



## 校长报告 **Principal's Message** by Sharon Xiong

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Time flies, as we approach the end of the 2008-2009 school year. While I write this summary, images and memories pass through my mind like a movie: young 5-year olds reciting pinyin, adult students learning cultural habits,, teachers guiding the classrooms, parents helping out at the front desk, admin members bringing in boxes of books to school; helpers taking registrations, guest speakers holding seminars, volunteers visiting nursing homes; dancers performing on stages; yoga practitioners exercising in a quiet classroom; our youth team racing in the Dragon Boat Festival; the Chinese Yo-yo students rehearsing their magic, the kung fu kids showing their martial arts at the Christmas party; and Santa Clause giving out toys...



Great Wall Chinese Academy has become a part of our life and a community to those who meet here every Sunday afternoon. Whether you come here or take your kids here to learn, or even come to teach, it is this common goal that brings us together – learning Mandarin Chinese and the ancient Chinese culture. To achieve this goal, our school has worked hard to improve our curriculum in order to maximize our student's learning experience within these limited school hours. We select different textbooks to meet different learning needs. We teach Ma Li Ping Chinese and Standard Chinese to elementary and middle school students, and New Practical Chinese for high school students; we teach crash Chinese courses and Practical Chinese to adults. In addition, our school offers a variety of culture classes including Chinese folk dance, kung fu, calligraphy, young art, origami, sketching, violin, yoyo, etc.

Our dedicated and hard work has yielded a high quality education. Our students' compositions are entered in the Beijing International Chinese Composition Contest; we had 39 students take the Chinese proficiency test, and 5 students take the SAT II and/or AP Chinese tests this school year. More importantly, our students are becoming more motivated and appreciative towards learning Chinese at our Sunday school..

Not only serving our students, we also provide more options to enrich our parents' activities. During this school year, we introduced Yoga classes and mom's dancing/exercise classes. We organized seminars on college preparation, investment options and career development advice. In addition, we organized frozen Chinese food sales, visa services, and H-mart certificates sales to our families. Outside the school hours, we organized a summer family picnic, Christmas party, Chinese New Year celebration, participated Dragon Boat Race, and brought our students and families to visit local nursing homes year-around, to enhance our bonding within school community and with local communities.

Our volunteer based admin team has worked hard to maintain regular school operations. This year we improved our parent-on-duty program, which has had a huge success: It has reduced incidents of facility misuse to almost zero. Our Sunday school is located at Highlands Ranch High School in Douglas County Schools District. We greatly appreciate DCSD and HRHS for letting us teach at their wonderful facility.

Looking back, I am proud to say that we had another year of stable growth and excellent academics!!! Thank you for all your support. We are looking forward to another successful year.