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Dear Yinghua Families,

To help prepare our students for high school education, we surveyed our Middle School families in November to find out their considerations and plans for high school programs. Based on the survey results we visited the top three choices (Central, Highland Park, and Roseville) this week and talked to their administrators and Chinese language teachers. I was impressed with the variety of programs these schools have available and yet at the same time I am feeling proud that what we have built and offered with our limited resources at Yinghua is really focused and unique. A summary of our visits will be shared with the Middle School families.

I am pleased to report that over 40 families attended two Middle School meetings on Thursday. Parents received an overview of our program and shared with us their questions and concerns.

With the Winter Breaks starting on December 22, I would like to remind families to keep up the good habit of daily reading in both Chinese and English during the break. Many teachers have posted links on their webpages or prepared CDs with Chinese songs and stories. Please encourage students to listen to them as often as possible.

I wish you all a joyful and safe holiday season spent with families and friends. I look forward to greeting you when school resumes on Tuesday, January 3.

Luyi Lien, Acting Executive Director/Academic Director

UPCOMING DATES	
December 19	School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
December 22- January 2	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 16	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21	Immersion Information/Open House 10:00 AM
January 23	Chinese New Year
January 26	Chinese New Year Celebration At Bethel College
January 26- February 4	YACA Red Envelope Campaign
January 27	NO SCHOOL Chinese New Year Break
February 4	Lantern Festival Gala
February 20	NO SCHOOL Presidents Day

LANTERN FESTIVAL GALA: Tickets are available for purchase online! Please visit <http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/gala> for information and to place an order.

LOST AND FOUND: ...is full! Please look through the box and the coat rack in the hall to reclaim jackets, lunchboxes, gloves, etc. The remaining items will be donated during the winter break.

LIBRARY UPDATE: Please return all overdue library books before December 21.

WINTER ENRICHMENT: The Winter 2012 enrichment catalog is available online. Registration deadline is January 4, 2012.

RECESS POLICY: Outdoor recess is cancelled when it's raining or the windchill is below zero. For the nicer days, please make sure your children have boots, snowpants, winter jackets, gloves, and hats or hoods here at school.

NORTHERN CLAY CENTER: Every student will have the opportunity to work with clay this year. Watch for finished pieces to come home throughout the year. If you have questions, please contact the teacher at diane.zielke@yinghuaacademy.org