

Dear parents,

Today we made lemonade out of lemons, all because of outstanding **teamwork** and a bit of good luck! Late last night I received a plea for help from a Yinghua family whose child had lost one of his hearing aids yesterday on the playground. So, first thing this morning, our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers joined me and we lined up shoulder to shoulder to comb the playground for this fragile, tiny device.

After 20-25 minutes in the falling snow with no luck, I was about to call in the troops when a jubilant cry came from Elijah, "I found it!" I wish you could have seen the faces of our entire search team! You would have thought we had hit the jackpot; actually we had!



Our MS Yinghua volleyball team is another excellent example of teamwork. They finished out their winning season (5-3) with a match at Nova Classical Academy this week. Coaches Ann and Yulin Yin were thrilled with the team's winning record; they attribute their success to the kids' hard work, determination, and focus on skills. The 22 guys and gals that make up the team appreciate their coaches' support and dedication in this third year of competition. Imagine the excitement of home volleyball games next year in our brand new gymnasium!

Perhaps we are all breathing a sigh of relief now that English and math MCA testing is complete! I took the opportunity to proctor English exams for each grade from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in order to truly watch our kids "at work". I was amazed at the students' focus, thoroughness, determination, and respect for one another. There is no time limit on each segment of the test, which allows each student to work at a pace that is most comfortable for him/her. This arrangement demanded ultimate teamwork, as the group gave full respect and regard to every student. We look forward to our official results. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will complete this year's MCA testing next week when they sit for the science exam.

I had the thrill of attending my first Circus Juventas performance this week! Individual and team stars were in abundance, many from Yinghua Academy! The hours and hours of practice are evident in order to accomplish such acts of grace, balance, strength, and physical beauty. WOW!

Last Friday night at this time I was in the midst of 46 delightful kids for a first-ever Yinghua sleepover. We had a ball, and we slept! Tonight I am looking forward to hunkering down inside!

Warm regards,  
Sue

**The Yinghua SEAC  
(Special Education Advisory Council)**

**Open Forum for Parents 4:00-5:00  
SEAC Meeting 5:00-6:00  
Thursday, May 23  
Yinghua Academy: Room 205**

**Please see attached flyer for more details.**

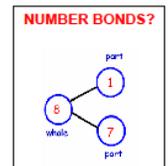
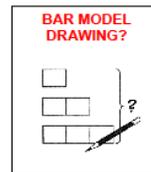
**2013 Academic Performances**

**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.msmi-mn.org](http://www.msmi-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

Greetings Parents!

As many of you know our Student Life Prefect interviews for next year's Student Life leadership positions are underway. Mrs. Berg and I have already had some really impressive meetings with a number of high quality candidates. The applicants thus far have been nothing short of fabulous, and we're looking forward to more great meetings next week. It's sure to be a tough decision as we think about who will be our head prefects next year. But, that's a good thing. This year's head prefects have been incredible. I'm going to miss our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They will be a hard act to follow!

Please stay tuned. The interview process will wrap up next week, and after making the selections we plan on announcing next year's Student Life Cabinet towards the end of May or first week of June. Please be patient. I guarantee it will be worth the wait!

On another note, I know that many students were waiting with nervous anticipation to learn if the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night on May 10 was going to be cancelled. I am happy to announce that we have had plenty of people sign up so the swimming party is a definite GO! Get your suits and towels ready. It's going to be a blast!

Well, that's it for this week.

Happy Friday Everyone!

Jeremy Brewer

Director of Students, Families, and Community

### UPCOMING DATES

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	Main Campus Academic Performances (See schedule on page 1 of newsletter)
May 20-24	NWEA, YCT External Exams (grades KG-8)
May 24	Last Day of Enrichment Classes
May 27	Memorial Day - No School
May 30- June 5	End of Year Final Exams (K-8)
May 31 2:00PM-2:45PM	Kindergarten Academic Performances (Kinder Campus)
June 6 1:00PM-3:30PM	Honors Convocation & Grade 8 Graduation Reception
June 7	Last Day of School Field Day

### Congrats to all Volleyball Players, Coaches and Families!

The Dragons finished the season with a 5-3 record marking the most wins in a season for a YA traveling sports team! Great Job! We couldn't have done it without the strong efforts from the coaches, Ann and Yulin Yin and all of our parents for supporting and driving kids to the games! We look forward to having another fun year next year! Xie Xie!

Go Dragons!  
De Hanuman  
Athletic Coordinator



### A Note From The Health Office for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:

As your child prepares to enter seventh grade, it is highly recommended that s/he receive a complete physical exam. A physical exam will provide you and school health office personnel with current information about any health concerns or activity limitations that may be pertinent for your child. Additionally, the Minnesota School Immunization Law requires that 7<sup>th</sup> grade students receive updated immunizations. Please be aware that all immunizations *should be completed prior to the first day of school in the fall.*

### Volunteers Needed for Field Day

The Yinghua Olympic Games are upon us! We will need a world-class team of volunteers to make this event come together. We are recruiting the best and brightest volunteers for this massive event. Please consider joining us as a Country Coach or as an Olympic Games Event Official so we can Let The Games Begin! Field Day is Friday, June 7th, the last day of school, we will need volunteers from 10:30 until end of day.

Please take a moment to check your calendars and sign-up, here: [Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Xie-Xie!

Rachel Collins  
Volunteer Coordinator

### Announcing...

## The Yinghua Academy 2012-2013 YEARBOOK

#### Our yearbook is planned to include:

- All color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- School name and year imprinted in foil on the cover
- Durable, high-quality hard cover protects treasured memories for a lifetime

Please order your yearbook by May 24<sup>th</sup>

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

School ID code: 11174913

\$20.00

