

Rockville Chinese School
洛城中文學校通訊

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說話比賽十一月開始

Speech Competition begins in November

RCS Speech Competitions are held in November each year. As the number of students in our Pinyin class increases, it seems that teachers need more time to get the students ready for it. So, please pay attention to the announcements by your classroom teacher as the date and time might be changed. Otherwise, the HS is scheduled on 11/5, the ES 11/12, and the adults will be on 12/10. Parents, if you have an interest in making improvements on our speech competitions or add a Song-Singing Competition for C group, please contact our principal. We welcome judges, organizers, and inventors. Only with more of your participation, the School can do better for your children.

教師餐會 Teacher's Pot-Luck Sat. 10/28

A teachers' pot-luck dinner will be held on Saturday, October 28 at Shirley Chow's house from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. It is not only a time for teachers to get acquainted in a more relaxed atmosphere, but an opportunity to look at what have been accumulated on teaching materials and supplies in the last 25 years. This is the first time in years that all RCS belongings are in one location. Our 200+ dance costumes are at Lily Fang's house. Come by to pick up your lost items and to view a wide collection of helpful books, props, and many posters made by former students, and lots of pictures and videos.

教材改編 Curriculum Planning for the Spring Semester Welcomes Your Help

Even as the students and teachers are working hard through the first semester's learning material, plans are being finalized for the Spring Semester curriculum. Currently all High School level classes are studying Speak Mandarin in 1000 Chinese Characters (一千字說華語). The 100 lessons are being worked on by teacher, Chun-Rong Cai. In addition, 3 out of 4 HS classes are studying RCS HS Readers which is a revised version of Chu Zhong Hua Wen (初中華文). Heavy re-writing of the textbooks in order to fit our students' need is involved in the process for this 6-volume text. If any parent is able to help with this, please contact Vivian (VivianEng2000@yahoo.com). As

it is planned, our elementary group will continue using Ni Hao (你好) for Pinyin, and the Brand New Hua Yu (全新版華語) for Zhuyin classes. The preschoolers are learning more words in hope they will build up characters they can recognize at an early age, so they will have an easier beginning when entering elementary school. Your voices on this matter are very important to the School.

最新歌曲選磁碟

A Song CD Especially for Every Family at RCS

Are you frustrated with not being able to sing with your child? The School has selected songs and made a CD that including all the songs the students are learning this semester. This CD begins with 7 songs selected for the preschoolers, then 4 songs for the elementary students, and one song for the high school students. It comes with a label listed the titles in both Chinese and English. All you have to do is to purchase one for \$5 at the RCS desk today, and listen to it everyday! This is one of the many improvements that the new school year has launched. A songbook is following..... one for each semester. Let us know if you like the idea! Write to Shirley.

便利影印工作 Ease Your Copying Work

Since we lost the storage room we used to have at Churchill HS, the RCS copier is stored at Shirley's house. For your convenience, Shirley will be at her house from 2 pm on Saturdays. She also has extra keys for teachers if you need to use the copier more often. So, feel free to come and use the resources!

秋風起, 天氣涼 The Fall is Here!

The winds are blowing, the temperatures are cooling down. Please remember to add a jacket or sweater when going outdoors. Children are sensitive to what they see and feel. This is a good time to show them the changes in nature and in lifestyle. Do take your children out for leisure activities with your family. You will enjoy more love than in your daily routines. Love yourself a little bit more because we do.

小記 Final Note

This issue of the newsletter is written by Shirley Chow. Please send your observations, compliments, encouragements and suggestions through an email to Wayne WuChu2@Comcast.net, PA editor. We apologize for the delay in printing the first issue of the Newsletter due to an out-of-town trip. ■