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Sue's News

Sue Berg | Executive Director

Dear parents,

Already this week has been a week of "lasts"; the last Discovery class, the last group of 8th grade reflection speeches, and the last Golden Ticket Ice Cream Sundae Celebration just to name a few, as we prepare for the end of this school year.

Naturally, these days for all of us may be bittersweet as we think fondly about our students, classmates, favorite teachers, special field trips, fascinating topics of study, and overall growth and accomplishments, yet we are bubbling over with excitement for those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer"! I say we all deserve a break and the opportunity for different routines, new environments, adventure, and more flexibility. This all sounds so delicious to me!

The words of this poem summarize my summer advice to families! The Yinghua Academy library will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM-3:00PM throughout the summer, with the exception of July 6-10 when the school will be closed. We'll be here, and we can help to facilitate your summer reading adven-

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Brewer's Blog

Jeremy Brewer | Dean of Students

Hello parents,

We're almost done! Just three days left and its summer break! I know everyone is super busy right now wrapping up the school year so I will keep this week's "blog" short and sweet.

2015-2016 Uniform Policy

Next year's uniform policy has been approved and is attached to this newsletter. We are happy to announce that we have been able to add Donald's Uniform as an approved uniform provider for our families. This is in addition to Lands End and French Toast. The school has partnered with these 3 companies to provide a convenient option for our families to help them find approved uniform clothing. As a reminder, families are not required to purchase from these vendors, but we encourage parents to take a look at each company. If nothing else, these companies are a good place to see approved examples of what students may wear to school. They also offer frequent sales, have incredible

return policies, and will embroider the Yinghua Academy logo if desired. Families are encouraged, however, to shop around to find the best options that work for them. Any store is acceptable, as long as all uniform clothing falls within the over-all uniform policy.

2015-2016 Busing

Thank you all for filling out the busing survey which closed today. This information will be very helpful as we work hard to maximize our resources and try to meet the needs of as many families as possible. In addition, we would like to officially announce that we will be switching to a new busing provider for next year. We are currently in negotiations with a few dif-

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Honors Convocation and Graduation: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

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Olympic Field Day (Last Day of School)

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tures. The price is right; it's free! Drop in or stay for a while. We plan to have guest readers and other special events. It'll be a surprise!

"Open A Book"

Open a book
And you will find,
People and places of every kind;
Open a book
And you can be,
Anything you want to be;
Open a book
And you can share,
Wondrous words you find in there.
Open a book
And I will, too.
You read to me,
And I'll read to you!

As one of just a few of us who work over the summer, I can confidently say we would love to see you! Although peace and quiet can be refreshing, we get lonely. Stop in!

Warm regards,
Sue Berg

Announcing...

**The Yinghua Academy
2014-2015 YEARBOOK**

Our yearbook is planned to include:

- All color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Original cover design that reflects our school's spirit and uniqueness
- Durable, high-quality hard cover protects treasured memories for a lifetime

Please order your yearbook by visiting:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

School ID code: 11174915

\$20.00

Orders Due by June 5th.





Brewer's Blog (continued)

ferent companies and will let you know which one we settle on when we send out next year's bus registration information later this summer (hopefully in June).

Non-Uniform Day!

Wednesday, June 10 is Field Day and will be a non-uniform day for all grades. Most students will be dressing in the colors for their representative countries.

Middle School Email Accounts

All school issued email accounts for grades 5-8 will be turned off for the summer starting Wednesday, June 10th.

7th & 8th Grade iPads

All grade 7 & 8 school issued iPads will be collected next Monday and Tuesday.

And, that's all I have. This is my last newsletter for the year so I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer break.

See you next fall!
Jeremy Brewer

Adventure Camp/Field Trip ACH Withdrawal Notice

By Dave Madsen

For families that are enrolled in Adventure Camps this summer with Sarah Total and Erin Thune or for families that have outstanding payments for end-of-the-year field trips, please note that we will make ACH withdrawals by the end of the week next week. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Olsen: jennifer.olsen@yinghuaacademy.org

Summer Library Hours

By Phil Morris

We are excited to announce our summer library hours! We will be open from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. Please know that none of these days are required. The library will simply be open for you and our Yinghua students to check out books, sit and read on one of our new bean bag chairs, explore interactive reading materials on the computer, or watch a Chinese movie. Movies will be shown every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 PM. In addition, we will be creating a weekly theme that will encourage students to investigate different topics. We hope to see you this summer!





Medication Pick-up Reminder for Last Day of School

By Ginger Hao

Attention all parents of students with medications kept at school: Please remember to pick up your child's medication on the last day of school, either in the Health Office or at the first aid station outside. If you are unable to pick up your child's medications, please contact the Health Office to make other arrangements. According to the school's medication policy, students are not allowed to transport medications themselves. Also, for parents whose students require epinephrine auto-injectors, when you pick up your student's injector, ask us about how to get a \$0 co-pay discount card.

