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 And more! **Cabo** The Allison Inn & Spa **Golf** And more!

Party Package
 And more!
Art
 And more!
 Kids' Camps
 And more!



Wines
 And more!
 Spa Packages
 And more!
 Tennis Lessons

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 And more!
California Desert Resort

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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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Hong Bao Auction Gala from Kate Jackson



Anyone visiting the school during this time of year is likely to see colorful decorations and children rehearsing performances for the Chinese New Year show. Another scene that is familiar around this time is parents working with children on art projects, other parents filming and photographing students, while still more pour over databases and seating charts. That's right! It's time for Hong Bao, when the whole community pulls together for NWCA's largest and most exciting fundraiser of the year. Not only is it a fun time, but it is an important time. Every volunteer hour and every dollar raised is critical to maintaining the advanced curriculum, small class size and personalized learning that make NWCA so unique and successful at developing our children.

In China, during the Lunar New Year people give children money in red envelopes called *Hong Bao*. At NWCA we do our own Hong Bao to help bridge the \$2200 gap between tuition and the cost to educate each student. Last year more than 200 guests celebrated the Year of the Rabbit in style and raised nearly \$90,000 for NWCA's operating expenses. This year, the Year of the Dragon, is shaping up to be tremendous too. Families and local businesses have gone above and beyond to donate to our auction and support our school. We have added new corporate sponsors and increased donations from previous donors and advertisers. It's going to be an exciting night!

The trips and luxury items always get a lot of attention, but there are also kids' camps and music lessons, sports gear and wine. We have a California desert resort trip if you need some sun, but there are also swim, tennis and gymnastics classes. If you need a sophisticated evening out we have a "Rediscover Portland" package that includes tickets to the

Portland Symphony. You can also purchase a birthday party package for your child or a spa basket. Don't forget, Hong Bao is also your only chance to buy a coveted class art project or a beautiful glass plate centerpiece created by the NWCA kids. We aim to keep the auction items accessible to all price points, so you'll be able to find something in the \$20 range as well as a luxury trip to Cabo! One of the best ways to support NWCA is to attend the Hong Bao Gala and purchase items that were already on your wish list.

Last year's Hong Bao was a great success. Not only did the NWCA community turn out to support the school, but everyone had a wonderful evening, as well. One attendee summed it up best: "As my husband and I made our way home, I thought about how much I had enjoyed myself, how wonderful the NWCA community is and how blessed I am to be a part of it."

Come and be a part of it yourself this year. We can't wait to see you at Hong Bao Gala 2012! Ticket sales end this Friday, January 20, so buy yours today!

Thanks to our Hong Bao Sponsors:

F5 - \$2500

Northwest Neurological Specialists, P.C. - \$500

Pacific Crest Securities - \$500

In-Kind Sponsors:

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Volunteers Needed

To Assist Set-up and Breakdown for the Hong Bao Gala.

If you have a couple of hours to lend a hand between 12 noon—4 pm on Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28, please contact Aurora at aurora_oliva@hotmail.com.

It's a big affair, and many hands needed!



NWCA Community Helps Make the Holidays More Joyous!



Northwest Chinese Academy is committed to performing community service projects during the school year as a way to encourage our students to take leadership and initiative in “giving back.” In the past our students have been involved in collecting food, socks and coats for those less fortunate. This past holiday season we decided to take on a very special project.

NWCA participated in the Adopt-a-Family holiday program through the local Children’s Cancer Association (CCA). Founded more than 15 years ago, CCA brings JoyRx to seriously ill children and their families -- in the hospital and at home. All of these families focus their resources, time and emotional energy on their child’s treatment, stays in the hospital and basically managing daily life. CCA has created an Adopt a Family Program which is designed as a way for group and individual volunteers to make the holidays a bit brighter for families dealing with serious illness.

We were assigned a family of three whose 20 month-old is battling a form of leukemia. The family provided a wish list of items that they would like to have. These items were written on a tag and put on a Christmas tree in the NWCA community room. The students were excited about picking a tag and shopping for the requested item. We were excited to see that all the tags were taken!

