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西區中文學校

The Westside Breeze

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Senior Snippets



我的名字是杨雨曦。我从五岁开始每个星期六去上中文学校，并在三年前和弟弟一起转到西区中文学校学习。我在这里学到了很多東西，不仅学到如何把中文读写得更好，而且也了解了很多中国文化。在此我要感谢我们的颜老师，她是一个难得的好教师。是她使得学中文生动有趣，而且她也灌输给我们重要的人生价值。当我步入大学，我知道我将会应用颜老师教给我们的忠告和经验，并且我希望能把中文继续学习下去。

My name is Catherine Yang. I have been attending Chinese school since I was 5 years old. I transferred to CLSSC with my brother 3 years ago. I have learned a lot here, not only how to write and read Chinese better but also about Chinese culture. I want to thank Yan Lao Shi for being an incredible teacher. She has made learning Chinese so much fun, and she has also instilled in us important values. As I navigate college, I know I will use the advice and lessons she has taught me, and I hope to continue learning Chinese.



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University of Pennsylvania



Michael Kina Wei

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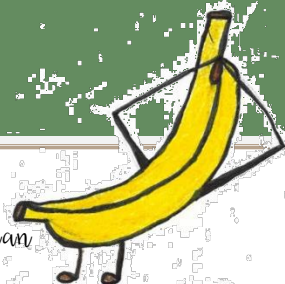
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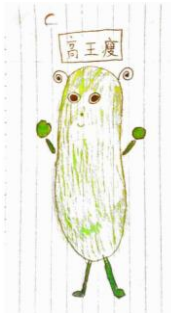
我從五歲就開始來中文學校上課。中文學校在我成長的過程當中扮演一個相當重要的角色。我們在家也多半用中文會話。在中文學校，我不僅只是學語言，我還學到中國的文化，中國人的習俗，和中國的歷史。因此，我非常寶貴在中文學校的這段時間，對我的生活跟成長有很大的影響。我在中文學校交到許多朋友，接觸許多不同的人。所以，我相信，中文學校給我一個對未來展望的基礎。過了暑假，我會去 UCLA 唸大學，開始了一個新的學習階段。面對這個要來的新環境，我心中感到十分興奮，也相信我在中文學校的學習和經驗能夠幫助我在大學的發展。同時，我也不會忘記找機會繼續練習我的中文。

Since I was 5 years old, I have been attending Chinese Language School of Southern California. Growing up, Chinese has been a central part of my life and Mandarin is one of the primary languages that my family speaks. I've actually learned more than just a language. I've learned about Chinese culture, Chinese people, Chinese history, and much more. My time at Chinese school has really impacted my life and is an experience that I will never forget. I've made so many great friends and met so many great people and I know that with the skills I acquired at Chinese School, I will meet many more. After the summer, I will be attending the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). I am excited to begin the next chapter of my life in college and I want to be involved on campus. I am hoping that I will be able to keep on studying Chinese and improve on what I have learned at Chinese School. I've had a great and unforgettable time in Chinese School.



4B CLASS ESSAYS

By Joelle Enkelmann



我的怪物

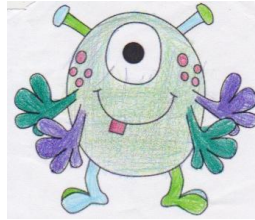
我的怪物的名字是高王瘦。她很瘦和很高。她的手、眼睛和鼻子都圓圓的。她的鼻子也很小。她有瘦瘦的腿和小小的耳朵。她也有綠色的毛。我的怪物每天都很高興！她很喜歡吃麵和看書。高王瘦住在日本。在家她喜歡打乒乓球。

田麗儿

我的小怪物

我的怪物的名字是宏亮。他的外形是他有三張眼睛，還有圓圓的頭和大大的嘴。他的牙齒尖尖的。他還有很多頭髮。他沒有身體。他的手圓圓的，他的腳也圓圓的。他矮矮的，胖胖的。他喜歡吃葡萄、花、還有蟲蟲。他喜歡喝蟲蟲的水、水、果汁、還有牛奶。

