

**Sue's News**

Dear parents,

What a week it has been! The school conference room was buzzing with activity early in the week as YACA board members and parent volunteers counted minutes and money for Yinghua Academy's third annual Read-A-Thon. With lofty collective goals of 169,000 minutes of reading and pledges of \$16,900, there was an element of suspense in the air to see if our kids and families could deliver once again. They did all this and more! With a whopping 207,551 minutes read, which is over 3,400 hours of reading, and earnings of over \$19,000 and counting, we surpassed both goals. That means that on Friday, November 8, all teachers and staff have agreed to don crazy clothes, hats, wigs, or hair to celebrate these great results! I'm sure there will be plenty of giggles and good fun!

Traveling trophies were distributed to the following classes because they were champions in minutes read or dollars raised. In addition to getting a trophy to display, these students and their teachers earned a non-uniform day on Friday, November 8.

	Kindergarten-Grade 1	Grades 2-4	Grades 5-8
<b>Most minutes read</b>	1C	2B	6A
<b>Most money raised</b>	1A	2A	5A

In addition to this outstanding group effort, the following individual students went far above and beyond to achieve top honors! They each received an individual trophy and a non-uniform day on Friday, November 8.

	Kindergarten-Grade 1	Grades 2-4	Grades 5-8
<b>Most minutes read</b>	Geneva Schneider 1C 2,520	Olivia Goddard 4C 3,443	Jade Bing Zalaznik 6A 3,784
<b>Most money raised</b>	Geneva Schneider 1C \$1,713	Henry Hunt 2C \$340	Marie Galligan 5A \$101

Finally, every student who met the minimum goal of 300 minutes and \$30 received a Reading Golden Ticket and had a chance to win \$100 Scholastic Book Bucks. Those lucky winners were Anjali Felicetta in 1C, Gus Burrows in 2A, and Jade Bing Zalaznik in 6A.

As a school community, we value reading and know that, no matter the language, it is the key to success. First, we learn to read, and then we read to learn! No wonder Yinghua kids are so smart!



Through the storybook character parade, I learned what Yinghua kids are reading! What a creative way to culminate our celebration of reading!

Warm regards,  
Sue Berg  
(aka "The Very Hungry Caterpillar")

**Luyi's Curriculum Corner**

Dear Yinghua Families,

Last year, we were invited by the Confucius Institute to participate in the Confucius Institute Cup International Composition Competition for Chinese Language Learners. I asked the teachers to select a few of their students' best writing assignments and sent those in. Out of the eight Yinghua submissions, four received top honors and the students were recognized at an award ceremony at the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the University of Minnesota campus. This experience inspired me to organize a similar event just for our own students, to encourage them to apply their abundant creativity and write more. Last week, we officially rolled out our Yinghua Internal Chinese Essay Contest for this purpose.

The Yinghua Internal Chinese Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 3 – 8. Students can choose from one of the six pre-determined topics, apply their learned writing knowledge and skills, and work closely with their Chinese Language Arts teachers to finish the essays by November 18. Every student who submits an essay will be recognized for his/her effort; the top three writers in each class will receive an award and represent Yinghua in future outside competitions, such as the Confucius Institute Cup. I will also submit these award-winning essays to appropriate Chinese-language newspapers and magazines - we love to see our students' works in publications!

We had another successful Read-A-Thon and Storybook Character Parade

on Thursday to celebrate literacy! It was my pleasure to pose with Madeline and have this picture taken. Fun was had by all!

Best Regards,  
Luyi Lien, Ph.D.  
Academic Director



# The Storybook Character Parade October 31, 2013



## UPCOMING DATES

### November 4

6:30PM YACA Board Meeting

### November 7

9:30AM-10:30AM School Tour

### November 14

Give to the Max Day

9:30AM-

10:30AM

School Tour

### November 15

Last Day of Term I Enrichment Classes & Music Conservatory

### Mark Your Art Calendar!

Tis the Season for **FREE Art Opportunities!** The next few weeks feature a few "can't miss" free art experiences around Minneapolis as recommended by Ms. Byram.

**Saturday, November 2nd** from 1pm-4pm Highpoint Center for Printmaking is having its quarterly Free Ink Day. The theme is ***Día de los Muertos*** Highpoint is located in the Uptown area on Lake Street. Printmaking is something that we do in our curriculum but we cannot offer the experience that a printing center such as this can. Rave reviews of their events!

