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Sue's News

Sue Berg | Executive Director

Dear parents,

The countdown is on; just 8 school days left of the 2014-2015 school year. What a memorable year it has been!

Needless to say, a highlight has been the expansion and renovation of our facility which has provided ample, purpose-built space for instruction in all subjects and across grade levels. Everyone has enjoyed our state-of-the-art gymnasium, beautiful art room, and high tech science lab. Did you know that even LS students have had the chance to conduct experiments with their teachers and Mr. Scheid in this space? A huge benefit has been separate space for our MS students in our new 3 story addition on the park; going to Middle School now really feels like "moving up" to our students, and they tell me they like that!

Speaking of moving, the Class of 2015 is preparing for graduation and their collective transition to high school. In anticipation, each eighth grader in Discovery Class has written a reflection speech, summarizing memorable moments and take-aways from his/her Yinghua education. In addition,

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Curriculum Corner

Luyi Lien, Ph. D. | Academic Director

Dear Parents,

Summer break is just around the corner. I hope you are looking forward to a relaxing and joyful time.

We realized that young people experience learning losses when they are not in school during the summer, and therefore would like to encourage them to engage in activities to help them stay connected with language learning.

Every student in Kindergarten through 4th grade will bring home a Chinese CD containing songs, stories, and poems for them to enjoy. I would like to recommend that the students listen to the CD for 10 to 15 minutes every day - you could play the CD in the car while driving to summer camps, or listen to it during lunch or before bed time. The purpose of the CD is for students to maintain their familiarity with the Chinese language.

All students will also receive information next week to access the 5qChannel website. This online tool will allow students to review and build

their Chinese vocabulary and reading skills. Challenging math problems will also be available after June 8 for all interested students to tackle by visiting Yinghua's Summer Homework Page (password: summer2015). To help students with their English, assignments will be handed out to all but Kindergarteners next week.

Last but not least, we will launch two new programs for the Middle School students: Math Jump and Math Enhancement. I will share more information on these two initiatives next week.

I hope our summer assignment plans

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

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Music Conservatory Recitals

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End-of-Term Exams

Brewer's Blog

Jeremy Brewer | Dean of Students

Hello Parents!

It's hard to believe that another week has blown by and the last day of school is now only 8 days away! As we begin wrapping up the school year I wanted to send out another reminder (in case you missed it) about Student Life's Global Community Service Project going on now.

For this year's project, we are collecting new and unused school supplies for Liufuxiang Middle School. Liufuxiang is a small rural school about 4 hours south of Beijing. Our goal is to fill 2 boxes of school supplies for the 320 students and 28 teachers at the school. We are doing this drive at the end of the school year in the hopes that students, staff, and families may be willing to donate their new and unused school supplies that are left over from this school year. Store bought items are encouraged as well. The items we are collecting are pencils, pens, crayons (in their boxes), markers, erasers, chalk, rulers, glue, glue sticks, and child safe scissors.

If your family is interested in participating you may drop your donated items in the red box along the wall in the cafeteria near the gym.

Also, if you are a current bus user, or are interested in busing for next year, please don't forget to fill out the busing survey which closes on June 5th. You may access the survey here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VcvhrHHKKQBh7H6zpkXqJpXVB3i0jbhzucx93rTJpik/view-form>

Thanks and have a wonderful weekend!
Jeremy Brewer



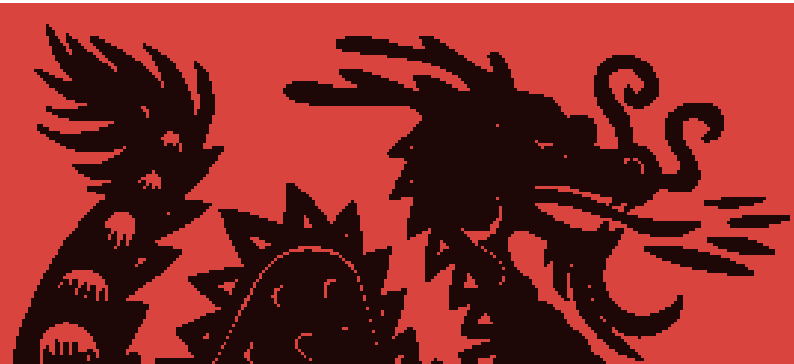
What We Know and Don't Know About Night

By Christine Sikorski

You may recall from a previous newsletter that at the end of January, I visited all four sessions of the third-grade reading workshop to encourage students to write imaginative poems about night and the moon. Here is a further sampling of those poems:

Bella declares in her poem that night "is scared of thunder and friends with lightning," while a zombie in Danika's poem who "controlled the moon" "transforms the night into mist." Savarra writes: "To me the moon is . . . like a turtle and during the day it hides in its shell and stays there till night." The questions Birka poses about night lead her to an answer: Is my night a fox prowling past / the tents in camp grounds? / Is my night an owl swooping / past the hotels in New York? / Is my night a cat sleeping / in a catbed? / I know what it is! / It is all of these things!" Asher has lots of questions for night, too, but no answers. "Is night a man, a crow, a shadow? Is night an octopus sucking people in at night? Is night an owl soaring over the world leaving darkness behind? . . . Is he a human? Wearing a black suit with small white stars for buttons? I wonder if we will ever know."

