



YINGHUA ACADEMY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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To: Yinghua families

From: Arwin Chan, YACA Cultural Chair, yaca-cultural@yinghuaacademy.org

Re: Mid-Autumn Moon Festival celebration on **September 28 and 29, 2020**

The Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节, zhōng qiū jié) is held on the fifteenth day of the eighth month in the Lunar Calendar. The holiday takes its name from the fact that it is celebrated in the middle of autumn, when the moon is at its fullest and brightest. Chinese believe a full moon symbolizes peace, prosperity, and family reunion. The holiday is also known as “Moon Festival” or “Day of Reunion,” and is a time when family members gather together to celebrate.

This year, to celebrate the [Mid-Autumn Festival](#), YACA is giving each Yinghua student a pre-packaged pineapple mooncake. Mooncakes are thick round pastries with a flaky crust and pastry filling. In Chinese culture, a round shape symbolizes completeness and unity.

Typically, at this time of year, the school offers students a sample of a fresh-baked red bean mooncake, but, due to the pandemic, we are instead using a pre-packaged product, and we are not providing a fruit alternative. They do contain known allergens (wheat, milk, soy, and tree nuts), and the ingredients include pineapple paste, wheat flour, veg. shortening, sugar, milk powder, and potato starch. **Please review the product information to decide if it is okay for your child to receive the pineapple mooncake:** <https://nicechoice.com.tw/en/product/pineapple-cake-gift-set-595g/>.

If your child may not eat the pineapple mooncake, please discuss it with your child **and notify the homeroom teacher**. If you wish, send an alternate allergy-safe treat for your child.

Group A students will receive their pineapple mooncakes on **Monday, September 28** and Group B students will receive their pineapple mooncakes on **Tuesday, September 29**. Distance learners will pick theirs up along with school materials at the next scheduled pickup, which is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, October 2**.