

Sue's News

Dear parents,

As we prepare to wrap up the school year and look forward to summer, I want to pause to pass on some fascinating information about life's next chapters. Although the article is about college and high school graduates, I think of our 8th grade Yinghua graduates and the next step of their educational journeys. Check out this article.



Not long ago Dr. Lien and I heard a captivating talk by Paul Tough, author of How Children Succeed. I had read another book by this journalist, Whatever It Takes, and I was reminded of challenges far beyond ours at Yinghua Academy. Now he argues that in addition to the usual measures of intelligence, the qualities that really matter are character traits such as grit, curiosity, optimism, self control, and perseverance. As he stated, "nurturing successful kids isn't a game of chance." I know we are all in agreement on that!

We're truly on the home stretch! Next week, we look forward to the Honors' Convocation, the graduation of our Class of 2014, and our 3rd Annual Olympic Field Day.

Warm regards,

Sue
Executive Director

Luyi's Curriculum Corner

Dear Parents,

Summer break is just around the corner. I hope you are looking forward to a relaxing and joyful time.

We realized that young people experience learning losses when they are not in school during the summer, and therefore would like to encourage them to engage in activities to help them stay connected with language learning. Every student in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will bring home a Chinese CD containing songs, stories, and poems for them to enjoy. I would like to recommend that the students listen to the CD for 10 to 15 minutes every day - you could play the CD in the car when driving to summer camps, listen to it during lunch or before bed time. The purpose of the CD is for students to maintain their familiarity with the Chinese language.

Students in grades 1 through 7 will have assignments in both Chinese and English. We will send home the English packet before the last day of school and post the Chinese assignments on the Summer Homework Page by June 9 (password: 2014summer). The Chinese assignments will include age-appropriate books/articles and movies for students to read and watch. For each movie or reading selection, we ask the student to complete a simple summary page. These assignments will count towards students' grades in the fall.

Lastly, we will have weekly math challenge questions for all the grade levels. If the students choose to complete and submit their answers to school via email or by mail on or before August 1, they will receive feedback and be entered into a drawing for a surprise. You will find the information on the Summer Homework Page as well.

I hope our summer assignment plans will add fun and variety to your family's activities, and help your student maintain their academic skills. As always, please let me know if I can help answer any questions.

Enjoy the weekend!
Luyi Lien, Ph. D.
Academic Director

Summer Homework Overview

Grade Level	Assignments
Kindergarten	CD & Math
Grades 1-3	CD, Math, English & Chinese
Grades 4-7	Math, English & Chinese

Summer Homework Page Password: 2014summer

Brewer's Blog

Dear Parents,

Only 5 more days to go! I'm excited for the summer, but I'm even more excited to move into the new wing! I've been fortunate enough to have been able to take a couple of tours over the last few weeks. It is amazing! As soon as you all see it, the struggles of this past year will be a distant memory. Any hardships due to construction have been well worth it!

As we wrap up the school year I only have a few quick announcements. First, starting Monday morning and through the end of the week we will be sending all early arriving students to the playground from 8:00-8:30. It's getting warm in the cafeteria now, but it's nice outside. Plus, the added play time will help the students focus even better on their exams. And, as a reminder, students and parents are not allowed to their lockers or classrooms before the 8:30 bell has rung. Students will need to keep their belongings with them until then. They may place them along the fence while they play and wait for the bell.

Second, we are finishing up the plans for 2014-2015 Busing. Originally, I had hoped to send out the busing packet by the end of this school year. Instead, we have decided that we will send out the information early this summer. We are working very hard on it, and these extra few weeks will allow us to make sure that busing is even better than it was this year. Just to give you a preview, we are planning on adding a 6th bus. This will allow us to keep most of our current stops while adding a few more! Stay tuned! You won't want to miss the information, even if you haven't used busing in the past. It may very well be that we were able to create a stop that will now work for you.

Third, I just wanted to remind parents that the 2014 MS Retreat introduction letter and registration forms were sent out a couple of weeks ago. Registrations and payment are due by Friday, August 29, 2014. It's not too early to turn them in. In fact, I've gotten a number of them already! Parents will receive a second packet with more detailed information (roommate request, basic schedule, etc.) mid-summer.

Thanks and have a wonderful weekend!

Jeremy Brewer

Director of Students, Families, & Community



A Note from the Health Office



All student medications must go home at the end of the school year.

- **All asthma, allergy, or over-the-counter cold or pain medications will be sent home on the last day of school with students.**
- **All other medications will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian on the last day of school.**

Please call the Health Office if you have any questions.

