



Chinese Linguistic School of Phoenix Newsletter

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News

- On a recent Sunday afternoon, I ran into a parent that I had not seen for a while in the Chinese School parking lot. We began to talk, and she mentioned that ever since her child joined a team sport, he could not attend Chinese School, since the schedule conflicted. They were finally able to show up that day because it was the first time that there was no practice. Seeing this opportunity, her child wanted to come to Chinese School and visit his old friends. I was deeply moved by this. In order to see his friends, the boy was willing to come to Chinese School for two hours of class. I believe that Chinese School has had a positive impact on this child. It is a long-term investment in education, and at times, you may not notice its short-term effects. However, I am sharing this story in the hopes that all the parents will continue to encourage their children to come to Chinese School, and all the teachers will continue to teach the children with love. If we succeed in doing this, our efforts won't be in vain.
- Time is flying by and this semester is quickly coming to an end. The last class will be on **December 13**, and the parent meeting will be held in the same afternoon from 1:40 to 2:40. Let's hear your voice and suggestions.
- The last day of extracurricular classes is on **December 6**. It is also the day to redeem prize cards. Please remind your children to bring the prize cards with them.
- The deadline for spring semester registration has been extended to **December 13**. Please register before the deadline in order to make things smooth for the school administration.
- The calendar for the spring 2010 semester has been set. **The semester starts on January 10 and ends on May 2, with no classes on March 14 due to Spring Break.**
- The practice exam for the SAT Chinese subject test will be **held on March 21, 2010**, and the **deadline** for registration is **January 31, 2010**. This is a good opportunity for high school students to evaluate their Chinese level. All the ninth graders from our school will take the test, and the school will cover the expense. The registration form is also available for students in other grades who are interested in the test. The registration fee is **\$7**, except for students registering for the first time
- The first vocabulary contest, held on November 1, was concluded in a cheerful atmosphere. Many parents and students have expressed that they all enjoyed the style of the contest. The school plans to have a different style of contest and activity in the future. We hope the students can learn Chinese in an amusing environment and won't lose their interest. If the feedback is positive, we are going to continue the event. This year's winner was team red and the team members include Selina Lo, Nancy Jong, Carmen Chau, Joshua Au, Cody Chang, Matthew Au, Maureen Luc, Spencer Lee, Derek Chen. Congratulations!

- It is our pleasure to announce that Rebecca Ger (Grade 3A), is the winner of the cover page design for the school directory, and she will receive two movie tickets as a prize. The following students Aaron Lo, (Basic II) , Benjamin Ger (First Grade), Anika Kang (Second Grade), Selina Lo (Fifth/Sixth Grade) Nancy Jong (Fifth/Sixth Grade), Naomi Chien (Tenth/Eleventh grade), who also submitted their designs, will be awarded two prize cards for their wonderful participation.
- Attention for parents who work at **Intel**: If you have volunteered at our school, you are eligible to apply the volunteer hours through Intel and donate the funding to Chinese School. The **deadline** for Intel is **12/31/09** for this year. For parents whose companies have similar benefits, you may want to do the same.
- The essays from our eighth graders have been published in the Arizona Chinese News. The essays from our Basic 2 students have been published in the Asian American Times. In December, the essays from fifth/sixth graders are scheduled to be in the Arizona Chinese News, and the essays from Grade Three A are scheduled to be published in the Asian American Times. If you have a moment, you may want to pick up the newspapers and enjoy the writing.

Principal

- In preparation for the annual festival celebrating the New Year, the year of the tiger, we have already begun some basic planning. In addition to the group performances from the students, we sincerely invite all the school staff members and parents to participate in the program. You are invited to join your children, your spouse, your friends, brothers, and sisters to show off your talents. The New Year festival will no longer be limited to student performance, but will be an opportunity for all the Chinese School families and friends. Along with celebrating the lunar New Year, we can also capture many good memories. If you are interested in performing, emceeing, or organizing the program, please contact the vice principal.
- We plan to post the small articles related to health, education, life, and recipes on the office door next semester. The next time you drop off or pick up your children, you may want to step in our office and find something interesting. If you have any good articles or recipes and would like to share with everybody, please contact our vice principal.

