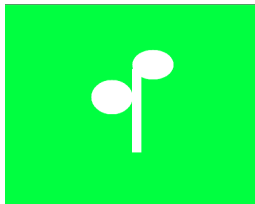


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## A MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR CHINESE LEARNERS

### Ray Chinese School News And Events

- Ray Chinese School starts accepting students for Chinese courses and after school program in its learning center. Learning center locates at : 6442 College Rd, Lisle, IL 60532. Class time is between 3:00pm and 6:00pm from Monday to Friday. For more information, please email to [info@raychineseschool.org](mailto:info@raychineseschool.org).
- A kindly reminder: Sunday, 9/15/2013 is the last day for tuition payment. There is a 10% late fee added to your tuition if payment is paid after September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> is the Mid-Autumn Festival. Ray Chinese School has a moon cake sale at Kennedy location on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and possibly September 21 also.

### Fun Facts about Chinese Language

- The Chinese value their traditions and history – after all, they have a recorded history of almost 5000 years. There's a certain richness in all the expressions and idioms of a language as old as Mandarin. For instance, the word for “computer” is 电脑, (pronounced as diàn nǎo) which literally means “electric brain”. “telephone” is 电话 (pronounced as diànhuà) which literally means “electric words”. “movie” is 电影 (pronounced as diànyǐng) which literally means “electric image” – clever, isn't it?
- Chinese script originally used pictographs, a picture for a word (or character). Many characters are still recognizable, such as 木 (wood), 林 (woods) and 森 (forest). Do you see the logic and images from these words? one 木 is wood, two 木 are woods and three 木 are forest!

# What's in a Chinese Character

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每  
月  
一  
字

Word of the Month

# 月

4 strokes

Moon, month

月光: moonlight

To form the character for moon (or lunar month) man chose the crescent. The original pictograph suggested two phases of a waxing new moon. Tilting it and then directing it earthwards; 月 exposed man to the influence of moonbeam radiation – with striking consequences.



*Practice Chinese Characters here:*

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### RCS Calendar and Holidays

#### September 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
1 No Chinese School	2	3	4	5	6	7 Chinese School
8 Chinese School	9	10	11	12	13	14 Chinese School
15 Chinese School	16	17	18	19 moon Festival	20	21 Chinese School
22 Chinese School	23	24	25	26	27	28 Chinese School
29 Chinese School	30					

#### October 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
		1	2	3	4	5 Chinese School
6 Chinese School	7	8	9	10	11	12 Chinese School
13 Chinese School	14	15	16	17	18	19 Chinese School
20 Chinese School	21	22	23	24	25	26 Chinese School
27 Chinese School	28	29	30	31 Hal-loween		

# Happy Mid-autumn Festival!

zhōng qiū jié kuài lè

## 中秋节快乐!

Chinese Mid-autumn Festival is on the 15th of the 8th lunar month. It's also known as the Moon Festival. Chinese culture is deeply imbedded in traditional festivals. Just like Christmas and Thanksgiving in the west, the Moon Festival is one of the most important traditional events for the Chinese. The following picture gallery shows a few traditional activities Chinese people do to celebrate the holiday. Sit back and enjoy the poetical pictures.



Family gets together to drink tea and eat moon cakes under the bright moonlight.



嫦娥奔月  
chángé bēnyuè  
A famous legend of the Festival



Moonlight on this night is so bright. Its beauty arouses many poets to write about the night. One of the most famous verses is 海上生明月，天涯共此时， which means 'the bright moon is rising over the sea. People share this moment from the corners of the world'.



**Editor's Desk** We like to recommend a Moon Festival video for you to watch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGL3IB8njOM>