松井夏莉



小怪物

這是西蒙史蒂夫。他是小怪物。他有胖胖，圓圓的頭，沒有身體，十六個指，一個很大的眼睛，還有兩個天線。他只有一顆牙。他喜歡吃榴蓮冰霜。榴蓮臭臭的，每三個小時他不得不刷牙。他疯狂的！西蒙史蒂夫有三個好朋友：蘇姚菲，打衛，和符拉基米爾。符拉基米爾的媽媽會烤麵包。她叫蘇珊。他就快要結婚了！她愛她的未婚夫。她的未婚夫是西蒙史蒂夫！今天是西蒙史蒂夫婚禮。西蒙史蒂夫很興奮。他愛蘇珊愛得死去活來！西蒙史蒂夫終於是結婚了！

白莉

我是一個怪物

我叫凱瑞。我十歲。我圓圓的。我的身體是綠色的。我有兩雙手，一双手紫色，一双手藍色。我没有鼻子！我有一只眼睛。我有两只耳朵，耳朵是藍和綠色。我有两只脚。我有一只兔子。我喜欢吃三明治。我喜欢打網球。

樂凱瑞

小怪物

感恩節那天，我去朋友的家游泳。我們看見一個小怪物。他的頭短短的，臉胖胖的，耳朵像“G”字，雙手像兩個球，牙齒尖尖的，看不見的身體，嘴巴大大的，三隻眼睛圓圓的，雙腳像石頭。他很可愛，很友好。他不會游泳。我們一起玩球。他把球丟到水裡去，我們去進水裡找球。他是我們的好朋友。

茂雅婷

媽媽

我的媽媽名字是 Monikka。早上媽媽要做早飯，還要照顧弟弟妹妹。她要洗我們的衣服。他還要去買菜，我的媽媽真辛苦。他喜欢红色的花。她最喜欢的颜色是蓝色。她有咖啡色的眼睛。她有很长的頭髮。我愛我的媽媽。

特聖



小怪物

我的怪物的名字是宏亮。他的外形是他有三隻眼睛。還有圓圓的頭和大大的嘴。他的牙齒尖尖的。他還有很多頭髮。他沒有身體。他的手是圓圓的，他的腳也是圓圓的。他矮矮的，也胖胖的。他喜歡吃葡萄，花，還有蟲子。他喜歡喝蟲子的水，果汁，雨水，還有牛奶。他的愛好是吃蟲子，睡覺，還有和朋友聚會。

松井夏莉

我的爸爸

我的爸爸叫 Edward Hui。他四十歲，他是華人。他瘦瘦的，不高也不矮。他喜歡穿短褲，也喜歡戴帽子。爸爸愛吃中國菜和韓國菜，不喜歡吃牛排和日本菜！爸爸照顧我和妹妹，早上送我們去上學。爸爸是醫生，在 UCLA 上班。他經常教我們中文。我和爸爸週末一起去遊泳。他最喜歡灰色，不喜歡粉紅色。爸爸愛打籃球。我愛我的爸爸！

Sammy

My Monster Bob

我的宠物怪物叫 Bob。他喜歡打籃球。Bob 有三只眼睛，大大的嘴，一双手，长长的身體，兩隻腳，和长长的頭髮。他喜欢吃三明治。

Nathan Chu



Game Page

How many animal words can you find?

E X Z D R E G S B B
Z L U Y L J Q E I Z
R C T G S U F A T X
K O A R I N Y L T N
B E Q R U K A T I R
H O R S E T J K I E
G E S U R L A W E V
L O T A C G T Q W A
O F D P E I D O M E
D R K H W P C H N B

Knack for Knowledge?

Certain Chinese characters look similar to the objects they represent. These characters are called 象形 (xiàng xíng), "like picture." The earliest form of lexicography, 象形 characters were first used in the 12th century BCE and were written on the bones of animals for divination purposes. 象形 is one among 6 forms of Chinese characters. In total, there are over 50,000 Chinese characters. However, you need to learn only 2,000 to 3,000 to be able to read a newspaper. To learn more fun info about the Chinese language, visit <http://bbc.in/1DNxWWO>.

