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Sue's News

Sue Berg | Executive Director

Dear parents,

As your children are enjoying a day off from school, Yinghua staff will be engaged in a Professional Development Day. The focus for Friday's work will be the finalization of report cards, which will be sent next Monday, review of performance evaluation rubrics, crisis management, and preparation for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences, which will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24, has ended, and it was robust! I know from some of you that you were disappointed to find that some of the specialist teachers' schedules were filled by the time you registered. The challenge of enough time on the schedule for art and PE teachers who teach all 667 students in KG-8 or for Middle School specialists, who teach all fifth through eighth graders, is real for them and for you. When you receive your child's report card, if you have questions or concerns and are not scheduled for conferences, feel free to contact the teacher via e-mail or phone.

Last year we discovered these tips for conferences from the Harvard Family Research Project; I loved this guideline for effective two way communication:

"BE HEARD"-Principles for effective parent teacher conferences:

Best intentions assumed
Emphasis on learning
Home school collaboration
Examples and evidence
Active listening
Respect for all
Dedication to follow-up

In preparation for conferences, try using "Glow and Grow" a springboard for a conversation with your child/ren. Specifically, ask them in what areas they "glow" or shine, and in what areas they need/would like to "grow". Needless to say, our kids are an important part of this team and they won't be present to represent themselves as we grown-ups meet to review their progress.

Mark your calendars for April 9 and Raising Good Digital Citizens. Dave Eisenmann, Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services will be our speaker. From the looks of his hand-out, there will be something for everyone. Childcare will be provided!

Enjoy the long holiday weekend!
 Sue Berg

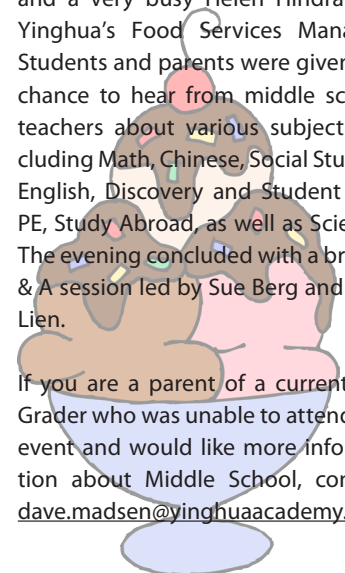
What's the Scoop: In Review

By Dave Madsen

As many parents who were picking up their children from Door 2 were sure to notice, March 31st was a very busy day for Yinghua. On Tuesday, parents and students of 4th Grade gathered in the cafeteria to get a taste of not only of some delicious pizza and ice cream, but also for what they should expect during their upcoming academic year in Middle School.

Attendance was high for the event, as evidenced by a very full cafeteria and a very busy Helen Hindrawati, Yinghua's Food Services Manager. Students and parents were given the chance to hear from middle school teachers about various subjects including Math, Chinese, Social Studies, English, Discovery and Student Life, PE, Study Abroad, as well as Science. The evening concluded with a brief Q & A session led by Sue Berg and Luyi Lien.

If you are a parent of a current 4th Grader who was unable to attend the event and would like more information about Middle School, contact dave.madsen@yinghuaacademy.org.





Physical Education Update

By Sarah Totall

Fitness Testing Grades 4-8: We have completed the sit-up, flexibility and push-up test. We will be taking the Pacer (running) Test the week of April 13. Over 20 motivated students have elected to retake some of their fitness tests to improve their personal record.

We are still having fun on the climbing wall.

ATHLETICS

Track & Field: Last chance for students in Grades 4-8 to sign up for track! Practice starts Thursday, April 16. Practices are on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:50-5:15PM. The registration form is on the Yinghua athletic webpage.

Sports Sampler Grades 1-3: We are looking for a few more participants to join us in some fun active games on Thursdays from 3:55-5:30PM starting April 30. We will learn how to play basketball, soccer, t-ball, tennis, mini-golf, and bowling. Registration forms can be found on the athletic webpage.



YA Spring Formal Registration Update

By Jeremy Brewer

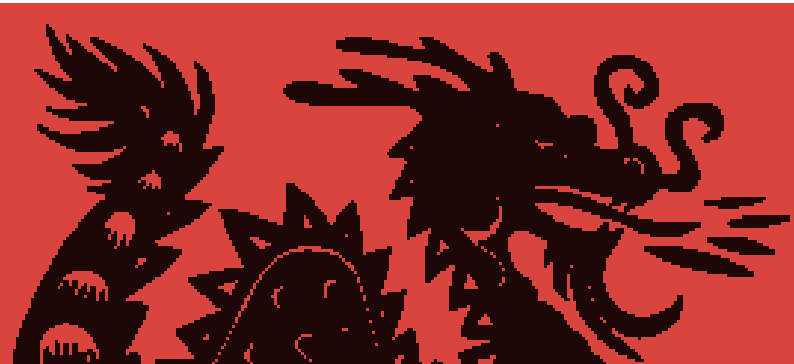
Middle School Dance forms were due Thursday, April 2nd. Parents can scan and send the form via email to Mr. Brewer (jeremy.brewer@yinghuaacademy.org) if you would still like to register your child for the event. Parents/students may also pay at the door, but should let Mr. Brewer know that you will be coming ahead of time to make registration easier for everyone involved. Please see the attached informational flyer for further details.

CNY DVD Deliveries

By Annie Sparrows

2015 Chinese New Year performance DVDs are here! All orders will go home in backpacks next week. If you have any trouble with your order please contact Annie Sparrows: anniesparrows@gmail.com.

For a sneak preview of what to expect on the DVD, follow this link provided by iDream.tv: <https://vimeo.com/122478141>





Y A S P R I N G F O R M A L !

Cost: \$10 per student

Middle School students! Join us in Yinghua Academy's gym and cafeteria commons for a night of fun filled with music, dancing, treats, pizza, beverages, and socializing with your friends, sponsored by Yinghua's Student Life Organization and chaperoned by your teachers! Be sure to dress up in your favorite dress clothes (i.e.—Dresses, slacks, dress shirts, ties, suits)

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Open to current and past Yinghua Academy students in grades 6-8 only.

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