

*Dear Yinghua Families:*

*This week we celebrated Confucius' Birthday, and we had the opportunity to honor and thank our teachers! We are grateful for the excellent work the teachers and staff do every day with students. We thank all the families who helped celebrate their child's teachers!*

*With the end of September also comes my last day at Yinghua Academy. I wish to thank the staff and the Yinghua community for a wonderful time working in a Chinese language and culture setting. It has been challenging and fascinating as we continued to refine and expand the school's Chinese immersion curriculum and instruction. I wish this great school continued success and growth!*

*Ursina Swanson, Interim Executive Director*

### UPCOMING DATES

<b>October 3</b>	SEAC Meeting 4:00 PM—6:00 PM
<b>October 5</b>	Kite Festival/Grandparents Day
<b>October 7</b>	YACA Coffee After drop-off, Location TBD
<b>October 14</b>	Picture Day
<b>October 17</b>	School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
<b>October 20-21</b>	No School Professional Development
<b>November 3</b>	School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
<b>November 4</b>	No School Conference Prep Day
<b>November 9-10</b>	Evening Conferences
<b>November 11</b>	No School Day Conferences 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
<b>November 23-25</b>	No School Thanksgiving Break
<b>November 28</b>	School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
<b>December 1</b>	Immersion Information/Open House 6:00 PM—7:00 PM
<b>December 19</b>	School Board Meeting 6:00 PM

**PICTURE DAY/NON-UNIFORM DAY :** The Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, October 14. It is a non-uniform day for the students. Please look for a Picture Day flyer from Life Touch coming home to families today.

**FUNDRAISING:** Thank you, Yinghua Community. We were able to raise \$1,600 from the sale of 160 Chinook Books. Yinghua Spirit Wear is still available through October 13. Please visit [www.blue84spirit.com/YAMN](http://www.blue84spirit.com/YAMN) and place your order.

**2011-2012 FAMILY HANDBOOK:** Please view the 2011-2012 Family Handbook on the website at [www.yinghuaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Family-Handbook-2011-2012.pdf](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Family-Handbook-2011-2012.pdf) for general information, procedures, and policies.

**2011-2012 SCHOOL DIRECTORY:** Copies not picked up at the Curriculum Information Nights have been sent home. If your family did not receive a copy, please contact YACA Board Chair, Ana Ly, at [lyxxx009@umn.edu](mailto:lyxxx009@umn.edu).

**STAFF LOUNGE:** We would like to thank parent volunteers for stocking the Staff Lounge with healthy food items for the teachers and staff to enjoy. We appreciate their generosity and consideration!

**SEAC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** Parents are invited to attend the first Special Education Advisory Council Forum and Meeting of the 2011-2012 school year on Monday, October 3, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please see invitation details on the website at [www.yinghuaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SEAC\\_invite\\_Oct-2011\\_meeting.pdf](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SEAC_invite_Oct-2011_meeting.pdf).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteering makes a difference to your child and to the school. Please consider many of the opportunities available and sign up at [www.yinghuaacademy.org/volunteer/general-information/](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/volunteer/general-information/) to volunteer. We thank you for your time and efforts!