and join in. Women participants will have a closer shooting line. Each player gets 10 balls to shoot. Top winners get bragging rights and will be rewarded school dollars by the PTO.

Bring your own basketball if you can.

4. Poster Contest boards distributed this Sunday

We did this event in our summer camp and the kids really enjoyed it. So we would like to do it in our Weekend School as well.

Poster Contest boards will be distributed this Sunday (earlier than previously planned because of staff's schedule). Homeroom parents, please come to Admin Desk to pick up your class's board. Posters are due on 1/15/2012 and will also be displayed during our Chinese New Year Gala. Guidelines are very simple:

- 1) Theme is about China or Chinese learning;
- 2) CHL classes have to write/draw in Chinese. CSL classes may use English.

The grades are grouped into 3 levels: CSL, PreK - 3rd grade, and 4th - 7th grade. 3 winning classes from each group will be rewarded \$1/student cash as class party fund. Poster boards are sponsored by the school and contest rewards are sponsored by the PTO.

5. “Evergreen Club’ for seniors opens this week

We are very happy to announce that the “Evergreen Club” for seniors is up and running starting this week! The club is led by Sophia Pan’s grandmother Yuefang Tao, who has been actively participating in and volunteering in school activities like Halloween party, card club, etc.

The purpose of the club is to give grandparents a chance to chat, socialize, sing, dance, exercise, and etc. All grandparents or elderly friends are welcome to join and enjoy some quality leisure time with peers. Activity ideas are always welcome.

6. Principal from China visits Weekend School this Sunday 2pm-5pm

We welcome Principal Chiang from China, who is visiting the Great Valley School District next week. She arrives in the U.S. this weekend and her first stop will be our Weekend School this Sunday.

7. Chinese GO (WeiQi) class is looking for more students (7 years old and above)

Please let us know if you like to join.

8. The Winter Term Starts Soon – Please register or renew

As our fall term is close to the end, we want to thank everyone for your support and suggestion in running an effective school. For those students who wish to start from the winter term, please register as soon as possible. Also for those who only registered for the fall term and wish to renew, please do so soon. The winter term starts right after Thanksgiving.

9. China Visa Service Updates

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, if you plan to use our visa service for travel to China this December or early January, submitting your visa application by **this Sunday** would be really helpful to everyone in the process.

11/20/2011 – reduced service b/c processing person is away

11/27/2011 – no service as Weekend School is closed for Thanksgiving

12/25/2011 - no service as Weekend School is closed for Christmas

1/1/2012 - no service as Weekend School is closed for New Year’s

10. Planning a Gu Zheng class (traditional Chinese string instrument – zither)

We recently connected with a Gu Zheng teacher. If you are interested in this class, please let us know.

11. 12/18/2011 Speech Contest moved to the second half of the year

12. Chinese New Year Gala Updates – Poem Group and Chorus

Two special groups (Poem Group and Children’s Chorus) have formed and are coming to school every Sunday at 12:30pm to practice for our Chinese New Year Gala. The Poem Group is comprised of mostly 2nd - 3rd graders who attended our summer camp and amazingly recited this very long and beautiful Chinese poem. The Children’s Chorus was recently formed and is still open to any other interested student/family. We applaud both groups and their families for their hard work and dedication.

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Looking forward to see you this Sunday!

Best Regards,

Li, Xia - Principal
Julia Chou - Communications Coordinator
MLCCC Chinese Weekend School

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Appendix:

1. First Annual National Chinese-American Essay Competition – organized by Yale University’s Chinese-American Students Association

Topics and submission form will be at the Admin Desk. Below is their letter.

To Whom It May Concern:

Yale University’s Chinese American Students Association is proud to present the First Annual National Chinese-American Essay Competition!
Intended to reach middle and high school students across the nation, this competition is designed to showcase Chinese-American culture and to get students excited about their heritage.

Attached are copies of the submission cover sheet and the three essay prompts from which the students will choose. The essays must be written in English and must be typed. For students between ages 10 and 13, the essays must be 300 to 800 words in length, and for students between ages 14 and 18, the essays must be between 600 and 1000 words in length.

Entries will be divided between two age categories: students ages 10-13, and students ages 14-18.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place essays for both age groups will be exhibited on the Yale Chinese American Students Association website. These six winners will receive certificates of excellence and a small prize!

All submissions are due to be postmarked or emailed by 11:59 on Sunday, December 21st, 2011. All submissions MUST have a cover sheet attached. All submissions will be reviewed by dedicated members of the board of the Chinese American Students Association, and winners will be announced on January 20th, 2011.

Submissions should be emailed to CASAccompetition2011@gmail.com or mailed to:

Chinese American Students Association
Yale University Station P.O. 204294
New Haven, Ct, 06520

Please note that the Chinese American Students Association is in no way associated with undergraduate admissions at Yale University.

Any questions, comments, or feedback should be sent to amalia.halikias@yale.edu

Thank you for your time, and we hope you choose to participate! If you know of any other students or organizations you feel we should contact, please let us know.

The Chinese American Students Association
Yale University

2. Worcester Elementary School (in Lansdale) - looking for a Chinese speaking professional counselor

to counsel a Chinese-American 2nd grader whose baby sister just passed away. If willing, please contact Ms. Darline Primavera at 610-489-5000, ext. 40319.