UPCOMING DATES

June 2 6:30PM	YACA Board Meeting
June 5 1:30PM	Honors Convocation and Graduation
June 6 8:30-10:00AM	Last Day of School K-8 Field Day First Friday Coffee

Aftercare News

Thanks to all families who have used Aftercare and Enrichment this year! If you have not yet scheduled your June days, please email libby.pomroy@yinghuaacademy.org. If you have suggestions for making our program even better, please send them on to Libby! Watch summer mailings for information on fall Extended Care, Enrichment and Yinghua Conservatory of Music lessons.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Wheels Week: Enjoy the photos. ****Missing: One set of wrist guards.** If your child rode a skate board, ripstick or in-line skates they needed to wear wrist guards. If they didn't have some, they borrowed some from me. Please check your child's skate equipment.

Recreational Games: We slowed the pace down this week and enjoyed some recreational games. We learned what country they came from and about the time it was invented. Some date back to over 6,000 years and some as recent as 6 years. Some games have roots to Vikings and others to Romans or Cowboys. Here is a sample of some of the games: Kan-jam, Kubb, Bocce, Croquet, Bag Toss, Washer Toss, Disc Golf, Ladder Golf, Deck Tennis and Badminton.

Field Day!!

When: Friday, June 6th 12:30-3:30pm

Location: Northeast Park behind Yinghua Academy

Parking: Street and NE Park parking lots (see map)

12:30pm **Parade of Athletes** in grade level order starting with 8th grade down to kindergarten.

12:45pm **Opening Ceremonies** with school banner and torch run

1:00-3:00pm **Olympic Events** (5 stations; 25 minute rotations)

3:00-3:15pm **Closing Ceremonies** and goodbyes

3:15-3:30pm **Students report to classrooms** (Kindergartners will be in main campus cafeteria)

**Please do not pull your child(ren) directly from the field. This is for safety.*

3:45pm **School Ends** *Parents picking up children MUST check out with their homeroom teacher*



Yearbooks

We are extending the due date for Yearbook orders to Friday, June 6 (the last day of school). Don't miss your chance to be able to order a yearbook! You can order online at <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com>. Our school ID code is 11174914.

Kinder Dismissal on Field Day (6/6)

On Friday, June 6, all Kindergarten dismissals will be from the Main Campus only. Kinder Campus families, please tell Mrs. P what will be your dismissal plan for Friday, June 6--use the Kindergarten Dismissal Form attached here (also in your child's Friday folder).

School Board Election Results

Thank you to everyone who voted in the School Board election! All four candidates were elected: Jan Kleinman, Emily Hanson, Rosemary Lawrence, and Karen Lu. Their new three-year terms will begin on July 1. Thank you to Jan, Emily, Rosemary, and Karen for their commitment to continuing in this volunteer leadership role at Yinghua! We are very fortunate as a community to have such a dedicated School Board.

-Jen Shadowens, Governance Chair

Yearbook Pictures

If you have taken pictures this year at a school event and would like to share your pictures with the Yearbook Committee, please see the front desk in the office or email them to mary.howard@yinghuaacademy.org.

Orchestra Update

1.Orchestra Audition

Lin Laoshi will notify parents with the audition results in two weeks by email.

2. Performance

Each orchestra will perform one song at the Honors Convocation on Thursday, June 5th (1:30pm-3:30pm).

Attire---

Concerto Orchestra (advanced orchestra):

- Black top, Black pants/skirt (below the knee) or Black dress (below the knee, can be either long-sleeved or short-sleeved)
- Black shoes (no boots or sandals), socks or leggings
- Ped bow tie for boys
- * **8th graders can wear any dressy outfit.**

Concertino Orchestra (Intermediate orchestra):

- White top, Black pants/skirt/dress (below the knee, can be either long-sleeved or short-sleeved)
- Black shoes (no boots or sandals), socks or leggings
- Black bow tie for boys

Golden Tickets: Expanded!



Just in time for year-end accolades, the *online* version of our popular Golden Ticket is now live! Go to www.yinghuaacademy.org to write your own Golden Tickets to honor extraordinary effort you have observed from students, staff, administration, volunteers, etc. Recipients will receive a copy of the entry. Thank you to Treefort, our web design company, for doing this free of charge.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Summer camp -- clothing design and history!

Check [this intriguing camp](#) in which students use historic fabrics as inspiration for their own fabric design. Sponsored by the Minnesota History Center.