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## Donate for China Earthquake Relief

Dear RCS parents and teachers:

As you know, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake shocked Sichuan China on May 12. The death toll is already 19509 and may eventually pass 50000. If you would like to join the Ray Chinese School to make donation for this overwhelming disaster, please do the following:

1. Bring your check/cash to school on the coming Saturday 5/17, and the school will help for your donation. We will have a donation box on 5/17. If you write a check, please write "Payable To" as either of the following:
  - PAY TO: China Red Cross, mark it as For: Sichuan Earthquake Relief
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2. The school will record each donation on site. All the donation will be collected together and mailed to China Red Cross. For those checks payable to Ray Chinese School, the school will sum the money together and cut a check of the total amount to China Red Cross.
3. If you could not come to school on Saturday, you can mail in your check now to:  
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You can also make donation by yourself (Chinese version only) to the following special accounts.

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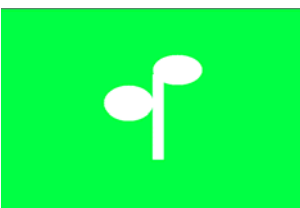
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[www.redcross.org.cn](http://www.redcross.org.cn). Click the tab for online donations (the web site seems to be in Chinese only)

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## 每月一字

Word of  
the  
Month

木

4 strokes

Tree; wood

木板: wooden board

This is a pictograph of a tree with its branches (一), trunk (丨) and roots (八). Only the trunk and branches are suggested because 木 also stands for wood. The pictured 木 here didn't stand very long though.



practice Chinese Characters (s) here:

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## Riddle 谜语

méi rénzhīdào wǒ  
没(no)人知道(know)我,

wǒ jiùcúnzài  
我就存在(exist),

yǒurénzhīdào wǒ  
有人知道我,

wǒ jiùbú cúnzài  
我就不存在。

Answer for the riddle: 秘密 (secret)

## Duan Wu Jie and Zong Zi

Eating Zong zi is a Chinese traditional customs and a holiday called "Duan Wu Jie". It is associated with the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival. The Duan Wu Jie and the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival is a significant holiday celebrated in China, and the one with the longest history and a tragic story.

The Dragon Boat Festival is celebrated by boat races in the shape of dragons. Competing teams row their boats forward to a drumbeat racing to reach the finish end first. The boat races during the Dragon Boat Festival are traditional customs to attempt to rescue the patriotic poet Chu Yuan. Chu Yuan

drowned himself on the fifth day of the fifth lunar B.C. for against ment and cor- Besides the boat people also cooked sticky bamboo leaves Therefore the fish rice rather than This later on custom of eating



on the fifth day month in 277 the bad govern- race, Chinese throw Zong Zi, rice wrapped in into the water. could eat the the hero poet. turned into the zong zi .

### How to make Zong Zi?

To make zong zi you can put meat, peanuts, bani, dou sa or anything you liked mixing with sticky rice. You wrap the above ingredients in bamboo leaves in kinds of angular shape. Then you tie it up with a string. Next, you cook the zong zi in water for about 20 minutes. Then, take the zong zi and untie the string, unwrap the bamboo leaves and finally you eat it. Zong zi is easy to make and eat.

This year's Duan Wu Jie : June 8, 2008 Sunday (May 5, lunar calendar)

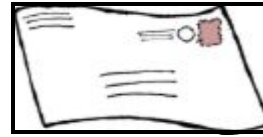
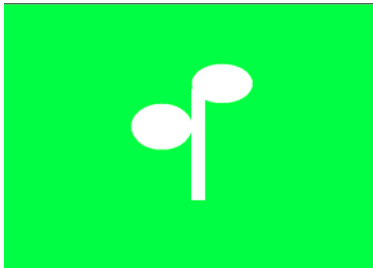
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Dear Reader,

The 7th issue of RenRen Chinese is here, just before the school ends. Our editors would like extend best wishes to all of you for a fun and safe summer. RenRen Chinese is a monthly newsletter for every student, parent, and teacher and we would appreciate your help in keeping this little tree growing. We welcome any comments, stories or any notes you would like to share and to publish in this newsletter. Please send any contributions or questions to:

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June—August 2008

5/3: RCS Fall Registration	6/9: RCS Summer School Starts
5/10: Chinese Cuisine Fest	8/8: Olympic Opening Ceremony
5/17: Last Day of School	8/15: RCS Summer School Ends
Celebrate Summer!	8/23: Fall Semester Starts (tentative)
	Check for update on school website: <a href="http://www.raychineseschool.org">www.raychineseschool.org</a>