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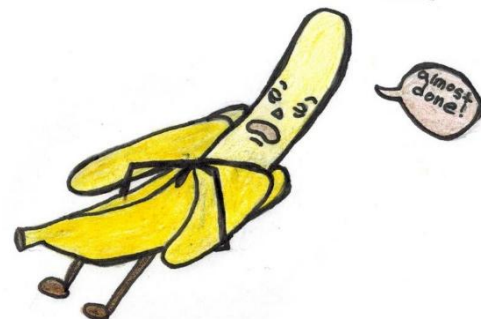
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SPRING CONCERT

By : Lucia Lu and Catherine Li

A yearly tradition...

On Saturday, April 25th, the Westside Chinese School held its 4th annual Spring Concert at the Santa Monica Public Library. Many students and families attended the free concert, as well as various instrument teachers and professional performers.

Student performers included:

3A 徐明予 Phoebe Xu - piano
3A 徐丞妍 Sophia Hsu - piano
4A 吳謙昀 Fiona Herzog - piano
4A 徐敏维 Rebecca Hsu - piano and flute
5A 袁越聖 Jonathan Yuen - flute and piccolo
5A 林大倫 Darwin Smith - cello
6A 林玉冰 Joelle Enkelmann - clarinet
6A 劉圓缘 Yvonne Liu - violin
7A 张海音 Emily Zhang - pipa
7A 楊伊揚 Janet Yang - violin
8A 劉博晶 Lucia Liu - flute
8A 黃恩寧 Annie Huang - flute
8A 林柔均 Zoe Lin - piano and violin
8A 林雯歆 Estelle Enkelmann - viola and piano
10/11/12A 黃旅揚 Eric Huang - flute and guitar

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Interviews

Lulu and Catherine asked a few student performers about themselves:

Interview Questions:

1. What instrument will you play and what pieces will you play?
2. When did you start that instrument?
3. What other instruments do you play?
4. How are you feeling?

Annie

- 1) Flute; Little Stream, Sha-Li-Hong-Ba
- 2) 4th grade
- 3) Piano, Percussion
- 4) Relaxed

Estelle

- 1) Viola and piano; Secrets, The Farming Song, Sha-Li-Hong-Ba
- 2) Viola- 7th grade, Piano- 3rd grade
- 3) None
- 4) Nervous

Zoe

- 1) Violin
- 2) 13 years old
- 3) piano
- 4) excited



Performances

The performances consisted of many talented students and adults who performed beautifully. Those students who participated worked hard and practiced every day for to perform their best. Additionally, many talented and famous professionals were invited; these musicians have had a lot of experience performing worldwide. Some of the professionals even improvised and made up music on the spot, leaving the audience

in awe. The concert repertoire included traditional Chinese folk melodies and premiered compositions. The performances proved inspiring to many of the attending budding musicians. We should be grateful to all those, either on stage or behind stage, who made this concert a success and most importantly, free. Next spring, when the school holds another concert, be sure to arrive all ears with family and friends!



Question Women:

Question: Who is your favorite superhero?

On May 1st, Sadie and Joelle asked students and adults at school this question. Here are their answers.

I like
superman
because he is
indestructible.



I like Katniss
because she
kicks butt.



Name:	Age:	Answer:
Danielle	?	Bloom
Arielle	11	Leya
Karin	49	Wolverine
Patrick	8	Batman
Nathan	10	Superman
Lindsay	?	Superman
Stephanie	19	Superman
Estelle	14	Harry Potter
Lisa	14	William Hero dale
Annie	13	Superman
Yvonne	12	Superman
Isabelle	10	Batman
Jack	11	Superman
Lulu	14	Wonder Woman
Elsa	12	Wonder Woman
Janet	12	A (Pretty Little Liars)
Ana	13	Harry Potter
Frank	48	James Bond
Summer	16	Spiderman
Joelle	12	Batman

Piano & Theory Lessons

Beginners or Advanced
Participation in Certification
of Merit Program

Participation in 3 public recitals a year
Member: Music Teachers Association
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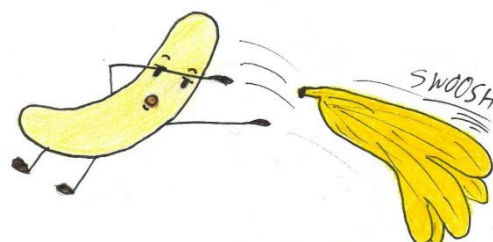
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Cool Ideas Call for Publication!

