

Mandarin Language and Cultural Center

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1) *School Holiday*

No school on 12/22, 12/29 and 1/5 for winter break. Classes resume on 1/12/19.

2) *There will be no make-up class for the day-off on 11/11*

Saratoga High School's facility will not be available for us to make up the class on 6/8, therefore, no make-up class. Please understand.

3) *School Activities*

i) *2019 Northern California Chinese School Academic Contest*

2019 ANCCS Academic Contest will take place on 3/24/19 at Mission San Jose High School (41717 Palm Ave, Fremont, CA 94539). Preliminary at school will be on 1/26 at Saratoga High. Registration deadline is 1/12. And the registration fee is \$10. To sign up, please click this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/340tZCby9Jj88LCA3>

Competition subjects include: impromptu speech, speech in Mandarin and Cantonese, read aloud in Mandarin and Cantonese, read aloud for CFL students, hand writing, calligraphy, painting, Chinese painting, composition, phonetic spelling, Hanyu Pinyin, reading comprehension, and translation. For further information, please visit

<http://www.anccs.org/latest-news/page-8>

4) *Hundred Phrase Evaluation for K-G11 and Spring Reading Program*

i) *Hundred Phrase Evaluation has begun on 12/1*

Please help your child review his or her phrases as early as possible. Test dates are as follows: 12/1, 12/8, and 12/15. Testing will occur over the span of these three weeks.

ii) *Spring Reading Program ends 1/26/19*

Students who have read a total of 10 books will be eligible to receive a prize on 2/2/19.

iii) *Flash Cards*

Flash cards for students to review at home are available for purchase in the office. They are \$7 for PK and K classes and \$10 for G1~G7.

5) *Community Activities*

If you wish to share or introduce the celebration of Chinese New Year to your child's school/classroom, please note that the office has materials available for you to borrow starting 12/10/18. Items include Spring Couplets, Firecrackers, Lion Heads, Music, Storybooks, tapes, CDs, and decorations of all sorts. If interested, please contact us. We

hope you seize the chance to share Chinese culture with children of other ethnics. Your participation will bring a memorable Chinese New Year to your children.

6) *Retrospections of 2018*

This year MLCC administered the language skills assessment developed by ACTEL to our 8th grade students. The results show that students performed best in listening, then reading, and needed improvement in Writing and Speaking. While we will continue to work hard at Chinese school, parents can help at home by talking to their students in Chinese about different topics to increase their exposure to the language.

To further improve the reading skills of our students, we have since put together a supplementary reading program for middle and upper grade classes. All fourth grade students have received one-year free subscription to an online reader. It is our hope to boost student interest in reading in Chinese and help students develop the confidence and skills they need to read independently. Thanks to Ms. Chenhui Wu for all her coordination.

For professional development, we invited Mr. Huicheng Chang from Taiwan to host a two-day workshop on Learning Thinking and Expressing. A total of 45 MLCC and Bay Area teachers attended the workshop. Two members from our curriculum design team, Ms. Chihmei Chen and Ms. Wenping Chen have been invited to give workshops by ANCCS.

This year MLCC offered Chinese after school program at seven private school sites, serving a total of 135 students. We also participated the Chinese New Year event hosted by Milpitas City Hall. Many Children experienced the calligraphy and paper making of firecrackers. Thanks to Ms. Mimi Chang for the planning and the preparation for the activities.

7) *Year End Donations*

MLCC is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible. We have received in a total of \$1013.46 in donation this year. Please continue your support utilizing the match program in your company and we thank you for your support!

8) *Acknowledgement*

Thanks to Acculive for continuing to provide virtual classrooms valued at \$8500 for our mid-week CFL and AP online session; thanks to our teachers, office staff and curriculum team for their dedication and hard work; thanks to board members for providing valuable input; thanks to parent volunteers for helping with school events and administrative work. Thanks to all the TAs in our CFL classes.

Your support is the best encouragement to MLCC.

Wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday!