



The Weekly Window

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NWCA Read-a-Thon is Underway!

Our goal--\$8000!

The NWCA Read-a-Thon began on March 29th and will continue until May 20th. Students have until that date to read or be read to as much as possible!

This year we have set a goal of \$8000, and will use all funds collected to purchase curriculum materials for our English Language Arts Program.

The official Kick-Off was on Tuesday, March 29th. Well-known storyteller Will Hornyak made a return visit to our school



to spent time with our students performing tales, stories and telling myths. Many of our students were invited to help. Will told us that being with our students was a pleasure. I think our students would agree!

April 7th was our annual Bed Head Reading Day. Students and staff rolled out of bed and came to school in their PJ's. Some didn't even bother to fix their hair! Parents and friends came in and read some favorite stories to our students.

Great, big thanks to the following reading volunteers: **Stephanie W., Karen S., Marilyne C., Shane S., Hong H., Nina C., Crispin C., Ellen G., Ray C.**

April 18-24 is National Screen Free Week, and we are encouraging our students to participate! Screen Free Week is a "national celebration where children,

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..

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families, schools and communities spend 7 days turning off entertainment media and turning on life. It's a time to unplug and play, read, daydream, create, explore, and spend time with family and friends." The timing couldn't be better! Our students can use the time they would normally spend on the computer or in front of the TV to rack up their reading minutes!

Prizes

To make the Read-a-Thon experience a little more fun, the following prizes will be awarded:

- **Ice Cream Social!** For entire school if goal of \$8000 is met.
- **Sleepover with Mrs. Stacy at NWCA!** For the student who raised the most and 5 of their friends.
- **Game time with Mrs. Stacy!** For students who successfully complete the Screen-Free Week Challenge.

Powell's Bookstore Read-a-thon Event

Please plan to join us at Powell's Bookstore Cedar Hills for our Read-a-Thon Closing Event. The event will begin at 4:00pm and will feature author and children's advocate **Trudy Ludwig**. Student performances and reading will also be part of the fun. Invite your friends and family! Purchases of books or gift cards made between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 will bring a 20% credit to NWCA and raid money for our literacy programs and materials!

"Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader."
- Margaret Fuller



NWCA 3rd Annual Read-a-Thon

Now through May 20th

screen-
free
week



April 18th-24th



NWCA participates in Screen Free Week

Unplug and play, read, daydream, create, explore, and spend more time with family and friends! Screen-Free Week is a national celebration where children, families, schools, and communities spend 7 days turning off entertainment screen media and turning on life. [Click here to read the Kids & Screens Fact Sheet.](#)



Dental Care Presentation for Preschool – 2nd Grade

Our preschool through 2nd grade students learned how to take care of their pearly whites with a friendly dental care presentation by **Cindy** from **World of Smiles Dentistry**. Cindy read a Dora the Explorer dental themed book and talked with the students about healthy flossing and tooth brushing. Every student confidently knows the two and two rule - brush two times a day for two minutes. After reading the book and hearing about everyone's tooth brushing stories, Cindy presented her stuffed dinosaur friend with larger than life teeth, floss and tooth brush. She exhibited how to brush Dino's teeth with many student suggestions. Each child brushed Dino's teeth with concentration and precision. As some parents noticed already, World of Smiles provided each student with a bag with dental care goodies. I hope they continue to practice healthy brushing and flossing at home!



Cindy of World of Smiles Dentistry answers questions from Academy students.

From,
Tracy

Pre-K's Learn to Read and Count in Chinese

From Theresa Kung, Parent Classroom Rep.

The kids got back from Spring break and all had a great first week back! Lots of amazing stories were exchanged.

Second trimester ended and packages of their work were sent home. They've learned how to read Chinese poems, and were encouraged to continue to do so at home. The kids are quite proud they can read. Donna and the kids did a great job!

They're currently learning about the different vehicles, like buses, trucks, police cars, and more. They've also started their own flash cards of Chinese characters, and are pretty excited they can point out Chinese words! For math, they are counting up to 100 in Chinese.

Donna has been working with the kids on encouraging teamwork. They sometimes work as separate teams, or as one big team. The teams work to put puzzles together or complete projects from their ideas. The class worked together and built three flying horses from the cardboard blocks! Great imagination and teamwork!



New Family Welcoming Committee

Chances are that your child was not the only one a little anxious on their first day of school at Northwest Chinese Academy. Some veteran parents were talking about how we can make new families feel welcome, and help orientate them to our school community. Through these conversations, we recognized our need to form a New Family Welcoming Committee.

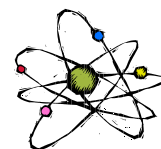
If you are interested in being a part of the New Family Welcoming Committee, please contact **Shari M.** at rdhprofessionals@frontier.com.

Science Fair Re-Scheduled to May 6th



The 2nd-5th grade students at NWCA are busy preparing to take standardized tests during the months of April and May. 2nd-5th grade classes are preparing to take the HSK in May. The 3rd- 5th grade classes will be taking the OAKS Tests in April and May.

A decision was made at a staff meeting to move the Science Fair to **Friday, May 6th**. We are hoping that this may alleviate any stress the students may be feeling.



Rummage Sale - Save Your Stuff!

Parents held the first Rummage Sale 2011 meeting last Tuesday. There are many great ideas and already laid out plans to run a successful rummage sale at NWCA on June 4th and 5th. Here is one easy way to help out. Please keep in mind as you spring clean and do house work to **save your stuff!** Any valuable household and family items (shelves, kitchen items, clothing, toys, strollers, etc.) are needed. Instead of donating or throwing out items, families can save them until the sale. If you do not have room to store these items, **Stephanie W.** kindly offered to store items in her garage beginning in May! More details to come as the rummage sale gets underway. Until then, don't forget to *save your stuff*.



We packed the first floor! The 2010 rummage sale helped purchase bark dust for our playground and new play structure.

FOUR WEEKS AT-A-GLANCE APRIL—MAY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 <u>APRIL</u>	18  Screen-Free Week April 18–24	19	20	21 	22 <i>Don't forget to log your screen-free day for the week. See Tracy's e-mail.</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 <u>MAY</u>	2	3	4	5	6 Science Fair (NEW DATE) 	7
8	9 Visit from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Pre-School–2nd Grade. 	10	11	12	13	14

“Like” us on Facebook



NWCA is now on Facebook. It's a great way to keep up with the Academy's upcoming events and to view some of our recent photos.

Invite your friends and family to check us out and like us too!

Look for us under “Northwest Chinese Academy.”

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Northwest Chinese Academy. The profile picture is a logo with 'NWCA' in large letters and 'NORTHWEST CHINESE ACADEMY' below it. The cover photo shows a group of children in a classroom. The page includes a search bar, a 'Wall' section with a post about an exhibit at Kidfest, and a navigation menu on the left with options like Wall, Info, Events, Photos, and Discussions. The post on the wall says: 'NWCA will have an exhibit at Kidfest this weekend. Come out to the Expo Center and say hello!' and includes a link to 'Pint Sized Productions'.