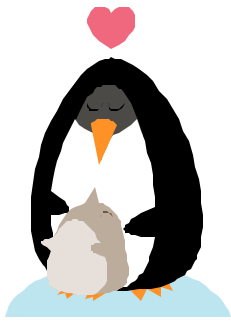
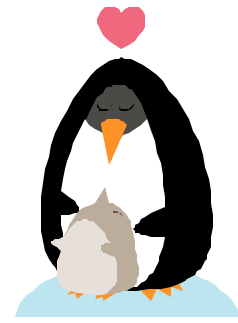


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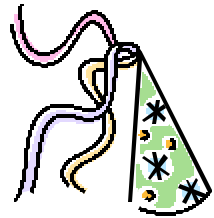


Happy Mother's Day
to all our wonderful "mamas"!



Party, Party, Party!

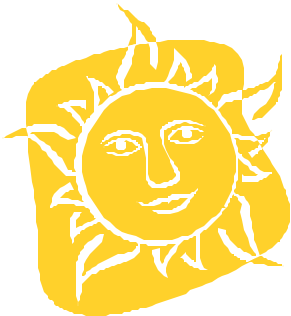
"No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's happy looks..." Before you break into song, please join us for our End of the Year class parties, occurring in your child's class next week on Wednesday, May 14th; Thursday, May 15th, and Saturday, May 17th respectively. Parents, please bring a treat to share with the entire class or contact your child's teacher for details, as we celebrate the year and part for the summer!



2008-2009 Class Registration

The Chinese revolution has arrived in Colorado, causing parents to realize the future importance of the language and children to appreciate the fun of their mother tongue! Classes for the upcoming JCCC school year are filling up very fast! Make sure to register online at www.joyouscenter.org to insure that your children will be in classes with their friends at times that suit their parents! **Sign-up before May 30, 2008 to receive the reduced registration fee of \$15 per student.**

We do understand that our online registration system has tested your patience, and we sincerely apologize for the frustration caused. We do encourage you to register online, which now works smoothly, but if you would prefer, please do not hesitate to drop by the office or give us a call at 303.221.6688.



Summertime and the (Chinese) Living is High

Don't allow your children to forget their Chinese over the next three months; come join us at either one of our summer camps or at a few of our cultural classes! Sign up quickly either on our website: www.joyouscenter.org, or drop by the office. Limited spaces available!

JCCC is offering two sessions of our **Ninth Annual Summer Camp: July 7-11, 2008 and July 21-25, 2008**. This is a great opportunity for your children to invite some of their friends, cousins, sisters, and brothers and share with them their special heritage. Many travel groups also arrange to have reunions during this time. In addition to studying Chinese, children will have plenty of exposure to the daily lives of their Chinese counterparts, through morning exercises, folk dancing, art projects and, most importantly, local food! There will also be a special field trip to a secret location!

JCCC is also offering **two-hour summer classes in June and in August**. Check online for our full schedule, which includes Chinese Calligraphy, Cooking, and Paper-Cutting. Put your creativity to work during those long, hot summer months!



Smile! 2009 Calendars

The deadline for 2009 Calendar Pictures is **May 30th**. Pictures this year should be of your Chinese children adopted through CCAI, individually or with their siblings. **We also need “Where Are They Now” stories.** We will highlight 12 children adopted as babies before 2000. Your story, in 175 words or less, might include milestones and accomplishments in their lives. Tell us what your child has been doing since s/he became a member of your family. Tell us about school, sports, scouts, clubs, or church activities. Include 2 photos with your story: a picture of your child about the time you adopted and a current photo. Please check our website for all the details: www.chinesechildren.org.



In recent years, our yearbook has had the honor of winning a variety of awards for our outstanding presentation. This year, with the combined efforts of our dance teacher, Katherine Wang, and the dedication of Kevin and Gail Koslov, we have produced another beautiful masterpiece. We still have a few copies available (\$24 each), so if your children are fighting over one copy, or you forgot to get one for a grandparent or teacher, do come by soon! We are looking for committee chairs to help us with next year’s yearbook— let our office know if you are interested!

Yearbooks Still Available

Destination: JCCC!

JCCC is a great place for birthday parties and fieldtrips that are both fun and educational! Come spend the day with us making arts and crafts, watching a performance, and eating a traditional Chinese lunch. Various themes available, including the upcoming Olympics! Please contact Yu, Li at school@chinesechildren.org for more details.



Gongxi, Gongxi!

Congratulations to Kaysi Kosler, who won FIVE medals, including First place, at the Black Pearl Invitational Eagles Gymnastics Competition! No wonder Kaysi thought it was “the best day ever!” We are all so proud of you!

In the eight years old and under group, Kaysi finished: First on bars (9.5), beam (9.4), floor (9.5), vault (9.5), and first all-around (37.9). Her Encore team also finished first in the competition



Congratulations as well to the Nagels, who welcomed Bowman David Nagel to the world on April 30, 2008 at 2:41 pm. The beautiful baby boy weighted 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. We will miss you Christina!

谢谢! (Xie xie!)

Thank you so much to all our brilliant volunteers! We could not have had such a successful school year without your support and perseverance! A special thanks to the following individuals— we are so grateful that we were able to see your wonderful faces every single week!

Volunteers of the Year: Kevin and Gail Koslov

Store Volunteers: Anastasia Melzer, Frank DeLuca, Moya Smith, Mary Swanson, Marion Bauer, and Beverly Gmerek

Art Volunteers: Melondie Keaney, Peggy Brinkhuis, and Marina Wong

Yearbook Committee: Kevin and Gail Koslov, Marina Wong, Mike Liebel, Tiffany Blasingim, Valerie Towery, and Debbie Pollack

Last Words from Our Principal

For many years, China remained an antiquated civilization, catering to the Western idea of the “mysterious Orient.” Today, however, China is at the forefront of modernity. Whether through an ever expanding global export economy, a cutting-edge film industry, or a dynamic tourism trade, China has managed to successfully retain its traditions, while embracing the future. The opportunities that the growing nation presents, then, are limitless.



In order to take advantage of such opportunities however, it is important to acquire familiarity with both the Chinese language and culture. At JCCC, we endeavor to provide our students not only with the opportunity to experience their cultural heritage, but also with the Chinese tools necessary for success in the coming years. Furthermore, scientists have now proved the lasting effects of beginning bilingualism from an early age. Children who study more than one language tend to have an ease with language acquisition later in life, and perform better in school. Therefore, even if your children seem hesitant about attending Chinese school at times, I hope that you will see the long-term benefit our Chinese classes can provide for them. China is growing by leaps and bounds, and it will be a great asset for your children to have knowledge of Chinese traditions and of Mandarin.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of our fantastic parent volunteers and our JCCC families. Without your continued commitment to our students, we could not have had such a successful school year. I wish you and your families all the best! Have a happy summer!

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