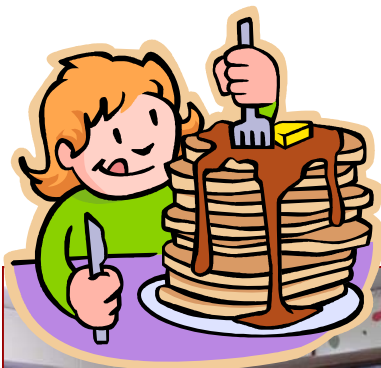
The items arrived at school, and the students began excitedly wrapping! The gifts were wrapped in paper donated by families, as well as in paper created by our students. All gifts were wrapped with the greatest of care.

The gifts were picked up by and delivered to the family. A few days later, Mrs. Stacy was checking the Northwest Chinese Academy Facebook profile when she saw the following post from Mark, the father of the family we adopted:

“My daughter Jasmine acquired Leukemia this year. . . Normally a parent in this situation would be saying that this was the worst Christmas in their lives. Well, I have 48 years in this incarnation, and I will say that because of the kindness of the staff and children of Northwest Chinese Academy, this Christmas is #1! I want everyone who signed this card to know you have my most humble gratitude. . . THANK YOU. AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!”

The students and families of NWCA responded to this family in need in a big way. Thanks to everyone who helped out!





Yummy Cookies in the Spotlight at Annual Pancake Breakfast!



Walking into the community room at NWCA on Saturday, December 10th, 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!

Many families brought cookies to share in our cookie exchange. There were chocolate chip cookies, snickerdoodles, gingerbread ninjas 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. Everyone who attended was able to go home with a variety of goodies!



A Great Big Thanks Goes Out To...

♥ Harold S, Matt D, Jessica D, Tosh B, Binny A, Kathryn S, LaTosha W, Karen F, Brad J, Nora S, Aurora M, Stephanie W. for helping with the Pancake Breakfast and Cookie Exchange.

Thanks to all the bakers out there who provided delicious cookies to share!

♥ Marilyne C. for helping with our December service project.

♥ Thomas and Theresa K for donating 2 ping pong tables.

♥ Jessica D, Mohini P. Theresa K. for helping create our survey.



♥ Leah J, Jessica D, Liz S, Ray C, and Binny A for bringing in supplies for cookie decorating.

♥ Joyce L. for helping create an ad for the upcoming Open Houses.

♥ Bill S. and Tina J. for visiting the Preschool-Kindergarten classes and telling us about being a police officer and doctor.

♥ Tina J, Leah J, Deepti and Mark R, Marilyne C, Emily Y, Brad J, Binny A, Shari M, Nora S, Elisabeth and Eloisa C, Jessica D, and LaTosha W. for helping create artwork for the Hong Bao auction!

♥ Therea K, Charlotte T, Sara M, Matt D, Leah J, and Jenny Y. for their help in the classrooms during December.

Students excited to try out the new ping-pong tables



Thomas K. and Binny A. test drive the new ping-pong tables.

More photos available on FB.



Police Officer Bill S. and Dr. Tina J. visit Preschool and Kindergarten classes.

January 2012–February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16 	17	18	19 Community Dinner Raccoon Lodge 5 pm	20	21 NWCA OPEN HOUSE 10 am -12 4th-6th grades @ Beaverton Library 1:30-2:30
22 NWCA OPEN HOUSE 1-3 pm	23 Chinese New Year 	24 Board Meeting 6 pm	25	26 Chinese New Year Dress Rehearsal	27 No Classes Staff In-Service Day. Hong Bao set-up 12–4 pm OGC	28 Hong Bao Auction 5 pm Oregon Golf Club
29	30	31	1 February	2	3 "Cawfee Tawk" Starbucks 8:15 4 pm Performance Beaverton Library	
5 Performance @ Lan Su Chinese Garden, 10:30 am	6 NWCA Lantern Festival	7	8	9 President's Bee	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16 100th Day in School 5 pm Dinner @ Raccoon Lodge	17	18 Reptile Man & Potluck 10 am

NWCA Star Students for December

Congratulations to the following students for remembering to be safe, responsible and respectful!

Allie, Annabel, Creighton, Ethan, Elliot, JaKayla, Elissa, Seth, Simon, Taylor, and Nikhil

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