What do you know about night and the moon? What do you still wonder about? Tell your kids! Or, better yet, write a poem together.

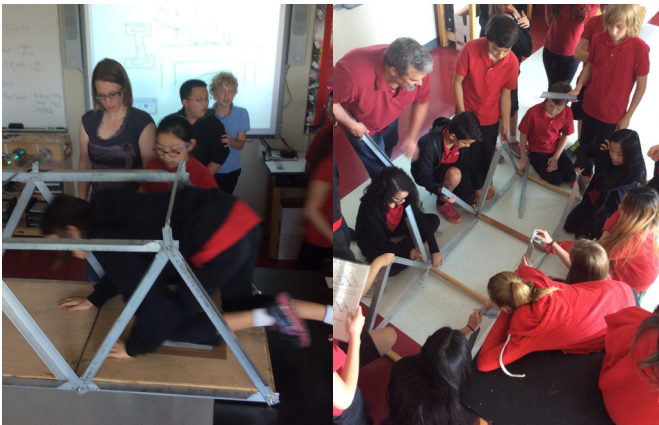


Sue's News (continued)

tion, each student will give this speech in a MS Morning Meeting Assembly to all 5th-8th grade students and their teachers. The only guiding instruction for the students was that their words come from their hearts. The students who have spoken thus far have not disappointed! Mia recognized each of her fellow grads with a personal anecdote, CC relayed the pride she felt when visiting China to be able to converse easily with relatives, Eli valued a friend who stood up for him in an awkward moment, Thomas looked back on days of worry and confusion as a little one when the teachers spoke Chinese and is now amazed at his language skills, Ashley advised fellow students to be hardworking and patient like the ocean, and Zoe spoke of her study abroad adventure and the courage that it took to travel on her own as a 6th grader! Each of them has inspired our younger students not only through their words but as role models. Again and again, we say "it takes a village" and these older students are a critical part of our school community.

To recognize the accomplishments of these 8th graders as well as of those MS students who will receive awards for subject recognition, join us for the Honors Convocation and Graduation on Tuesday, June 9, at 1:30PM, in the gymnasium. We're delighted to have ample seating capacity this year!

Warm regards,
Sue Berg



Science Update

By Andrew Scheid

6th grade Physical Science and Engineering students enjoyed a presentation from MN DOT engineers about bridges. Students constructed a truss bridge that allowed them to cross between two tables. Special thanks to Lee Williams, father of Camille (6th grade) for the opportunity.

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will add fun and variety to your family activities, and help your student maintain their academic skills. As always, please let me know if I can help answer any questions.

Enjoy the weekend!

Luyi Lien

Summer Homework Overview

Grade Level	Assignments
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese CD Chinese Reading (5qChannel) Math (Yinghua Summer Homework Page)
Grades 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese CD Chinese Reading (5qChannel) Math (Yinghua Summer Homework Page) English Packet
Grades 5-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Reading (5qChannel) Math (Yinghua Summer Homework Page) English Packet Math Jump and Math Enhance workshops

Summer Homework Page Password:
summer2015

Free Chamber Music Event!

By Jennifer Olsen

Interested in more beautiful music after the Spring Orchestral concert Thursday night? The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota will celebrate the release of a new CD of works by esteemed pianist and composer Paul Schoenfield. The program will include Rhapsody "The Bench of Desolation" for piano quintet, "Tango" for violin and piano, "Partita" for violin and piano, and "Café Music" for violin, cello, and piano, performed by Schoenfield and Society musicians at 4PM, Sunday, June 7 at Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul. The concert is free for students in K-12 with a paying adult. Visit chambermusicmn.org for more information.



Important Announcement from the Health Office: MN Immunization Law

By Ginger Hao

Did you know that in order to be compliant with immunization law in Minnesota (Statute 121A.15), no student can stay enrolled in school without complete and proper immunization documentation submitted?

