



***Sue's News***

Dear parents,

As I contemplated today's newsletter, I reflected on the rare opportunities for learning that took place today at Yinghua. Thanks to Wynnee Igel, YACA Cultural Chair, and Abigail Pribbenow, Kinder Campus Office Manager, Grandparents' Day was raised to a whole new level this year! Nearly 400 grandparents joined us for a portion of the day at either or both of our campuses; it was one of those out-of-the-ordinary occasions for our students. They were spellbound as they heard tales of one room schoolhouses, African safaris, Polaroid cameras with film, bee keepers, meteorological studies of the polar ice cap at the North Pole, the adventures of an airline pilot, and more. Naturally, the children were in awe but likewise the grandparents were amazed by the students' Chinese language abilities and the marvelous opportunity to attend school in such a rich, diverse environment. They immersed themselves in our bi-lingual, bi-cultural environment for a sliver of time. I hope we'll see them at our Chinese New Year performance in February, if not before!

Henry Ford once said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." I'm positive I'll be forever young as long as I'm lucky enough to be at Yinghua Academy.

Warm regards,  
Sue Berg  
Executive Director

**Kinder openings**

We have three openings in the current Kindergarten class. If you know of any interested families, please have them contact our Registrar by calling the school office or by email at [Jennifer.olsen@yinghuaacademy.org](mailto:Jennifer.olsen@yinghuaacademy.org).

***Luyi's Curriculum Corner***

Dear Yinghua Families,

Our fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. They have been scheduled for next week on Wednesday, October 16 (1:00 - 8:00pm) and Thursday, October 17 (8:00am - 2:00pm). If you did not get a chance to sign up, you may still do so by contacting the teacher(s) directly, as the online scheduling system is now turned off. We look forward to sharing student progress with parents early in the school year so we can make sure that school and home are heading towards the same goals for your child.

Before the conference, please spend some time to talk with your child about your expectations for school. You can find out how your child feels about school; how your child thinks he/she is doing in school; and if there is anything that your child would like you to ask or tell the teacher(s). If you have specific concerns that you would like the teachers to address, please feel free to email the teachers in advance so they can prepare the information for you.

On the day of the conference, please be punctual and respect other parents' conference times by ending your meeting promptly. For grades K-4, the typical conference with your child's homeroom teacher is 20 minutes. Meetings with specialists and MS subject teachers have been scheduled for 10 minutes. At the conference, you will have the opportunity to see your child's work samples, review test results and the NWEA Student Progress Report. You can also expect a Conference Guide that states your child's academic progress in different subject areas and how he/she is doing in relation to the school's character/behavior expectations. You will have a chance to address specific concerns you may have or receive additional information from the teachers. Please inquire as to how you can reinforce classroom learning at home. To make the best use of the limited conference time, focus your attention on the areas most important to your child.

After the conference, please discuss the results of the conference with your child; praise your child for doing well or making progress, but also discuss areas for improvement identified by the teacher. Please make sure your child understands that you will communicate with the teacher on a regular basis and if it is necessary, you will also schedule additional meetings with the teacher. It is important for students to know that parents and teachers are working together to help them become successful.

If you have additional questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with administrators, please feel free to contact us. While you are in school for conferences, please also visit the Book Fair and help support our school's literacy program.

Sincerely,  
Luyi Lien, Ph.D.  
Academic Director

## Brewer's Blog

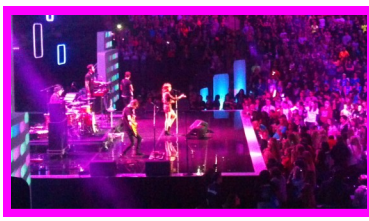
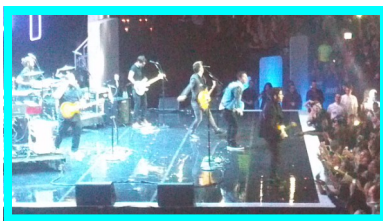
Good Evening Parents!

WE Day was this past Tuesday! Mrs. Berg and I had the pleasure of taking the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the all-day event at the Xcel Energy Center. This international event, which has now become a movement, was started in Canada by a 12 year old who was inspired to do something after hearing the story of another 12 year old boy who was murdered in Pakistan for speaking out against child slave labor. The movement is now spilling into the US and the United Kingdom. I knew it was going to be big, but the turn-out amazed me! The Xcel was packed with 18,000 students from schools all around the state. The interesting thing about We Day is that you weren't just invited or given a ticket for free. Each student had to commit to being involved in one global and one local community service project this year in order to "earn" his or her ticket.