**Sunday, November 10th** from 11am-5pm Minneapolis Institute of Arts Free Family Day. This month theme is Arts of Africa celebrating the grand opening of the MIA's newly redesigned African art galleries with a "family-friendly event dedicated to the arts of Africa. Make a marvelous mask, hear fantastic folktales, or feel the groove with drum and dance workshops." Keep an eye out for Ms. Byram in the mask making studio!

**Sunday, November 17th** from 12pm-4pm Northern Clay Center's annual Open House. While we wait for our art room to be finished this provides a great opportunity for kids and families to get their hands on some clay through a hand building project. There will be artist demonstrations, a chance to shop in the galleries, have a coffee or cider, and even a chance to take a spin on the pottery wheel (sign up at their front desk on the day of the event).

### We Scare Hunger

We are extending the deadline for We Scare Hunger and will continue to collect nonperishable food items for the next week. Keep bringing in food until Friday, November 8!



### Math & Science Family Fun Fair

On Saturday, November 16, from 10am—4pm, the University of Minnesota is hosting a day of fun for families including fascinating activities, hands-on exhibits and entertaining presentations showcasing science, technology, engineering, and math. For more details, visit [cse.umn.edu/funfair](http://cse.umn.edu/funfair) or pick up a flyer in the office.

### December Music Conservatory Lessons

Yinghua Academy Conservatory of Music is offering an optional, three-week session of music lessons in December to bridge the gap between fall term (which ends the week of November 11) and winter term (which begins the week of January 6). If you are interested, please return the attached form to the school office by Friday, November 8. More details about the special session are on the registration form.

### Classes end soon! Make your Aftercare plans

Yinghua Athletic soccer for 5th and 6th graders has ended, and 3rd-4th grade soccer ends on November 7. Enrichment and Conservatory of Music terms end the week of November 11. If you would like your students to attend Aftercare once these programs have ended, be sure to complete an Aftercare enrollment form, or if you are enrolled, an Aftercare change form.

### From The PE Department

Thanks to the cooperation of the weather the PE classes enjoyed a great week of Autumn games. We played "Capture the Pumpkin" and "Prey & Predator." It is suppose to be a nice weekend. Get outside and enjoy it.

### PowerSchool Update (2013-10-29)

In order to opt back in to receive messages after clicking the link, please submit a request to [support@alertsolutions.com](mailto:support@alertsolutions.com) to opt back in. We apologize for this inconvenience, but it is mandatory due to the [CAN-SPAM act](#).

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



## Science

In Science, **Grade 5** finished the plants unit with a flower dissection. Students discovered the stamens, pistil, pollen, and eggs inside the ovary. Next Unit will be on Ecosystems.

**Grade 6** will be designing and building a marble roller coaster in our study of Force and Motion. Newton's laws will be applied to the motion of objects accounting for friction and gravity in this real world situation.

**Grade 7 and 8** will be summing up the Atmosphere Weather Unit with a test on Monday and then moving on to study the Universe and our Solar System. Students will create an informative poster about a space object along with a presentation.

## Social Studies

**Grade 6** students have been practicing the branches of U.S. government power. They will show what they learned on a quiz next week.

**Grade 7** students have been researching one battle of the Civil War. They used their textbook, one other book or library database, and the National Park Service website. This weekend, they are writing a paragraph explaining how this battle can be seen as a turning point in the war. Students have been asked to have an adult proofread their paragraphs, so thank you in advance for gently pointing out spelling, capitalization and punctuation errors!

## Storybook Character Parade

**Grade 7 and 8** homeroom students created some memorable costumes and had a blast doing so. Mr. Brewer asked them to spread out along the parade route, acting as guides and role models. Aside from feeling chilly, ask how your student felt shouldering this responsibility.

## Math

The Individual 1-1 Learning Sessions for Mathematics provides students with additional support and help in math subject during MS Student Life/Recess periods (12-12:30, M-F). The goal of the session is to help the students achieve the highest possible success in mathematics.

Students are highly encouraged to use the sessions for additional support and practice in math subject. Students who are interested in the sessions should sign-up with their math teachers!

For additional information on the Individual 1-1 Learning Sessions, please contact the MS math teachers.