Board of Directors

- Being affected by the global economic crisis, the donations made to school from corporations and communities have been significantly reduced. Under the short budget, we have sent out a letter to sincerely request your donations. We are a non-profit organization and have a very tight budget. It will benefit the school no matter how much you contribute. Thank you.
- The school is going to display both the old and new textbooks on **January 10, 17, 24, and**

31, 2010. Parents are welcome to stop by the office to review the material and provide feedback. The school will select the material based on your suggestions. This process is critical in determining your children's class material, and it is important for the school to know your opinion.

Chinese Culture Association

- The school picnic on November 7 at Tempe Daley Park was a success. There were a lot of delicious home-made dishes prepared by parents. Our principal's husband not only prepared the children's favorite hot dogs and pizza, but also stood by the grill for more than two hours to prepare 400 pieces of pork chop. While parents and children were enjoying the picnic, our chairman of school board was dressed up as a clown to entertain the children. In order to keep his professional level and not mess up his makeup, he was not able to drink or eat. The picnic was a lot of fun, since our principal had arranged various games for the children. After three hours of eating, drinking, and playing, the crowd gradually left and the picnic came to a happy ending.

We would like to express our appreciation for the following people, who were dedicated to making our picnic such a wonderful one.

For those parents who prepared delicious food: —Li-Yi Tien , Melody Young , Karen Feuerstein, Ruby

Hsieh, Hui-Chun Wang, Yik-Kuang Lu,

Annie Chen, Hsin-Yi Liu, Sinmo Kuo, Sally Chen, Phyllis Hsu

Amy chen ,Amy Li, Joy Lu, Rebecca Yuan , Terry Chen, Lily Wang,

Su-Heng Lin , Emma Ditsworth, Grace Lee, Mei-Nu Mei, Jing Hsu

For those parents who help B.B.Q.: Max Lee , John Li, Robert Feuerstein, Lily Wang

For those who conducted games and activities: Linda win, Jack Hsu, Jeff Jenq

For those who set up and cleaned up the field : Raphael Tan, Shin-Grow Tien, Yenting Wen

- Pictures from the BBQ taken by Katherine Li & Joyce Wen are available on the website <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p203438450>. They are talented students in William Wong's photography class at Chinese School.

Student Council

- Students had a wonderful time at our Halloween celebration on November 1st after school. Thank you so much to the parents who donated candy; we enjoyed them very much. We would also like to thank the parents who helped us set up the tables.
- The holiday season is coming, and we are all thinking about what presents we are going to get for the Christmas. However, the recent news tells us that 1 in 6 people in the U.S. are going hungry. The Student Council would like to ask your help to donate at least 2 cans of

food. Our goal is to collect exactly 100 kg of canned food for local poor people. We plan to send the collected canned food to Tzu Chi Foundation.

In Gratitude

- The school would like to thank the following generous donations:
Mr. & Mrs. K. Jonathan Shim \$250

Mr. & Mrs. Raphael Tan \$50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Lo \$200.00

Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Chen \$125.00

Mr. & Mrs. John Sommers Chinese Books
- The first semester is coming to an end, and there are so many people who need to be acknowledged. The appreciations go to all the directors, all the administrative staff, and all the teachers for your devotion of time and energy. This not only includes the two hours spent at school, but also all the times when you are thinking about our Chinese School. The appreciations also go to our parents for your help and support. Let's work together and continue making our Chinese School a better one.

Pictures

- Pictures for all school events are available for download on the internet. Please follow the links below to view and download pictures
- Teacher meeting 8-9-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p300651380>
- First day of school 8-16-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p822430254>
- First day of extracurricular classes 8-23-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p1023142246>
- 8-29-09 Photography Class in Action <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p513491947>
- Bake Sale and Raffle Drawing 9-13-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p745348076>
- 1st Prize Card Day 9-13-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p566809425>
- Extracurricular classes 9-13-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p565638172>
- Teacher's Day - Teacher Conference 9-27-09 教師節 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p133477896>
- Vocabulary Contest FUN!!! 11-1-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p469944769>
- Halloween 11-1-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p89314967>
- Hope School Principal Visit 11-22-09 <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p417207960>
- BBQ at Tempe Daley Park by Katherine Li (10th grade) <http://jeffjenq.zenfolio.com/p203438450>