We had great seats, just to the left of the stage, which gave us a great view of the celebrities, political and social leaders, and special guests who spoke to encourage and inspire the young leaders of our state to change the world through community service. The special guests included Mark Dayton, Brenda Cassellius, Chris Coleman, Barbara Pierce Bush, Martin Luther King III, Mia Farrow, Marissa Mohamed, Spencer West, Jonas Brothers, four Minnesota Vikings, Carly Rae Jepsen, The Tenors, Jack Jablonski, and many others, including the founding brothers, Craig and Mark Kielburger. The speakers talked about the many needs that have motivated them to change the world and some of the projects that they participated in themselves. The energy was amazing and the students were empowered to change "me to we" so that together, we can make a difference.

It was an amazing day! We were proud to represent YA at the event. But, it wasn't just for fun or to feel good. Our Student Life Leaders already have a couple of projects in mind. They will begin working on those in the coming days and weeks with the idea that the whole school gets to be involved. So, watch for more information to come soon! As for WE Day next year, I plan on bringing ear plugs!! :)

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## UPCOMING DATES

<b>October 14</b>	No enrichment or music conservatory this week  YA Read-A-Thon begins
<b>October 16</b>	<b>1/2 DAY SCHOOL</b>  12:15PM Dismissal 1:00PM-8:00PM Parent/Teacher Conferences Fall Book Fair
<b>October 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>  8:00AM-2:00PM Parent/Teacher Conferences Fall Book Fair
<b>October 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Fall Break





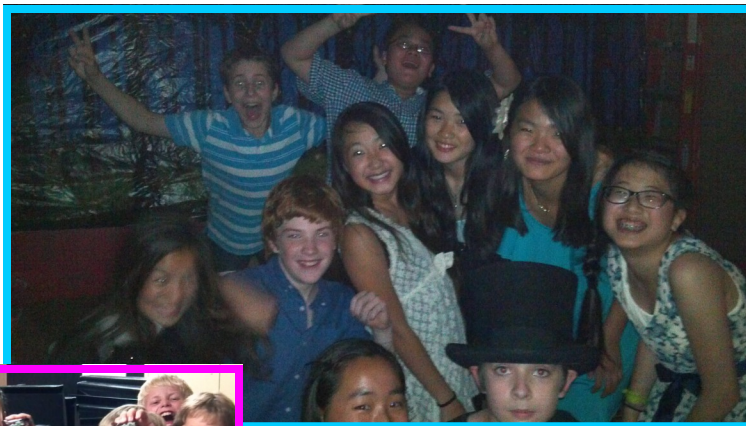
### **Brewer's Blog (continued)**

For those who were curious about the dance, I have included a few pictures of that night as well. We had 60 students attend, and many former students came to spend the evening with their friends. It was great to see, and as one parent exclaimed, "Even the boys danced all night! It looked like they had run a marathon when I picked them up!" I'm so glad the students enjoyed the evening. It was a lot of fun. I'd like to thank Andy Scheid for running the sound board, and Jan Kleinman and Cara Stromback for helping me chaperone the dance. And, let's not forget our Student Life Prefects who planned it: Fisher Chu, Mia Erickson, and Ellie Nestingen. Good job girls!

I think that's it for this week! Have a wonderful weekend!

Jeremy Brewer

Director of Students, Families, and Community



#### **SEAC meeting**

There will be a Special Education Advisory Council meeting on Monday, October 21.

#### **Aftercare Reminder**

Next week, there are no enrichment classes or music conservatory lessons due to the short week.

#### **Rev Sports Day Camps**

Looking for child supervision next Wednesday-Friday? Revolutionary Sports is hosting day camps at Logan Park for the half-day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It's not too late to sign up. The registration form is attached.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

##### **Flu Clinic**

**Date:** Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30-7:30 pm  
**Location:** Conference Room in Yinghua's Main Campus Office

*\*\*please see attached flyers for more information on insurance and pricing*



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

## Social Studies

**Grade 6:** Students showed their understanding of how many representatives serve each state in Congress. For homework, they are looking up who their representatives and senators are. They may need 10-15 minutes of computer time to find this information.

**Grade 7:** Students took a Civil War map quiz today. They also have a textbook called The United States Through Modern Times, and it is on-line! For homework this weekend, they are going to show their parent or guardian this book and ask you to identify events or eras you remember! Enjoy!

## Basketball

**Basketball Season** is just around the corner. Registration forms are now available on the YA athletic page. Deadline is November 8.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Middle School teachers are eager to meet you next week. If you have not yet signed up for a conference with some or all of us, it is not too late. Even though the main office cannot schedule conferences, we individual teachers can. Please contact each teacher directly. We will be pleased to find a time to meet with you.

When you arrive for your conference, first stop downstairs in (or near--follow signs) the office to get your child's NWEA test scores. Then when you meet with teachers, you can discuss each subject area results with the subject area teachers.

## Science

6th, 7th and 8th graders had their first video conference of the year yesterday. They had fun talking with students from our sister school in China about themselves, school, the MS Retreat and Halloween. All the students who participated in the video conference did a GREAT job! We are looking forward to the next video conference on Nov. 14.