Feel free to submit a survey question to us and we'll help you conduct a survey!

We also take submissions! Send in your drawings, cartoons and comics and we'll showcase your work!

Email the instructor at spliu25@ucla.edu for submission instructions.



TRACK MEET

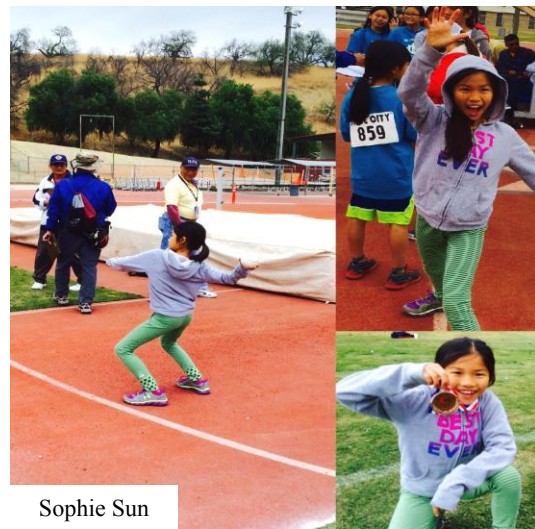


By Summer Chang

For the first time in seventeen years, competing against dozens of other Chinese schools, Westside Chinese School won the overall top place at the annual sports meet's competition! The school claimed both boy's and girl's 1st place overall field. In addition, the school also placed 3rd in girl's overall track.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Summer Chang	Long Jump	Age 16-18	Gold
Hanwen Huang	50 Meters	Age 9 & under	Gold
Hanwen Huang	Standing Broad Jump	Age 9 & under	Silver
Hanwen Huang	Softball Throw	Age 9 & under	Bronze
Ryan Hung	50 Meters	Age 9 & under	Gold
Ryan Hung	Softball Throw	Age 9 & under	Gold
Grace Liou	100 Meters	Age Adult	Silver
Lucia Liu	100 Meters	Age 13-15	Gold
David Naryshev	High Jump	Age 16-18	Gold
Cody Nee	200 Meters	Age 10-12	Silver
Cody Nee	400 Meters	Age 10-12	Bronze
Michael Niu	Softball Throw	Age 14-16	Gold
Rosalind Niu	100 Meters	Age 16-18	Gold
Rosalind Niu	Softball Throw	Age 16-18	Gold
Abby Paz	Softball Throw	Age 9 & under	Silver
Stella Paz	400 Meters	Age 10-12	Silver
Stella Paz	100 Meters	Age 10-12	Bronze
Stella Paz	200 Meters	Age 10-12	Bronze
Sophie Sun	Softball Throw	Age 15 & under	Bronze
Chantal Walker	100 Meters	Age 9 & under	Gold
Chengping Wang	50 Meters	Age 6-8	Bronze
Maggie Wang	100 Meters	Age 10-12	Bronze
Maggie Wang	200 Meters	Age 10-12	Bronze
Maggie Wang	400 Meters	Age 10-12	Silver
Charles Yang	100 Meters	Age 16-18	Bronze
Jennifer Zhang	400 Meters	Age 16-18	Gold



Sophie Sun



Grace Chang

Lucia Lu

Jennifer Zhang

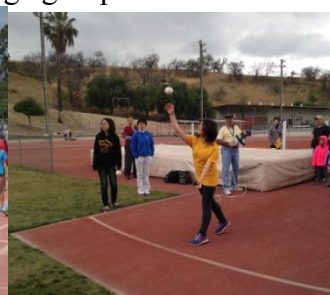
For 50 & 100 Meters, \$25 cash prizes were given out to the winner of each heat and \$100 cash prizes were given out to the fastest runner of each age group.

