



West Valley Chinese Language School Newsletter

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The best way to help your teacher is to help your kid(s) practice Chinese at home

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Good wishes for a joyous new year and an early Chinese New Year to each and every one of you!

As you all know, the School Board is planning a very special event on January 30 to mark the 45th Anniversary milestone of our school and welcome the Year of the Ox. There is more information about the event plans elsewhere in the newsletter and I hope that you and your family are all planning to join us at the celebration.

Our students have just completed the mid-term exam. Report cards will be distributed on Feb 6. To ensure that we have the proper record for your child, please return the original copy of the report card to the teacher but keep the duplicate copy for yourself. The original report card with the second semester results will be distributed to you on Promotion Day.

West Valley is a member of the Cupertino Area Chinese Language Education Committee (CACLEC), an organization which works with the Cupertino school districts to promote Chinese language education for their students. Since CACLEC was formed more than 3 years ago, the school districts have seen a substantial growth in student enrollment in, and teacher applications to, their Chinese language class programs. It is an encouraging sign for those of us who value Chinese Language education for K-12 learners. As such, if your child attends middle school or high school in Cupertino, please encourage your child to consider "Chinese" as his/her Modern Language elective. Students should check with their respective schools for their 2009-2010 course selection and registration deadlines.

The annual ANCCS Academic Contest will be held at Berryessa Chinese School on April 5th. All West Valley students who wish to participate in the Contest must return an application form to the office on or by Jan 30. For questions about the application process, please contact Curriculum Director, May Fok.

I want to encourage all students to be punctual. The school hour begins at 7pm. Punctuality is a sign of respect and consideration. A student who enters the classroom after lessons have already started causes disruption to the teaching and learning process. The school board is monitoring student tardiness and is hopeful that the situation will improve over time. Please work with us; be prompt and come to school on time.

As we are starting a new year, I wish that the 2009 year will bring good health and prosperity to all of you!

With warm regards,
Kammy Hsiao





45th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On January 30, West Valley will celebrate its 45th anniversary during the school-wide Chinese New Year festivities to welcome the Year of the Ox – a fitting and auspicious occasion, one that marks reconnections, reunions, and blossoming prospects of what may lie ahead.

Keeping a steady commitment to bring Chinese language and culture to the next generation continuously over four-and-a-half decades is no small feat. The Anniversary celebration commemorates the achievements of West Valley and the collective efforts of those who made them possible by believing in the importance of the School's founding mission. The board looks forward to sharing the special occasion with you, our alums, and other special guests and friends that evening.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Wow, this year's food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank was incredible! We collected an astonishing 983 food items. Many thanks to your contributions to, and support of, those families in need during these past cold winter times. Thanks also to the parents and students who helped to count and transport the food collections and took pictures during Food Drive night, and especially to board member, Sandy Leung, who assisted with the food storage and pick-up logistics with Second Harvest. Similar to last year, the winners are determined this year by the average cans brought per student. The class with the highest amount of cans per person was CS3 with 7.07 cans per person and 99 items total, and they have chosen to have a pizza party. Congratulations!

Student Council



DEC. 19, 2008 WINTER FUNDRAISING SALE!

Thanks to your generous support, we have raised \$228 from the recent Winter Fundraising Sale. This year we received donations from many families and we thank those families for their generosity. Special thanks also go to the PTA Co-directors Annie Lung, Hanna Ngai and her husband-Joe, Romie Cheung, and the Student Council for all their hard work to make this event successful. All proceeds will be used for student education purposes at school. The unsold items will be donated to charity.

UPCOMING EVENT

- 1/30 Chinese New Year Party
- 2/6 Report Card Distribution
- 2/13 Long Du/Speech Contest
- 2/20 <No School>
- 3/13 Picture Day
- 3/27 Early Registration
- 4/3 Early Registration
- 4/10 Early Registration
- 4/17 <No School>

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION – JANUARY 30

Kung Hei Fat Choi! The year of the Ox is here and we wish everyone a prosperous and joyful new year. This year, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year jointly with the school's 45th Anniversary. The entire school will gather for the assembly in Homestead High School's large gym on January 30 for the festivities. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share with their class for the food tasting part of the evening. Many volunteers have been working on preparing for this special occasion. Thank you to our volunteers for their support to ensure that we have a wonderful and successful event.

Annie Lung, Hanna Ngai, Romie Cheung
2008-2009 WVCLS PTA-Directors

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST RESULT**

Best Fictional Character - C2B Monica Tam
Cutest - CKA Iain Jung's brother
Most Effort - C4 Alvis Ip
Environmentally Friendly - CS3 Ryan Guyton

2008-2009 PENMANSHIP CONTEST (November 21, 2008)
Results of 2008-09 Penmanship Contest

班別	冠軍 1 st Place	亞軍 2 nd Place	季軍 3 rd Place	優異獎 Best Effort	優異獎 Best Effort
CKA	Emmy Gallagher 張儀君	Serena Yip 葉穎怡	Allison Hartley 黃樂樂	Nicholas Ng 伍榮星	Zachary Ngai 魏楚駿
CKB	Charles Rooney 學文	Garrett Chau 周永康	Megan Lam 林恩兒	Caitlyn Chau 周麗瑤	Kaitlyn Lam 林安兒
C1A	Allison Li 李蔚楠	Maggie Li 李美智	Jodie Lee 李承欣	Eunice Leung 梁信悅	Athena Fung 馮凱琳
C1B	Callista Tai 戴嘉詠	Gianna Ngai 魏 楚怡	Cassandra Tai 戴嘉瑩	Miranda Chau 周麗珊	Melissa Lam 林雯茵
C2A	Samantha Yip 葉穎琦	Evan Lieu 廖作峰	Ethel Wong 黃懷欣	Jamison Mar 馬耀祖	Tiffany Wong 黃韻嘉
C2B	Nicole Chan 陳可兒	Philip Lam 林韋安	Madeline Hogan 馮凱妮	Joseph Wong 黃展謙	Rachel Hui 許沛珮
C2C	Kristy Leung 梁詩翎	Cassandra Lem 林思慧	Ryan Lam 林偉康	Davin Clark 任嘉豪	Nathan Cheng 鄭子龍
C3	Synthia Wong 黃昕倩	Andrew Hurlow 許安迪	Fiona Law 羅安娜	Eunice Kan 簡樂詩	Amanda Chan 陳藹然
C8	Ghunbong Cheung 張振邦	Jazreel Cheung 張筠宜	Carolyn Lau 劉曉華	Diana Chin 錢思雅	Leon Nguy 魏維絡

Penmanship skills of students in all other classes are evaluated by the respective class teachers. Those results will be released towards the end of the school year.

Pik-may Fok (08-09 教務主任)