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Zhongmin Jin re-elected as principal for 2013—2014 school year

The board of directors held its third meeting of the year on February 24 at the Still Campus.

After the candidate for the new school year's speech, current principal Mr. Zhongmin Jin was re-elected for the 2013 - 2014 school year. Also, the board approved Ms. Zhihong Guo to serve as summer camp director for 2013.

The meeting also discussed the School Board proposal regarding subleasing the facility from the Lang Lang Chinese School and the summer school facility arrangement. The proposal was approved.

Mr. Zhixun Fu, one of parents at Still campus, attended the meeting as an observer, and later joined the School Committee and directors' discussion about Chinese teaching reform and other issues, with a positive and wide-ranged exchange of constructive comments and suggestions.

Editor's Desk

Summer camps in China for oversea students

This summer, Ray Chinese will have two summer camps to China: 1) Sponsored by Shang Dong Province, 8/7/13—8/18/13, US\$15 or ¥100 per day (airfare to/from China not included)

2) Sponsored by Shanghai, 7/19/13 or 7/24/13—8/6/13, ¥1,000 or ¥1,400 (airfare to/from China not included) two camp sites (Shanghai and Beijing). For more details, please check [Ray Chinese School](http://RayChineseSchool.com) web site.

每月一字

Word of the Month



What's in a Chinese Character

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Spring

拼音 (pīnyīn) pinyin: chūn

笔画 (bǐhuà) number of strokes: 9

The Chinese characters 春 meaning is spring.

词源 (cíyuán) Etymology: In spring, the sunshine of "日 (rì) the sun" is an essential factor for sprouts growing into plants. So "日 (rì)" is taken as the radical of "春 (chūn)." And the upper part of "春 (chūn)" looks like sprouts growing into plants. So comes the character "春 (chūn)."

部首 (bùshǒu) Radical: 日

常用词语 (chángyòng cíyǔ) Frequently-used words or phrases: 春节 (chūnjié) Spring Festival, 春天 (chūntiān) spring.

Practice Chinese Characters here:

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RCS Calendar and Holidays

March 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
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3/10 – Daylight Saving Time starts Spring Break—No school on 3/23, 3/24 & 3/30, 3/31						

April 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
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Culture Express

一年之计在于春，一日之计在于晨 (Yì nián zhī jì zài yú chūn, yī rì zhī jì zài yú chén) *A year's plan starts with spring; a day's plan starts with early morning* is a popular Chinese proverb that shows how Chinese people think of the changing of the seasons during a year and how they relate to one's daily life. "一年之计在于春 (yì nián zhī jì zài yú chūn) *A year's plan starts with spring*" was "总结 (zǒngjié) *summed up*" by the farmers during their cultivation of crops. It emphasizes the importance of spring out of the four seasons and that a good "收获 (shōuhuò) *harvest*" depends on the spring sowing. "一日之计在于晨 (yī rì zhī jì zài yú chén) *A day's plan starts with early morning*" refers to the best time of a day being the early morning, and that it is good to make a whole day's "计划 (jìhuà) *plan*" early in the morning. What's more, in Chinese language, teenagers are compared with the spring, since they are full of hopes and dreams for their lives ahead of them. That's why the Chinese word "青春 (qīngchūn) *youthful*" which contains the character "春 (chūn) *spring*" is used to describe the young people who are at the spring season of their life.



Spring is one of the four conventional temperate seasons following winter and preceding summer. Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth.