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◎ 校長心聲 Principal's Message

Andrew Li

Dear Friends, Families and Alumni

With the threat of snow already on the horizon, its difficult to believe that we are only halfway through our first semester of the 2011-2012 school year. However, what a great semester it has been so far -- entirely due to the talent, effort and assistance of all of you.

I want to take a moment to thank to especially thank Shirly Mazet, who has been instrumental in putting together the fundraising (and just plain fun) activities and events this year. These events have not only raised money for RVCS, but have brought our school closer as a community.

I also want to thank Gary, Ching and Gene, without whose able assistance I would be completely lost.

And thank you to everyone else -- If I have not mentioned you by name, please do not think that your work has gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Our school would not be what it is today without the hard work and dedication that our teachers, administrators and parents put into it every day -- oftentimes without the public thanks and recognition that they so fully deserve. I want to thank each of you for making the Raritan Valley Chinese School better in every way.

As you are aware, this year was marked by several changes in our class structure and curriculum. We merged the 5th and 6th grades together to form a combined 5th/6th Grade class. Our Conversational Chinese class has been very successful. We were able to meet the demands of a much larger than expected Kindergarten class -- an embarrassment of riches that I am happy to have. (Thank you to Charlene for meeting the challenge without even a break in stride.) We now are integrating, in many of the classes, the many resources which are available on the Web. We are also very excited about the new Facebook page for our school, which we hope to increasingly use as an interactive forum to communicate with our community.

In this, our school's thirtieth anniversary year, the future remains challenging -- our financial status and continually evolving school environment will remain as tough, but surmountable, issues. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you towards our shared goal of making the Raritan Valley Chinese School such an excellent environment to teach our children the wonders of the Chinese language and culture.



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◎ 慶祝活動 Celebration

30th 週年慶祝活動

1982年瑞谷中文學校借用四健會中心上課,因學生越來越多才搬到現在的校址.欣逢三十週年將至,因此,將會有一連串的活動來慶祝這個難得的里程碑.目前計畫有:
出版三十週年特刊:特刊封面/封底設計徵選;

誠邀稿件;

收集活動相片;

班級寫祝賀詞;

廣告刊登

慶祝晚會:六六大順

預計於2012年6月16日以晚會形式邀請所有的瑞谷人(新舊家長,畢業生)共襄盛舉.

表演,佳餚美食,熱歌熱舞,摸彩等讓大家盡興而歸.

這些都是我們暫定的計畫.如果你願意幫忙或有任何建議,請讓我們知道.謝謝!

籌備委員:張淑娟,楊鎰田,楊朝宗,林嘉文,黃玉嫻





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RVCS vs 4H



Shu Chang

Thank you, volunteers!!!

The 4H Fair was held in the summer. We did very well on food tent, art tent and performance. Thanks to all the volunteers: teachers, parents, and students, helped out in the Fair. Your contribution made our Chinese Culture Club phenomenon; without you, the event would not so succeed. To show our appreciation for your hard work, we would like to invite you to join us an achievement dinner to celebrate our students who will receive the achievement awards from 4H or county, November 11, 6:30pm at 4H center.

Congratulate to whose to be recognize:

Teen Leader Pins – Ma, Michelle

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

Bronze Certificate- Fu, Justin; Lin, Brandon; Franklin, Olivia Mei; Lai, Angelina; Rung, Ariel; Kao, Samantha; Lai, Edward; Lin, Jasmine

Silver Certificate – Lee, Aaron; Huang, Michelle; Lee, Jason; Lonoff, Ariel; Fu, Jessica

Gold Certificate- Chan, Timothy; Ma, Michelle; Duan, Michael; Ma, Emily; Lin, Rachel
Ho, Stephanie; Huang, Karen; Wang, Evanna; Lin, Jonathan; Young, Sophia

COUNTY PROJECT MEDALS

Achievement-- Sophia Young; **Citizenship**-- Rachel Lin

Leadership--Rachel Lin, Michael Duan, Stephanie Ho, Michelle Ma

Public Speaking---Michael Duan

Specific Project:

Communication Arts: Performing Arts--Jonathan Lin and Evanna Wang

Personal Development: Leadership---Timothy Chan



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Student Council Updates:

4-H Fair

It is once again 4-H Fair at mid-summer. Our Chinese school, RVCS, held the food tent all day long and Art tent at night. Our students and parents sold bubble tea, pork fried rice, vegetable lo mein, spring rolls, and bottled water. All the food that we sold is very famous for its uniqueness and our consumers really enjoyed our eating it. Students from the Raritan Valley Chinese School each had a shift for around three hours and would help with the sales of the food and beverages. Teachers and students worked cooperatively with each other throughout the day to make sure the customers were satisfied. For the Art tent, we taught children of all ages origami, and the Chinese dragonfly knot, which everyone seemed to have loved. Our school also performed onstage doing dance, playing instruments, lion dance, and Chinese Yo-Yo. It was exciting to see how many participants we had and overall it went pretty well. We just can't wait for the next year's 4-H Fair.



Mid-Autumn Festival

For some people, Mid-Autumn Festival might be just a festival where you eat moon cake or have a barbeque, but for our Raritan Valley Chinese School, we offer a detailed storytelling of the legend passed down about this day. Our Student Council members read the Legend of Hou Yi to the students, and afterwards, we asked questions about what was read. Whoever got the question right received a price from our price bag, which one of our student council members so kindly brought in. At the end of our event, everyone received a moon cake that was either lotus or red bean flavored. We had a lot of participants during this event, which made for an unforgettable experience.



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◎ 行事預告 / Upcoming Events

11/06/11	全校家長會	Parents conference
11/13/11	分發通訊錄 學生贈券兌換	School Directory Ready For Pick-up Student Coupon Exchange
11/20/11	校內中文演講初賽	School-wide Speech Contest Preliminary
11/27/11	放假-感恩節	Thanksgiving (no school)
12/11/11	瑞谷小吃義賣	Bake Sale
12/18/11	聖誕節派對	Christmas Party
12/25/11	放假-聖誕節	Christmas (no school)
01/01/12	放假-新年	New Year (no school)
01/15/12	期末考	Final Exam
01/21/12 (Sat.)	新年晚會	Chinese New Year Party

