

Rockville Chinese School
洛城中文學校通訊

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歡迎Welcome From the Editor

This is the first newsletter of the 2006-2007 academic year. We will be presenting news and views from the Rockville Chinese School community on a monthly basis. If you have any news or information to share with the RCS community, please feel free to forward them to our principal Shirley Chow or to myself (wuchu2@comcast.net). Thanks in advance for all of your contributions! Wayne Chu, Editor

新學年新氣象The Start of the New School Year Brings Changes to the RCS Curriculum

As the students and many of the parents have noticed, there have been a number of changes made to the RCS curriculum in the continuing effort to provide the best possible education in the Chinese language to students of all ages and backgrounds. Currently, RCS is offering a total of 13 classes for children and youth, one class for adults to a total enrollment of 175 students. While the total number of students is similar to last year's, the class arrangements have provided an excellent learning environment for all. Initial feedback from parents and students from all levels have been positive.

家長建議Parents' Forums The teachers and school administrators have been working extremely hard to improve the curriculum as the year progresses. In conjunction with the RCS Parents' Association (RCSPA), regularly scheduled forums will be held so that the parents will have every possible opportunity to offer feedback on the curriculum. Stay tuned for more information on these developments.

中秋故事 Storyteller Gave a Great Performance in Celebration of the Moon Festival

In celebration of the Moon Festival, acclaimed storyteller Linda Fang was invited to our school for a storytelling on Sunday October 15, 2006. Ms. Fang has won numerous awards for her storytelling performances, including the 1996 Tellable Tale Award and the 1998 Storyteller of the Year. Many students remembered her from last year's Confucius' Day, and we are grateful to have her again. Students and parents enjoyed her stories and some moon cakes provided by the PA!

最新生字卡保存法

A New Way to Store Flash Cards

Tired of having all of those word flash cards spread out over the dining room table? Well, Mrs. Jennifer Li's C-2 class has come up with a very clever way of storing their flash cards—using photo albums! By using albums for 4' x 6' photographs to store flash cards, the C-2 students can now store all of their cards easily as well as a means of carrying them around. In this way, they can practice Chinese anytime, anyplace!

儲藏室收回Space, or the Lack Thereof..

In the past, RCS has had the benefit of having access to a large storage room at Winston Churchill High School to store things such as books, a photocopier, drums, and other items. Unfortunately, this year this storage space is unavailable to RCS, so most of the items that were there are currently at Principal Chow's house. Until a permanent solution to the lack of storage space is worked out, please bear with the inconvenience of not having ready access to any items that were in the storage room. Please contact Principal Chow directly in case you need anything from the items stored at her house.

開新班 - 家長幼兒唱遊班

New Chinese Class for Parents with Toddlers

The School is currently seeking input for the formation of a new class designed to teach both young children and parents. The class format is designed to teach Chinese entirely through the use of songs, games, and other play activities. This class would be especially useful for parents whose primary language is not Chinese but have an interest in learning the language for themselves as well as their children. If interested, please sign-up with Jeng Hsu at the school desk on Sundays. If there are enough people interested in the concept, this class will be formed relatively soon.

徵求班母RCSPA Classroom Parents

The RCS Parents Association is still recruiting classroom parents to serve as liaisons between the individual classes and the School administration. If interested, please contact our editor, Wayne Chu (wuchu2@comcast.net). The hope is to have the list finalized in the next few weeks. Thank you for helping your own PA in accomplishing their goals.

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