Mural Dedication Celebration

By Jenni Hoyt

Please come and help dedicate and celebrate the mural, "We Are Yinghua," on Monday June 8th at 4:15 PM.

We will have refreshments and will recognize the student artists who have worked so hard. Be prepared to share your experiences and stories!

If you still want to help, there are a few more opportunities. Sign-up options are on the school website.

Thanks to everyone who has brought their suggestions and ideas! It has been fun to watch the progress.

Hurry!

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SCHOOL TOOL BOX
Help is here.

Final days of the School Tool Box Sale!

By Lindsey Alexander

This year's School Tool Box sale ends on Wednesday, June 10th so order yours today! School Tool Box provides you with all of the supplies your student needs for their grade level next year, according to Yinghua's school supply list. They use name brand products and have them packaged in a box and sent to the school for pick up on Meet Your Teacher/Back to School Night (August 31st). Order yours today online at www.schooltoolbox.com

NE Parade Notice

By Rachel Collins

This is such a fun parade! Many of our NE parents are probably already in-the-know about this amazing event. It draws quite the crowd! We'd love to have your kids participate and show our community what Yinghua is made of!

Join us Tuesday, June 16th! To sign-up and get more info, e-mail Rachel Collins at yaca-vice-chair@yinghuaacademy.org.





Hot, Sunny Weather Reminder for Health Office

By Ginger Hao

As the weather looks to be finally heating up, please remember to protect yourself and your children from the harmful rays of the sun, especially between 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If it turns out to be sunny and hot on Field Day next week, please consider applying sunscreen on your child before school, or sending it along if your child is old enough to apply it responsibly by themselves. Also, watch for the signs of heat illness and heat exhaustion that can develop in hot weather: thirst, sweating, headache, weakness, nausea, fainting, confusion, coma, seizures, body temperature over 105 F (40 C). This can be a medical emergency! If your child appears to be getting overheated, have them sit down in a cool, shaded area, rest, and drink plenty of water. Parents of children playing sports this summer should pay special attention.

This catchy phrase from the American Cancer Society can help remind you of the four keys ways to protect yourself from damaging UV radiation:

Slip! Slop! Slap!® and Wrap

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Wrap on sunglasses to protect your eyes and sensitive skin around them



Lost and Found Notice

By Dave Madsen

Attention Yinghua Families!

If you suspect your child has lost or misplaced something at Yinghua Academy, please make sure to check our Lost & Found before Tuesday, June 9th. YACA volunteers have recently organized the table and coat hangers to make the process a bit less intimidating for you. Act fast! All items left at Yinghua after June 9th will be recycled by either donating the items to charity or reselling the items during the used uniform sale. The Lost & Found is in the hallway leading to the Music rooms; stop by anytime during office hours (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM) before June 9th to reclaim your lost items!





YINGHUA ACADEMY 2015-2016 UNIFORM POLICY

At Yinghua Academy, we value our students for who they are, and not by how they look or what they wear. Students are expected to dress modestly and appropriately for an educational setting as outlined below in The School's Uniform Policy. Teachers and administration will check daily to see that students are in compliance with the uniform policy. The final decision regarding a student's dress or any uniform concerns will be made by administration. The School will follow the procedures outlined in the Student & Family Handbook for those students not in proper uniform:

APPROVED UNIFORM CLOTHING

Below is an outline of what students may wear to school. **Items not listed may not be worn.** Clothing must fit appropriately for school dress. Excessively tight or baggy clothing is not permitted, including skin tight pants/leggings.

LOWER SCHOOL (GRADES KG-4)

- Plain light blue T-shirt, polo, turtle neck, or mock turtle neck
- Plain light blue Oxford cloth dress shirt or blouse
- Plain light blue sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Plain white sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Plain black sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Black *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirt
- Plain, solid black pants, shorts, skorts, skirts or dresses
- Plain black or light blue jumper-style dresses (Must wear approved uniform shirt underneath)
- Plain light blue knit or polo style dresses
- Black sweat pants & mesh/cotton gym shorts - **Kindergarten ONLY**
- Black yoga pants (provided they are knit, clean, un-altered, not too tight, and fit well.)
- Plain white, black, or light blue socks
- Shoes must be athletic/sport or tennis shoes with closed-toes and closed heels for safety, but may be any color.
 - o Boots, dress shoes, sandals, and flip-flops may not be worn during the school day.
- ***Shirts may not be dark blue, royal blue, powder blue, turquoise, etc. in color.***
- ***Sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece must be worn over an approved uniform shirt.***

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8)

***NOTE** – Nearly all Lower School approved uniform pieces may be worn in Middle School, as well. In addition, MS students may wear the following items:

- Plain red polo, turtle neck, or mock turtle neck
- Plain red Oxford cloth dress shirt or blouse
- Plain red sweatshirt, sweater, fleece, or vest
- Plain red socks
- Red *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirt





