



The Weekly Window

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Pancakes with NWCA Families What could be better?!

Walking into the community room at NWCA on Saturday, December 11th, you would have been met by sounds of laughter, holiday songs and the scent of breakfast on the griddle. The pancakes and waffles were expertly created, and with toppings such as bananas, blueberries, whipped cream and chocolate chips, it felt as if the Academy had transformed into the finest pancake house!



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Many families brought cookies to share in our cookie exchange. There were chocolate chip cookies, snickerdoodles, ginger-snaps and sugar cookies. There were cookies made from recipes passed down through several generations, family favorites and creative concoctions. Many cookies were prepared by our students. (**Kai D.** and **Oliver** were especially proud of their cookie creations!) Everyone who attended was able to go home with a variety of goodies!



NWCA Mission & Goals

The Northwest Chinese Academy provides an outstanding educational foundation in the true immersion of Mandarin language, fostering the total development and highest potential in the individual child.

- To immerse children in Chinese language and culture as well as providing bi-lingual and bi-literate education so they are comfortable as responsible global citizens.
- To provide a school environment that supports co-operation, creativity, resourcefulness and the love of learning.
- To develop children who are creative, critical thinkers and self-confident in who they are.
- To encourage mutual respect, honesty and multi-cultural understanding..



Kindergarten Happenings

From Jenny Yang, Class Parent Rep.



How time flies by, trimester 1 is already over. The kindergarteners have learned so much the last three months with Xie Lao Shi.

They are learning new characters everyday through reading, writing, reciting poems, and singing songs. In math, they've been working on addition and subtraction of numbers up to 10 and also using their skills to solve simple math problems. For social study, the children learned about family and community, with each child putting together a collage of their family tree. For science, they studied plants and animals. Their science project was to research on their favorite animal and presented their findings in class.

This month the kindergarteners are learning about the parts of the body and Jian Zhi (Chinese paper cutting). Curious about how mail is delivered door-to-door, the children wrote a letter to a family member or a friend and mailed it.

THANK YOU for Sharing the Warmth of the Season

Coat & Sock Drive

From Mrs. Patty Lemon



In keeping with our theme of what it means to be a good citizen in our community: NWCA collected unused coats and brand new socks for one week to be donated to Bridge Town Ministries.

We collected 258 items.

That's 258 people who will be a little warmer thanks to our students!

It was planned that the class with the most donated socks/coats per student ratio would have a pizza party for lunch on Thurs. Dec. 16th. However, since all the children did a wonderful job of collecting items to share, the ENTIRE student body was surprised to a **pizza party!**



Get on board and buy your tickets for the Hong Bao Gala! January 22nd will be a fantastic party with the fun of raffles, auctions, and Hong Bao bonus envelopes thrown in. What kind of items could you get at the auction?

- Digital camera
- Portland stay-cation
- Hawaii vacation
- Kindle
- Family game night
- Landscaping
- Wine
- Jewelry

Did you know there will be a raffle and if you win it you'll get your choice of ANY of the live auction items all valued at more than \$500? Come join the fun.

If you have family or friends who would like to support NWCA but cannot attend the Gala, you can still send them an invitation which includes a donation card. Please ask Stacy for invitations. Buy tickets online at

<http://nwca.ejoinme.org/tickets> or give your check to Stacy.



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So many people helped make this event a success. A great big thanks goes out to: Our chefs extraordinaire **Matt Davey, Hong Huang, Brad Jackson, Fan Laoshi and John Payne. Nora Sills and Caroline Li** for Donations of fruit, juice syrup and goodies for the pancakes.

Super shoppers **Prem Arcot and Shari Martin** for picking up the breakfast supplies.

The many people who jumped in and had our community room cleaned up in no time. What an awesome community we have!

This event will become an annual affair—you've got a year to polish your baking skills. Stacy is already thinking about which of her favorite cookies she'll bring next year...



CHAP (the Children's Healing Art Project) and NWCA meet again!

From Ellen Goldsmith

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Bossy (a.k.a. **Frank Etxaniz**) of **Children's Healing Art Project, NWCA** **4th and 5th graders** gathered for 2 weekends at the **CHAP Art Factory** in the Pearl to build a most extraordinary Wishing Light for our Hong Bao Gala Auction. The children first gathered sticks and branches that were 6 feet or over and brought them to CHAP where they worked with Rujillio to construct the structure. It was great to watch all the children work together figuring out how to make the structure hold. Frank then took the children down the block to the CHAP garage where we found the perfect internal metal light structure. It was great to walk through the Pearl with the children carrying this large metal object on a mission to build. After the work together we were treated to perform-

ances by dancers from the Beaverton High School of the Arts.



It was then time for the art, which was done at school. Children painted, collaged and wrote their wishes and hopes for the school on colored tissue paper. This last weekend all the art was glued, in a paper mache method, to the lamp under the guidance of Beth, another art teacher at CHAP. The children worked quickly as a team to create a gorgeous wishing lamp. As always, the children and Frank had a fun time together.

We thank him for his generosity and the enthusiasm he always shares with our children.

Xiè Xiè (Thank You)



Pre-Ks enjoying PE with Czarina B.



Pre-K Hong Bao Project with Cecilia T.

FOUR WEEKS AT-A-GLANCE DECEMBER 2010 - JANUARY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 PE at Soccerplex (K-6 grades) 	15	16	17 Submit Box Top\$ coupons	18 
19 	WINTER BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSED					25
26 	WINTER BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSED					1 JANUARY
2	3 Back to school	4	5	6	7	8



Please submit
Box Top\$ coupons by
Dec. 17,
before the holiday break.

Shari M. will
submit them for a year-end
reimbursement.

A collection box is located
above NWCA family
mailboxes.

WANTED

**Creative minds and helping hands needed to
set up decorations for Hong Bao.**



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