Special congratulations to:

Chantal Walker - \$100 cash prize

Hanwen Huang - \$25 cash prize

Lucia Liu - \$25 cash prize



Maggie Wang

Ryan Hung



Chantal Walker

Unfortunately, none of the girls broke the 11.4 second record for 100 meters to claim the \$1000 cash prize. Likewise, none of the boys broke the 10.9 second record to claim the \$1000 cash prize. However, with a prize like this, someone will surely train all year to break it next year.



- The 2015 track and field event was shut down early at 3:30 p.m. because of pouring rain. As such, no relays were run that day.

JUMPING IN THE RAIN

By Summer Chang



At 2 o'clock, it begun to pour heavily. Athletes huddled under tiny blue canopies whilst their parents sought refuge under makeshift tents up in the numbingly cold bleachers. Everyone sought to escape the torrential downpour which rapidly increased as time went on. Competing athletes were forced to run through stinging sheets of icy coldness, slippery under footings, and flooded racetracks with soggy shoes. Many athletes were soaked and chilled to the bone. Like a flock of Emperor penguins, I sought warmth while huddled against fellow athletes when they called me for long jump. My brand new Nike shoes squelched noisily as I made my way to the rubberized surface of the running track. I slipped slightly as I got into starting position. Heavy torrents of freezing rain quickly drenched me as I got into game mode. Taking deep breaths, I eased the tension in my nerves. "This year will be different than last year," I reminded myself, "You've trained those muscles to jump and you are injury free now." My anxiety left with this little bit of reassurance. My muscles twitched in anticipation for their moment to shine. "Take your best shot," I told myself, "You've only got three chances." The official measurer, nodded his all-clear, stepped back for me to jump. As I filled my lungs with clean air one last time, I began to run. My feet were as fleet as the wind singing beneath them. In anticipation of the jump, I bunched my muscles beneath me, jumped with all my might to sail through the air into glorifying freedom. I landed with perfect ease into a huge puddle of wet sand. As I clumsily stepped out of the sand trap, sounds of wonder at my flawless technique drifted into my ears. After I shook the gritty sand out of my filthy shoes, I went for a second and third jump. I was determined to win. Luckily, each jump attempted was better than the last. Despite the rain, I neatly soared a good four inches farther than my closest competitor. With worry etched into her face, my mom watched proudly as I claimed my shiny medal. The golden finish of my medal shimmered through the gloomy wet rain despite the water which quickly coalesced on the exterior of it. Unfortunately, due to the ever increasing downpour, the rest of the track and field events were cancelled thereafter. As I collected my soaked belongings, I thought to myself how glad I was able to experience jumping in the rain. I would always remember that day of hardship and success. I really lived that day!

Our Wonderful Teachers!

偉大的老師



前排左起：康清燕老師，康英嬌老師，龔瑜老師，施佩儀老師，林佩儀老師，魏雅俐老師，于正玲老師，汪仕敏老師，侯鳳娟老師，
後排左起：楊敏老師，官文玉老師，宋小真老師，李偉娜老師，彭至瑄老師，林惠聰老師，林佳慧副校長，毛漢梅老師，張綠枝老師

Front row left to right: Ms. Edie Kang-1B2 teacher, Ms. Yingjiao Kang-Pre teen teacher, Ms. Angela Gong-5A teacher, Ms. Eve Wallace-5B teacher, Ms. Pei Yi Lin-PB1 teacher, Ms. Ya li Wei-6B teacher, Ms. Cheng Ling Yu-2A teacher, Ms. Shi Min Wang-3A teacher, Ms. Joanne Hou-1B1 teacher.
Back row left to right: Ms Yang Ming, Joy Huang-PA1 teacher, Ms. Esther Chyn-1A teacher, Weina Li-2B1 teacher, Ms. Jane Peng -6A teacher, Ms. Lindsay Enkelmann-4B teacher, Ms. Chia Hui Lin-Vice Principal, Ms Heidi Mao-8A teacher, Ms. Luzhi Zhang-2B2 teacher



由左到右：方惠婷老師，康綾老師，顏惠中老師，王麗玉老師，王曉琳老師，方如玉老師。

Left to right: Angela Fang-8A teacher, Ling Kang-3B teacher, Huei-Chung Jaw-10/11/12A teacher, Lee Yu Yeh-7A teacher, Daisy Wang-Pre-teen 1 teacher

Sports Team Director 社團及活動：Victor Yen

Victor handles our school Extra Curricular classes and annual sports event. He is in state of handing the baton of Sports Director to Warren Walker and his wife Grace.

