

## ***Luyi's Curriculum Corner***

Dear Yinghua Families,

At the staff meeting this week, we had a follow-up conversation with the teachers about the parent-teacher conferences and I am happy to report that 95% of our families attended the spring conferences! Thank you, parents, for your participation and support! As partners in your child's education, we appreciate the opportunities to share your child's progress and work with you.

As you may know, we focus a lot of effort engaging students in math learning. Math is an integral part of our program and one of the strengths of Yinghua, thanks partly to the Singapore Math curriculum we adopted. On Wednesday, May 8, we will have the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Allison Coates to present to both staff and parents a comprehensive overview of the internationally renowned Singapore Math curriculum. Ms. Coates is the Executive Director of Middle School Mathematics Institute (MSMI) which is a not-for-profit corporation with a mission to help teachers, schools, and parents ensure students succeed at school algebra. In her talk "What's So Great about Singapore Math?" on Wednesday, Ms. Coates will explain the core features of this math curriculum, what makes it so special, and why it is better than other curricula, in her opinion. In addition, the audience will learn how Singapore Math curriculum succeeds in preparing students for algebra, and most importantly, how parents can help students enjoy learning math at home.

I hope you will be able to join us in the Gymnasium from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Wednesday for this informative talk. Enjoy spring while it lasts.

Warm regards,  
Luyi Lien, Ph.D.  
Academic Director

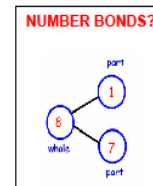
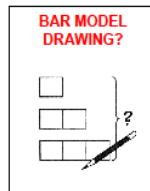
## **2013 Academic Performances**

### **Friday, May 17 – Main Campus**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Grade</u>
9:00 – 9:50	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
9:53-10:43	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
10:46-11:36	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>
11:36 – 12:20	MS Science Fair
12:45 – 1:30	5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
1:33 – 2:18	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2:21 – 3:06	4 <sup>th</sup>

### **Friday, May 31— Kinder Campus**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Grade</u>
2:00 – 2:45	Kindergarten



## **What's So Great about Singapore Math?**

by

**Allison Coates, Director of Middle School Mathematics Institute**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

**Yinghua Gymnasium**

Please join us in welcoming and listening to Ms. Coates as she explains

- the main features of Singapore's Primary Mathematics program,
- what makes it so special and why it is producing top results,
- the core features of a solid mathematics education and the skills and knowledge needed year over year to be prepared for algebra,
- how Singapore Math curriculum succeeds in this preparation, and
- how parents can help at home.

About the speaker: Allison Coates, Executive Director of Middle School Mathematics Institute ([www.msmti-mn.org](http://www.msmti-mn.org)). Ms. Coates holds an S.B. in Mathematics from MIT and an M.S. in Computer Science from University of California, Berkeley.

## Mr. Brewer's Blog

Hello Parents!

**Don't forget to turn in your child's registration form for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night! The forms are due next Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.** I've attached a copy of the form to this email for your convenience. There are also some hard copies in the Main Office. As of today, I only have 30 students signed up so be sure to register. It will be a fun night that your child will not want to miss!

If you didn't get a chance to pop in on the MS Dance, you missed out! The Masquerade was a HUGE success! We had 57 students come which was almost 100% attendance! We even had many past YA students show up to visit their old friends. The dance was a blast and everyone raved about how much fun they had. I'd like to give a special thanks to Mr. Scheid, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Kleinman, Kathy Kuo, and Rachel Collins for helping me chaperone. I would also like to thank Jane Andreas and Natalie Lozinski for planning such a fun evening. It wouldn't have been a success without all of your help!



With that I'll wish you all a Happy SPRING Friday! What a gorgeous day! It's about time! ☺

Jeremy Brewer  
Director of Students, Families, and Community

The Dragons Volleyball Team improves to 4-3! They managed to beat Jewish Day School on Wednesday, 4/24. This marks the most wins in school history! Congrats to all of the players and coaches on your accomplishments thus far. Our volleyball community has really come together and continues to be a shining piece for the school! Our last game is May 1st @ NOVA with a 5:30 start time.



Go Dragons!

### UPCOMING DATES

April 30	Spring Group Photos (in uniform)
May 3 8:30AM-10AM	First Friday Coffee (SiP Coffeebar)
May 10 6:30PM-9:30PM	SLO 4th & 5th Grade Activity Night
May 13	School Board Meeting
May 16	YACA General Membership Meeting Used Uniform Sale
May 17 8:30AM-3:30PM	All School Academic Performances

### Picture Day—Tuesday, April 30th

Don't forget that next Tuesday is Spring Group Photo Day. Be sure to wear your best looking uniform! Order forms were sent home last week and are also available in the office.



### Parking/Traffic courtesy and Dismissal Reminders

**DO NOT BLOCK ALLEYS.** Residents have the right to enter or exit their alley at any time, even during our crowded arrival and dismissal periods.

**DO NOT USE ALLEYS TO EXIT THE SCHOOL AREA.** Neighbors have complained of cars speeding down alleys in an attempt to beat the slow exiting traffic.

**SLOW DOWN.** Do not speed into the residential/school area or speed out of it. This is not only for the safety and courtesy for our neighbors, it also is important for the safety of all the children. If you accidentally hit a parked car, leave a note with your contact information and email the school so the office has a record if there is an inquiry.

**DURING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL: ENTER THE SCHOOL AREA ON PIERCE, THEN EXIT BY TURNING RIGHT ON BUCHANAN, CURVING AROUND TO A LEFT TURN ON LINCOLN, which allows you to exit back onto 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Why not just turn left on Buchanan? Turning right provides clear access for the buses, which are arriving at the same time. Buses that have to wait on 18<sup>th</sup>, or get trapped in the Buchanan traffic delay our dismissal process. This situation is further complicated with snow.**

Please remember these important guidelines in your daily drop off/pick up routine. Together, we all represent Yinghua. Your daily decisions make a huge difference!



### Volunteers Needed for Field Day

We are looking for volunteers to help on Field Day, June 7th. This is a great chance to spend time with your kids and get some exercise while helping out the school. There are half day and full day volunteer openings. Please contact De Hanuman at [de.hanuman@yinghuaacademy.org](mailto:de.hanuman@yinghuaacademy.org) if you are interested.