Therefore, any child not in compliance by the first day of school for the 2015-16 school year will be excluded from attending classes until missing immunizations are completed and documentation is provided to the school. This includes incoming 7th graders who have new shots that are due, and also all students who have not turned in complete documentation up to this point. We wanted to alert you to this early so that you have plenty of time to ensure that your child completes their immunizations as soon as possible. In the case of missing immunizations, we have already contacted your family multiple times throughout the last school year requesting the correct paperwork. We will also be sending out letter to specific families over the summer who are out of compliance. If you are unsure if your child's record is complete, you can check with your primary care clinic or talk to us in the health office. Although we are adopting a strict standard for the next school year to be compliant with state law, we want to give you plenty of time and opportunity to complete immunizations and submit documentation. Thank you very much for your prompt attention and your help to keep our students safe. Please contact the health office with any questions.

Help Represent Yinghua in the Central Ave. Parade!

By Rachel Collins

Get your princess-wave on and join us in representing Yinghua Academy in the NE Central Ave. 86th Annual Parade Tuesday June 16th. We need you to show off your ribbon dancing skills, sing your favorite Chinese songs, pass out dragon stickers and show our community the Yinghua Spirit.

Have some fun ideas? Want to get in on the design action? Or maybe you just want to keep your princess-wave from getting rusty. E-mail Rachel Collins for more info: mrs.rachel.collins@gmail.com

Social Studies News

By Jan Kleinman and Ying Li

Grade 5 has been learning about Europe. They researched most of the information by themselves and collected all of their materials as a group.

Grade 6 has been learning about human capital--knowledge, skills, values and health of each individual. They also learned that they have been investing in their own human capital; ask your son or daughter how they are doing that!

Grade 7 has been learning about World War II. Each student is researching one World War II era person--Oveta Culp Hobby, founding director of the Women's Army Corps; Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., commanding officer of the first African-American air unit--the Tuskegee Airmen; or Yoshiko Uchida, children's book author and survivor of the Japanese-American internment camps. The biggest challenge is critical thinking: how did this person influence U.S. society today? Ask your student!

Grade 8 has been learning about the development of China. They are comparing events from Chinese history with the events of modern China.



Mural Dedication Celebration

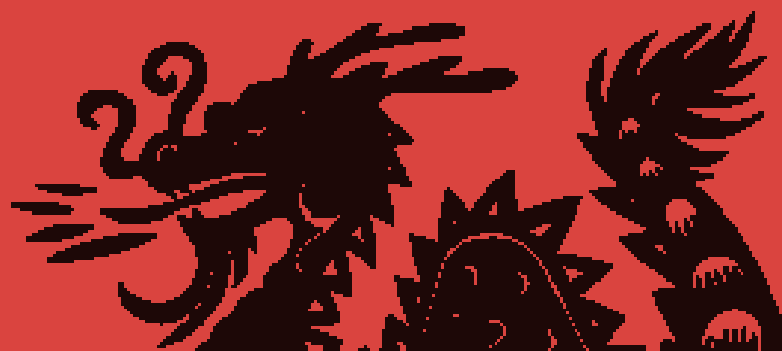
By Jenni Hoyt

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.



PE Update

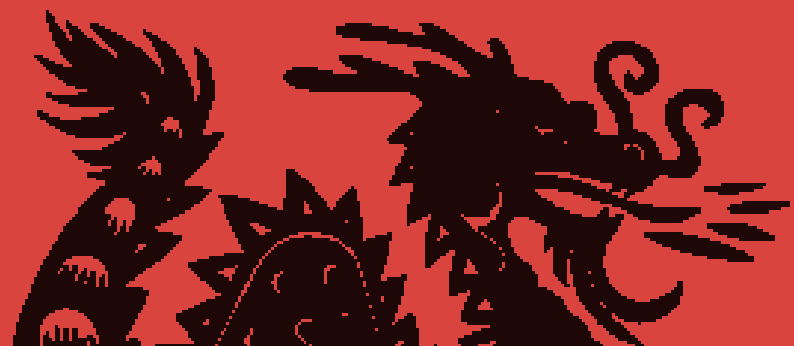
By Sarah Totall

Wheels week was a big hit from lower grades to upper grades. We learned about safety gear and students shared their skills and knowledge with one another. Our three goals for the 2 weeks were: participation, safety, and education (students taught each other during the unit). We achieved them all. Looking for great family fun this summer? Dust off your wheels and head out to the trails with your children!

ATHLETICS

Fall 2015 athletic information will be posted in next week's update and an email blast will be sent out to all current Grade 4-7 parents for travel sports.

Co-ed Fall Sports: badminton grades 4-8 (in-house), soccer grades 5-8 (travel), soccer grades 3-4 (in-house), sports sampler grades 1-3, cross country running grades 5-8 is also a possibility.



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:

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School ID code: 11174915

\$20.00

Orders Due by June 5th.



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