社團及活動主任閻興負責本校課外活動和每年的運動會 現在他要交棒給 Mr. Warren Walker and his wife Grace.



Chinese school is nothing without our wonderful teachers, the foundation of our school and the reason for our growing enrollment. Our teachers, some with over 15 years of experience teaching here, work hard to make learning Chinese fun and worthwhile. Let us thank them for their dedication and their contagious enthusiasm.

如果沒有熱心的老師，我們中文學校就沒有價值了。他們是我們的磐石、是學生人數成長的原因。我們老師，有的超過十五年的中文教學經驗，用心教誨讓學習中文變得有趣和值得。同學們大家一起來感謝他們的熱心教導。

Our Fabulous Teacher Assistants 助教



From left to right: Rosalind Niu (牛振婷) Pre-Teen 助教, Lesley Duan (段俐年) PA1 助教, Monica Leung (周軼群) 助教, Natasha Coleman (柯塔莎) 2A 助教, Michelle Pei (貝世穎) 5A 助教, Lin Han Meng (孟令涵) PB1 助教, Yating Yeh (葉雅婷) PB1 助教, Fiona Chen (陳孟涵) 1A 助教



From left to right: Wen Chun Yeh (葉玟均) 4A 助教, Bing Ho (何彬彬) 3B 助教, April Wu (吳瓊) PA2 助教, 陳郁華助教, Stephanie Liu (劉佩貞) 1B1 助教

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Paul and his wife I-Ching have voluntarily taken care of our lunch ticket and 99 Ranch Market gift card sales for around 10 years! Let us thank them for their amazing dedication and friendly presence!

Let us appreciate the tremendous help of the Teacher Assistants in paying attention to the needs of individual students and in facilitating students' learning through group work. They are a great addition to the learning environment!

助教：

助教幫老師教學，注意個別學生的需求，從小組活動方式來提升他的學習，助教給我們的學習環境注入了動力。

Lunch service team 午餐團隊



Front row from left to right: Mrs. Yu Qi Xu, Mrs. Grace Baquel, Karen Milligan, and Mrs. Svetlana Narysheva
Back row from left to right: Mrs. Joy Blaser, Mrs. Mandy, Mrs. Allison Yoh, Mrs. Lisa Lam, Mrs. Victoria, Mrs. Chantel Hunter Mah (lunch team leader).

We are grateful for our amazing lunch service team members who oversee every Saturday's snack time by ordering and keeping track of the snacks families are so accustomed to and expect. Let us thank them for making snack time food and family time!

我們很為我們午餐團隊的媽媽們感到驕傲。 每周六他們忙碌的安排學生午餐，學生和家長們都慣於期待著午餐時間。 謝謝你們把午餐時間變成美食和家人在一起的美好時光。



Front row from left: Mrs. Mary, 陳淑卿, 副校長 Stella, 陳琚, Sofia, 劉麗華 (註冊主任), 劉春燕和薛瑩瑩.
Back row from left to right: Arthur, 林大盛, 謝詠仁, 李泉

Every family has had their student enroll with the help of the registration team. Let us be thankful for their hard work, especially through the peak registration times of the school year. They are among the first to welcome new families into our community.

每個家長替學生註冊時都會 得到註冊組熱心的幫忙我們大家家都很感謝他們辛苦的服務, 尤其是學年開始的註冊高峰期. 他們也屬於最先去迎接新註冊家庭並歡迎他們加入我們學校的人。

Accounting team

財務及會計組



Picture on the left (left to right): Disbursement Accountant-Mivna Rocha, Treasurer-Mary Chan, Deposits- Esther He
Bottom picture (left to right): 任瑞, Ronnie Wang
Other members not present: Bank Reconciliation & Variance Report Account- Amy Chen; Payroll helpers-Annie Lim and David Ng

The accounting team consists of many hardworking members who must take care of the school's daily finances. They are a vital part of the school and we are grateful to have them with us!

