



Sue's News

Dear parents,

It seems that each week I am recalling a marvelous event from the week prior. The Red Lantern Festival Gala last Saturday night was definitely that highlight! Every aspect was near perfect thanks to Gala Chair, Becky Hoffmann, and her entire team. The food was tasty, the venue was relatively spacious, the silent auction items were enticing and endless in number, and the "live" auction was appropriately lively and hugely successful. The music provided by The New Standards, The Sevateem, and DJ Jake Rudh was out-of-this-world, top notch entertainment, and clearly popular with the crowd who danced the night away. All of this and yet it was the people who really made the evening such an enjoyable, memorable event! The spirit, the warmth, the commitment, and the generosity of the Yinghua community are really unmatched. That is quite a compliment since I've been very fortunate to have belonged to a host of excellent school communities. I'm thrilled and look forward to capturing this incredible energy for what lies ahead at Yinghua Academy.

Gratefully,
Sue



The 2013-2014 school calendar is now available on the school's website.

[http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/
wp-content/uploads/2013/02/
academic-calendar-2013-2014.pdf](http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/academic-calendar-2013-2014.pdf)

Luyi's Curriculum Corner

Dear Yinghua Families,

Teachers and students have been diligently preparing for the upcoming end of term exams. We all would like our students to do well in school and have a positive testing experience and successful results. There are many things that parents can do at home to help accomplish these goals.

Parents can be supportive by demonstrating a similar attitude towards testing as the teachers by communicating to your child that school is important, their job in school is to learn, and that testing is a way to show how well they have learned.

Please let your child know that the best way to succeed in testing is to be well-prepared. Encourage good study habits at home by providing a comfortable, well-lit space for your child to study in. Have conversations with your child about what they are learning at school. You can also ask your child to **teach** you the concepts they are studying. We know students learn more and demonstrate mastery when they are able to comprehensively explain a concept to others.

For children in the lower grade levels, it would also be helpful if parents work with them and check their homework. Go over the study packet with them and offer to help quiz them on facts they need to know. If you notice that your child is having difficulties, ask his or her teacher for advice.

During the exam week, please try to plan ahead, keep normal household routines, and make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a well-balanced breakfast every day. Be encouraging and support them to try their best.

We want our students to have a positive attitude toward exams and be proud of their learning. Parents' support is critical for students' success. If you have any questions about testing, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, me or Mrs. Berg.

Warm regards,

Luyi Lien, Ph.D.

Greetings Parents!

Lately I have received a number of questions regarding student use of personal electronics (iPods, MP3 players, electronic readers, cell phones, etc.) at school. I imagine there are others of you who are curious as well, so I thought I'd send out the current school policy.

The current YA policy regarding student use of personal electronics while at school is as follows:

Lower School (K-4) – Students may not bring personal electronics to school including before school and After Care. If seen they will be confiscated. Generally, The School feels that LS students are not ready to use these devices in a school setting. Most students in LS are not quite mature enough to use them safely or appropriately.

Middle School (5-8) – Students may not use personal electronics during the school day. Students may bring them for use before and after school and in After Care, but if seen during the day they will be confiscated. Students bring them at their own risk.

The School believes it is appropriate for students of this age to use personal electronics before and after school – to communicate with classmates, parents, and friends outside of school, and to listen music while working on HW. However, these devices can often create new and more complicated social challenges. In addition, every child is different. It is up to parents to make the final decision about whether or not they will allow their child(ren) to bring these items to school.

Electronic Readers (Kindles, Nooks, etc.) – Students may bring electronic readers to be used before and after school, and during After Care only. During the school day they are to be kept in lockers. Electronic readers are not allowed in class, unless given specific permission by the teacher for academic purposes (i.e. –English class, or school issued iPads for MS students, etc.). As with all personal items, students bring them to school at their own risk and the final decision to bring them is left to parental discretion.

With that, I will wish you a wonderful weekend and good luck on finals! If the stress builds, remember that Spring Break is only a week away!

Jeremy Brewer

Director of Students, Families, and Community

IMPORTANT!

Will your student be in Aftercare between Enrichment sessions?

If your student will be using Aftercare in the weeks between Enrichment sessions, email Libby Pomroy IMMEDIATELY so that we know that your student will be here. Include the day(s) they will be in Aftercare. libby.pomroy@yinghuaacademy.org

The Spring Enrichment session begins March 25. We have two full weeks without enrichment classes. Aftercare is available any or all of these days.

If you are new to Aftercare, please fill out a registration form and drop it at the school office:

<http://www.yinghuaacademy.org/current-families/extended-care/>

If you are already signed up for Aftercare, we would appreciate a confirmation on the days your students will be here.



Please see attached letter for March Music Madness News

(Note this is for Grades 1-8 only)

UPCOMING DATES

Mar 4-8	End-of-Term II Final Exams Grades 1-8
Mar 11-15	Spring Break
Mar 18	Term III Begins
Mar 25	Term III Enrichment Begins

Looking for childcare on Yinghua's Non-School Days?

This is a friendly reminder from Revolutionary Sports that Yinghua does not have school:

Monday February 11 in observance of Chinese New Year

Monday February 18 in observance of President's day

Revolutionary Sports has openings in camp both days! Our camp price is \$35. However If you take advantage of our 14 day early registration deadline half day camp (7AM - 1PM or 12PM - 6PM) is \$30 and a full day \$50 (7AM-6PM-this is considered two camps).

Please register by:

Monday January 28th for February 11

Monday February 4th for February 18th camp days.

If you have already participated in a camp, please confirm by email and if payment is due, drop-off payment by the Mondays listed above.

Please find attached our camp registration form as well as a list of our many evening and weekend classes, camps and leagues.

Some things to note in the flyer:

1) We have sport specific classes for ages three through 15 Monday - Thursday starting at 5:30 PM. Some sports include: Soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, softball, volleyball, and a Team Sport sampler. We also have soccer and basketball leagues on Saturdays and Sundays.

2) We have Saturday camps both in the morning and at night in case kid's (or parents) want a morning or night out.

3) We have adult pick-up sports 8:30-10:00PM. Our schedule includes

Soccer on Mondays

Basketball on Tuesdays

Dodgeball on Wednesdays

Volleyball on Thursdays.

We recently opened up a new online registration system. We have not worked out all the bugs. If you have any difficulty figuring it out, please let us know Admin@RevolutionarySports.org. You may also use paper registration and turn it in to the Yinghua Academy office.

Coach John Richardson,
Director, Revolutionary Sports, (612)234-7782