



# NEWSLETTER

## February 2015

Volume 5

### Picture Day!



Bridie MacDonald did a lovely job and will have photos to view online Tuesday Feb 10 by 4:00 PM . Go to the following link and register, then you'll be able to use the "oasis kids" password to access the gallery <http://bridiemacdonald.com/photocart/>

If you order within the week, (by 2/14/15) you will get a \$10 discount (automatically applied).

### Brochure Distribution Needed by Feb 18

Thanks to everyone for picking up brochures and your individual target checklist map. Because we are now well into the recruiting season we ask for everyone to please distribute to your target locations **no later than Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>** if not sooner. Parents are making their decisions now and we need to let them know we're here. Thanks!

### Christmas Holiday DVDs !

will be available next week 2/13/15 for only \$10! Donations will go to the school.

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS:

- Camellia Festival Instructions and line up.
- January Parent Coffee notes.

### Science, Art & Cooking Supplies Fundraiser

- \$200 for science for the rest of the year (about \$50/month).
- \$100 for cooking supplies
- \$100 for art supplies for the rest of the year.

This is a total of \$400 for our hands-on class activities for the remainder of the year. Please feel free to contribute whatever you feel comfortable giving. *This will make our experiments, art projects and recipes that much richer! Thank you!*

### Seeking Science Class Donations

Help build a greenhouse: Parents who are interested in helping the kids build a small greenhouse for our garden so the fruits and vegetables being grown outside are protected from pollution, please speak with Miss Lillie. If you are able and willing to create something like this, please let us know!

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### FEBRUARY

- 02.13.15 - Valentine's Day Party / Tobias' Birthday party.
- 02.16.15 - No School - Presidents Day
- 02.17.15 - Emergency Kits Due
- 02.17.15 - Mandarin Field Trip - Part 1
- 02.18.15 - Mandarin Field Trip - Part 2

#### MARCH

- 03.09.15 - Deadline to sign up for Mandarin Contest
- 03.16.15 - 03.20.15 - No School - Spring Break
- 03.22.15 - Mandarin Poetry competition (8AM-12PM)
- 03.23.15 - First Day Back to School

### SCHOOL TOURS & PROSPECTIVE PARENT MEETINGS

**School tours** are by appointment every Wednesday at 9 AM. If you know anybody interested in touring, or can conduct a school tour, please let us know in the office.

**Prospective Parent Meetings:** If you are interested in helping Oasis grow for next year, please sign up to speak or answer questions at one or more of the Prospective Parent Meetings. Please let us know if you are comfortable presenting, or if you prefer answering questions, and when you can join us.

#### PROSPECTIVE PARENT MEETINGS:

- Wed. February 25, 2015 6:30 PM
- Wed. March 11, 2015 6:30 PM
- Wed. March 25, 2015 6:30 PM
- Wed. April 08, 2015 6:30 PM
- Wed. April 22, 2015 6:30 PM
- Wed. May 13, 2015 6:30 PM
- Wed. June 03, 2015 6:30 PM

Oasis Trilingual Community School  
Fireside Room  
5957 Golden West Ave, Temple City CA 91780

## Thanks Yous!

**Dini** – Gardening Tools for our gardening class.

**Teri** – Cleaning supplies, cleaning up on Friday, and Jingshuang's cabinet and for volunteering to help in the Mandarin class.

**Beth** – For cleaning up on Fridays

**Karen and Mark** – for speech classes every Wed., Toastmaster promotions for Oasis, as well as attending the Camellia festival meeting last month, building Jingshuang's cabinet, and donating and building the compost bins.

**Rokina** for creating the Peace Blankets

**Pam and Allen** – For donating the new Vacuum and spiral bookmaker

**Miss Lillie and her mom** - Loerine, for making homemade yummy tortillas and salsa for the kids!

**Heather** – for donating water, getting us a great deal on canvases, and all that she does.

**Tamara** – for donating history books for the library.

**Parents** – For passing out brochures!

**Teachers for all their dedication**, hard work, creativity and love for our students:)

## SUMMER FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

We are exploring a summer program inviting Chinese students from Taiwan to study English, and are looking for interested host families. The program would be a great opportunity for your own kids to learn more Mandarin and have a great cultural experience, plus develop international friends. Please let us know if you are interested.

## TRILINGUAL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM INTEREST?

We are also exploring interest for a summer program for our own students. Please let us know in the office if you might have interest in a summer session.

## ON-GOING FUNDRAISERS

### Shopwithscrip.com

Please remember to continue purchasing eCards for your favorite stores and online shopping sites like Amazon, and Oasis will receive a percentage of your order.

### Buy-A-Brick

We are making good progress towards our "Buy-a-brick" fundraising program. Donors can buy a minimum of one individual brick, or a block of bricks to build a photo wall on our Oasis website. When all the bricks are turned on, our current goal is met. And when you move a cursor over any purchased brick or block, it pops up with the donor's name, promoting everyone's good will.

Once the program is operational we can sell bricks to every friend, relative, business owner and company that wants to support your child and/or our school. Ask Harry for more details.

### Loose Change

Support a micro-fundraiser initiated by one of our students to demonstrate the importance of giving. Please donate loose change from your purse, car, house or even your pockets to our donation box in the office.

## Mandarin Competition

All students are welcome to apply for this years Mandarin Poetry/Speech Competition at Arcadia High School. Registration is from Feb. 2nd to March 9th. The register fee is \$25 per student. However with the Oasis membership - the register fee will be \$10 per student.