- Lands' End Skirt, A-line Skirt, or Side-Pleat Skirt in "Red Plaid" pattern ONLY
- Shoes may be any style or color, but must be close-toed and have closed heels for safety.
 - o Shoes/boots may not have heels that are more than ½ inch high.
 - o Fashion boots may not rise above the knee.
 - o Winter/outdoor boots of any kind may not be worn during the school day.
- **Shirts may not be pink, fuchsia, burgundy, etc. in color.**
- **Red, Blue, Black, or White T-shirts may not be worn alone in MS.**

THE FOLLOWING UNIFORM DETAILS ARE TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF GRADE LEVEL:

- Black skin tight leggings, tights, bike shorts and compression style bottoms may be worn under skirts, dresses, and shorts, but may not be worn alone.
- Shorts must be black chino-type for both boys and girls (A.K.A. "walking", flat front, or cargo shorts)
- Shorts/skirts may not be more than 2" or 3 finger widths above the knee.
- School logos are preferred on shirts/tops, but are not required.
- Sweatpants, and mesh/athletic/gym shorts may not be worn, but loose fitting Joga-style pants are allowed.
- Jeans may not be worn – Jeans are considered any color or any fabric pant having metal rivets and/or pockets sewn on the outside of the pant.
- Uniform clothing should be neat, in good shape, and clean.
- Uniform clothing may not be altered, cut, torn, etc.
- Clothing must fit well. Excessively baggy or tight clothing is not permitted, including skin tight pants/leggings.
- Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
- Hats, caps, kerchiefs, bandanas, scarves, etc. are not allowed.
- Hair may only be dyed natural colors. This includes colored feathers, ties, and extensions that are attached to the hair.
- Outerwear (non-uniform coats, jackets, snow pants, boots, etc.) may not be worn during the school day.
- **-NOTE** - Some rooms can be chilly from time to time, but students still need to be in proper uniform. The uniform policy is designed so that students may layer for warmth.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/GYM CLASS UNIFORM – Grades 6-8 Only

Students in all grades must either wear or bring gym/athletic shoes for PE class. Gym shoes can be kept at school.

Middle School students in grades 6-8 only are required to change into athletic clothing for PE/Gym Class, but need to change back into their regular uniform clothes at the end of each PE class.

Approved Middle School "athletic clothing" includes:

- Plain black mesh or cotton gym/athletic shorts
- Plain black sweat pants
- Plain grey T-shirt or grey *Yinghua Spirit Wear* T-shirt
- Plain black, white, light blue or red sweatshirt or *Yinghua Spirit Wear* sweatshirts





WINTER CLOTHING

Parents are responsible for making sure their children are always dressed appropriately for the weather. Students, teachers and staff go outside every day for recess, PE class, and/or Yinghua Care unless the actual temperature &/or wind chill is below zero.

A coat/jacket (sweatshirts are not sufficient), warm hat, and mittens/gloves are required when the weather is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. In addition, snow pants and snow boots are required for students in grades K-5 whenever the weather reaches 30 degrees or colder. Students who are not dressed properly will not be allowed outside for recess, PE, or Yinghua Care.

Always remember to send appropriate clothing with your child(ren) as outlined in the policy above, even on very cold days when students will not be going outside for recess. Dressing for the weather is always important. Students must be prepared in case an emergency situation arises which requires students to exit the building and remain outside for an extended period of time.

FRIDAY SPIRIT DAYS!

Every Friday students in all grades (K-8) have the option of wearing any *Yinghua Spirit Wear* top (T-shirt, pullover, sweatshirt, etc.) in addition to regular uniform pieces (tops & bottoms). When wearing a spirit wear hoody, pullover, or sweatshirt, students also need to wear a uniform/spirit wear shirt underneath in case they get hot and need to take off the outer layer.

SHOPPING RECOMMENDATIONS

Yinghua Academy approved uniform vendors:

- Lands' End - School Code: **900120379**
 - <http://www.landsend.com/ix/schooluniforms/>
- French Toast Uniforms - School Code: **QS5GFNU**
<http://www.frenchtoast.com/>
- Donald's Uniforms - School Code:
www.donaldsuniform.com

The School is always considerate and sensitive to concerns regarding the affordability of uniform clothing. The school has partnered with the above companies to provide a convenient option for our families to help them find approved uniform clothing. However, families are not "required" to purchase from them. If nothing else, these companies are a good place to see approved examples of what students may wear to school. They also offer frequent sales, have incredible return policies, and will embroider the Yinghua Academy logo if desired. Families are encouraged, however, to shop around to find the best options that work for them. Any store is acceptable, as long as all uniform clothing falls within the over-all uniform policy.



***IMPORTANT** – All major uniform changes for the following school year will be decided and announced by the last day of school each year. Parents are advised not to purchase new uniforms until then.