財務及會計組是由好多位辛勤工做的家長來出任的 他們必須照料到本校各項財務, 薪資等, 是本校重要的一組, 真高興有他們和我們同在。

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Interview with *Model Parent* and *Former Principal*: Victor Yen

By Stephanie Liu



Victor Yen has been a proud parent of Chinese school for 17 years. He has seen two of his daughters graduate and currently has his youngest daughter enrolled in the Extra Credit (10/11/12A) Class taught by Teacher Mary Jaw. Over the years, Victor has not only done a great job supporting and engaging his children in learning Mandarin but has also made tremendous contributions to our school.

With the encouragement of his wife, Eileen Yen, then VP of Academic Affairs, Victor took on his first post as Extracurricular Class Director, 12 yrs ago. After about 6 years serving this position, the role of VP of Academic Affairs became vacant, and Victor, acknowledging the school's low enrollment, the students' loss of interest in the provided textbooks, and the low morale of the administrators, decidedly volunteered to take on the role his wife once held. In this new position, he actively made changes to the types of textbooks used and recruited new teachers who were willing to passionately engage with students. After the principal of the time fulfilled her term, Victor, after 12 years as a parent, became principal.

Additionally, Victor has worn another hat, as organizer of the Track and Field Team, which participates in our yearly Track Meets.

Victor's favorite traditions at Chinese school are snack time, which he believes is the highlight of Saturday morning, and the track meets. Our Chinese school is the only school that participates in the meets every year, and although fewer students participate each year, we won the Championships for the first time this year. Victor is proud of this huge success and also of the many medals and honor students have brought home in the past.

In describing his proudest moments as a dad, Victor mentioned handing his daughter her diploma on her graduation day in the year he was Principal of Chinese School.

Over the years, Victor has seen the student body grow from 200 students to a whopping 400 students. He attributes this growth to the teachers, who, with their passion and proactive engagement with their students, attracted many local students from around the neighborhood to study Chinese at our school.

On a last note, Victor advises new parents to not give up their children's Chinese education. He understands that there will be hardships along the road of learning another language, but testifies that students will appreciate the persistence of their parents after they have grown up.

閻興是一位值得驕傲的家長，他跟中文學校有十七年的淵源。他有兩個女兒在本校一直讀到畢業。現在，他最小的女兒在顏老師的學分班上課，即將畢業。在過去的歲月裡，閻興不僅支持和督導他孩子們學中文，而且對我們學校貢獻良多。

他的夫人陳愛蓮女士曾擔任過我們的教務副校長，在他夫人的鼓勵下他在十二年前出任課外活動主任，在擔任過六年這個職位後，正好教務副校長職位從缺，而閻興了解到本校註冊人數變少是因為所使用的教科書引發不起學生學習中文的興趣，學生士氣低落，他就志願去做這個曾是他太太擔任過的職位。他更換教科書，聘請熱心的教師。後來那時的校長任期屆滿，做了十二年家長的閻興就走馬上任校長。他的另一個職銜是辦理本校一年一度校際運動會。此外他最喜歡本校的傳統是：點心時間，那是週六早上的高潮；再就是海華運動會，本校是唯一每年都參加的學校，即使每年參與的學生少，但每年也都拿回很多獎杯，本年第一次拿回冠軍獎杯故頗引為傲。當問到什麼是他最高興的日子，他說是他當校長那一年，他女兒中文學校畢業，他發給他女兒畢業證書的那一刻。這些年來他看到學生由 200 人成長到 400 人，他歸功於老師們的熱心教學，積極主動，才引領了學校附近學生前來就讀。最後，他忠告新家長們不要放棄子女的中文學習。他說在學習一個新的語言的道路上是會碰到困難，但事實證明，日後小孩長大後會感謝父母當時的堅持。