## CAMELLIA FESTIVAL PARADE PROJECT FRIDAY, FEB 20TH.

The children are going to be “walking floats,” covered in flowers and wearing Chinese paper hats we will construct.

Girls will need to bring an old skirt or pants, and boys will need to bring an old pair of pants. These skirts and pants should be discardable so we can cover them with camellia flowers, and be walking floats in the parade.

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### Camellia Festival 2015 Parade Instructions

Children will also be participating in the parade by carrying a school banner.

**Date:** Saturday, February 21, 2015

**Time:** 9:30 am – Sharp (or earlier)

**Attire:** Green Oasis T-Shirts

**Location:** Hart Avenue (at the alley north of Las Tunas)

**Parade Starts:** 10:00 am Sharp

**Rule:** Our whole marching unit must be on time or earlier or else, late arrivals will automatically be placed at the end of the parade.

**Vehicles:** Must proceed south on Hart; turn left (east) into the alley; turn left (north) on Loma and continue north on Loma or turn right (east) on Hermosa. Please see attached map.

#### For more information:

<http://www.ci.temple-city.ca.us/762/2015-Camellia-Festival>

### Professional Development for our Teachers:

Thursday February 26th -- Rachel Chadwick will be coming to our school to review our Readers Writers Workshop techniques and give us feedback.

Saturday, February 28th -- Tere Solis will be coming from 1-4 PM to offer TPR (Total Physical Response) training, which coordinates language and physical movement. She will also provide practice strategies for language acquisition.

In mid-February, our technology teacher Mister Harry will offer our teachers a class for practical technology use in the classroom.

### What's going in our classes right now!

In **Mandarin**, the students are learning about animals, food and the Chinese Zodiac. They have been taught the animals in order, and have written about them in their journals. Additionally they have learned how to write a Chinese menu. They have also learned the meaning of, and how to prepare Chinese New Year. In cooking class, they learned to wok fry traditional Chinese sweet steamed bread.

In **Math**, they are learning about money, multiplication and division.

In Science, students just finished the water cycle, and are now learning about the process of weather, erosion, temperature, and what meteorologists and hydrologists uses to measure weather. They are also learning how each season affects plants and animals, which will lead into their study of earth, planets and rotations. Next, they will be studying the periodic table.

In Spanish they will be are learning history and culture. And in Spanish cooking they learned to make homemade tortillas.

In Gardening, students are in the process of harvesting, and planting and composting.

In English and History they are reading and writing about how our government works at the local, federal and state government levels. They completed their letters to the President and will be mailing them out this month. Next, they are getting ready to do the voting in our class.

Since February is African American history months. Our students are learning about many great African Americans who have made a difference in our country's history.

Our SEL word this month is GRATITUDE! Please discuss this word with your child at home as they are learning about the meaning of this word in class.

Enrichment Classes: In Spanish Music they are learning about the musical friendship between Charlie Parker and Chet Baker. IN Mandarin Art they are learning to paint Chinese calligraphy and about the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. In Spanish Drama they are increasing the use of their Spanish vocabulary by dramatizing different animals. In PE they are learning about being good team players by playing capture the flag! In Technology they are beginning to learn about coding and robotics, and preparing to develop a complex group Powerpoint.

## Valentine's day gift/card exchange and party on the 13th

Feb 13th, at 2:25 we will have our combination Valentine's Day Party and Tobias' Birthday Celebration party.

Valentine cards will be exchanged. Students are welcome, but not required to bring non-edible (ex: no candy, cupcakes, food, etc) small gifts which may include erasers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, etc. Make or buy valentines.



## THIS MONTH'S FIELD TRIP – CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

Courtesy of Jingshuang's creativity and research, this month we will be celebrating Chinese New Years by going on **two consecutive field trips** that tie together what students have been learning in class along with traditional Chinese New Year celebration activities.

**February 17th Field Trip:** We will be going to the 99 Ranch Market to purchase ingredients to make traditional New Year's Eve dumplings, practice our Mandarin speaking skills, and exchanging money which ties into this month's math unit. Then we will drive back to the school, and make the dumpling at schools to eat the next day on Chinese New Year.

**8:30 - 9:30** - Leave Oasis and drive to the 99 Ranch Market. Address: 1300 South Golden West Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007.

**12:15** - Students make dumplings at school.

**February 18th Field Trip:** We'd like students to **arrive early at 7:50 AM** so they can participate in our virtual field trip. At 8 am we'll watch the live Countdown "The Spring Festival Party" on Chinese television while we eat dumplings that our students made the day before. This is the traditional way the Chinese people celebrate the New Year. After this, we will do a brief Skpye with Jingshuang's family in China, followed by a trip to the Chinese American Museum and then out to lunch.

**7:50 - 9:00** - Virtual Chinese New Year field trip and dumpling eatng!

**9:30** -- Leave Oasis and arrive at 10 to the Chinese American Museum: 425 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Our guided tour will last one hour. Parking info to follow.

**10:00 to 11:00** -- Chinese American Museum docent-guided tour.

**11:00 to 12:00** - Lunch at Chinese Restaurant: After our museum tour, we will eat at a local restaurant downtown restaurant within walking distance of the museum that Jingshuang will pick out. Students will have an opportunity to use our Mandarin speaking skills from their last food vocabulary unit to order lunch.

**12:00 to 12:30** -- After lunch we will head back to school for music class which starts at 1:30.

### Cost for both field trips are:

For the 99 Ranch field trip, each student will need to bring **\$10** to make purchases at the market.

For the Museum/Chinese Lunch Field trip, each student will need to bring **\$15** per student.

Also, if you can bring **extra money to donate** to the Chinese American Museum if you like.