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校长报告 Principal's Message by Houmao Liu

As I mentioned in last year's principal message, the objectives of Great Wall Chinese Academy (GWCA) are to 1) create a nurturing environment for our students to learn the Chinese language and Chinese culture and 2) to make our school a family-friendly community that encourages the social interaction of students and their families. We are proud to report to you that we have met our objectives and made a great progress in all aspects of our Sunday school. The success of our school's operation can be evidenced by the steady growth of our student body, the excellent teaching quality of our teaching staff, the successful execution of each big school event, and the more organized operation of our Sunday school.



The academic performances and activities continue to improve in the past year. At GWCA, maintaining academic excellence is always our top priority. We now have more than 180 students in 21 language classes. These classes also include 11-immersion class, 7 bilingual-tracks classes and 3 adults' classes. All these classes have a very good student to teacher ratios to ensure that we provide top teaching quality to our students. Our teaching staffs play a great role in maintaining our high academic quality. They have attended the Professional Training for Chinese Teachers. Students' essays from our higher-level classes are submitted to China Wu Han International Chu-Cai Essay Competition each year. Some of the essays are ranked in the first place, the second place and the third place.

In addition to the regular academic classes, GWCA has become a platform for our students to grow in many aspects. Our cultural classes offer our student opportunities with diverse activities. The beautiful sketches and painting, the strict physical training of our martial-art students, and the graceful performances of our dance students have all shown the talents our students. Our annual Chinese New Year Celebration offers a unique opportunity for our students to shine and grow. Our participation in dragon boats gives our more senior students a chance to experience the leadership, teamwork, and discipline. Our organization of volunteer works for our students has given our students life-lasting experience about giving love to others and the passion for helping others. Our fund raising and donation to snow-impacted area in China and to the school in Sichuan have demonstrated the strong passion of our school and families to the needy and will certainly set a good example to our students.

GWCA is a great community. We nurture the social interactions among our families through many events such as Christmas Party, Chinese New Year, Highlands Ranch Community Parade, YMCA family camps, Dragon Boat Festival. We also encourage the interaction among parents through seminars, basketball games, and mothers' workout. In each event, we never lacked volunteers. Helping other is the spirit of GWCA. Let us work together to continue nourishing this spirit. As GWCA grows, the operation of our administration team has also been improved to better serve our school community. Starting last semester, we have designated staff on-duty for our Sunday school. We have defined the job responsibilities of our future principal. All these improvements will certainly further benefit the steady growth and the smooth operation of GMCA.

In closure, we want to give our thanks to our teachers for their excellent teaching, our students for their hard work and cooperation, our administration team for their unselfish work to make GWCA a great organization, our Board of Directors for their guidance, and, most of all, our families for their support and trust. Let's work together for a great 2008 to 2009.