



September 3, 2014

Dear Grandparents:

Yinghua Academy invites you to Grandparents' Day on **Thursday, October 2, 2014**. Our school's celebration of Grandparents' Day is linked to the equivalent Chinese holiday "Double Ninth Day" which encourages us to "respect the aged and care for the young." We hope you'll join us at school to celebrate longevity and the wisdom of the generations.

Grandparents' Day visitors are invited to participate in classroom activities and throughout the day we hope you'll visit our Chrysanthemum Tea reception, listen to a short presentation about Chinese immersion, peruse the offerings at our book fair, and take a tour of our beautiful new facility. See the reverse side of this page as well as the enclosed schedule for more details about grade-specific components of our celebration.

After school, if the weather is good, we invite Yinghua families to gather in the park adjacent to the school for kite-flying. Flying kites is another traditional component of the Chinese elders' day holiday.

We realize that those who live far away probably will not be able to attend Yinghua's Grandparents' Day, but we want you to know how important you are to your grandchild. Your encouragement helps foster our students' success in school and in life. Thank you for all you do to support learning and growth in our youth!

Please RSVP by **Friday September 19**—an enclosed form offers several modes of communicating your reply to us. If you have questions about building accessibility or if you have any mobility concerns or other questions, please contact us at: RSVP@yinghuaacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

Wynee Igel and Abigail Pribbenow
Grandparents' Day Coordinators

This event is sponsored by YACA, the Yinghua Academy Community Association.

Grandparents of Kindergarten through 4th Graders

Classroom visits. In each of the K-4 classrooms, you'll have a chance to see students in action, participate in an activity with them, and listen to a few short presentations by grandparent volunteers.

Are you interested in making a short classroom presentation? We are looking for grandparent volunteers to offer 5-8 minute presentations for the students in their grandchildren's classrooms. Perhaps you have a story from your youth, or you'd like to share something about your job or a craft, sport or hobby you enjoy? Maybe you could show an item that illustrates your family heritage. Our students are eager to learn about you and what things were like when you were in elementary school!

The schedule allows time for one or two presentations per classroom, and we will fill these on a first come, first served basis. If we can't fit you in this year, you'll have priority in the future. If you are interested, please contact us by email right away at RSVP@yinghuaacademy.org. A volunteer will contact you to answer questions and help you customize your story for the age group you'll visit.

Grandparents of Middle Schoolers (5th-8th Graders)

Lunch Middle School grandparents are invited to eat lunch with their grandchildren. You may bring your own lunch or pre-order a box lunch including chicken salad on a croissant, chips, fruit, a cookie and bottled water for \$7.00. *Sorry, space is limited, so this is only open to grandparents of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders.* (If you bring your lunch, avoid nut products—several students are highly allergic to nuts.)

One-on-One Recordings Record a short conversation with your Middle School grandchild about any topic of your choice. Suggested questions will be posted on the Yinghua website. Sign up for a 10-minute slot—again, it's first come, first serve! A facilitator will help you get started and will operate the recording equipment. You will take the recording home, and no recordings are saved by the school.

Middle School Trip to China In lieu of a classroom presentation, grandparents of older students are invited to a student presentation about the 2014 Middle School trip to China. Our students stayed with families in Hohhot, China, and practiced their English while sightseeing in the Capitol City of Beijing and in Xi'An, home of the Terra Cotta Warriors.

Classroom Observation After the "Middle School Trip to China" presentation, grandparents are invited to go with their grandchildren to observe a class.