

Mandarin Language and Cultural Center

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1) *School Holiday*

No school on 12/21, 12/28 and 1/4 for winter break. Class resumes on 1/11/20.

2) *School Activities*

i) *Culture Class*

Fall culture class ends on 1/18, and spring culture class will start on 1/25. Registration is currently underway. Please register early to ensure your spot and also for classroom arrangement. Mental Math will not take new students in spring. Available classes include *Character Reading, Go, and Science*. Please see the attachment for the registration form. You may also download the form by visiting our school website at <http://mandarinschool.org>

ii) *2020 Northern California Chinese School Academic Contest on 3/22/20*

School Preliminary will be on 2/1 at Saratoga High. Registration fee is \$10. Registration deadline is 1/11. 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 <https://sites.google.com/anccs.org/2020-academic-contest>

3) *Hundred Phrases Evaluation for K-G11 and Spring Reading Program*

i) *Hundred Phrases Evaluation has started on 11/23.*

Please help your child review his or her phrases as early as possible. Test dates are as follows: 11/23, 12/7, and 12/14. Testing will occur over the span of these three weeks.

ii) *Reading Program*

Students who have read a total of 10 books will be eligible to receive a prize on 1/25.

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.

4) *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 12/7. Items include: Spring Couplets, Firecrackers, Lion Heads, Music, Storybooks, tapes, CDs, or 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 2019*

Currently we have a total of 1112 students enrolled on two campuses, the highest number in the past ten years. We would like to thank all parents for trusting us with their children's education, and thanks to our teachers for their dedication and hard work, as well as to the administration staff for their coordination work and support.

This April, MLCC administered AAPPL, a language skills assessment developed by ACTFL, to our 8th grade students. Of the 56 students tested, 26 students are on advanced level and 29 on intermediate level in Listening. In Reading and Speaking, three students are on advanced level, and 47 and 46 students are on intermediate level respectively. In the category of Writing, 49 students are on intermediate level. 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.

With respect to community outreach program, this year MLCC offered after school Chinese program at six private school sites, serving a total of 157 students. And we were again invited to participate in the Chinese New Year Event hosted by Milpitas City Hall. Students of different ethnic groups came and enjoyed writing Chinese calligraphy, origami and making paper firecrackers. Thanks to Ms. Mimi Chang and her team for the planning and preparation for the activities.

For professional development, we had held several teacher workshops for our G4-G7 and CFL teachers. Principal Chen and Ms. Chihmei Chen were both invited to give presentations at ANCCS.

7) *Year End Donations*

MLCC is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible. We have received a total of \$1209 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 over \$8500 for our mid-week CFL and AP online sessions; thanks to 50 TAs in our CFL classrooms for their help and hard work; thanks to board members for providing valuable input; thanks to parent volunteers for helping with school events and administrative work. Your support is the best encouragement to MLCC.

Wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday!