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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR CHINESE LEARNERS

Board Election Results

Votes were cast on December 7th at Kennedy Jr High and December 8th at Still Middle School for the following offices by voting members:

Ballots were counted and confirmed by each of the following bodies: School Board, School Committee, and Parents.

Election Results as Follows:

Total votes received: 193

Number of invalid ballots: 1

Number of valid ballots: 192

Total Candidates: 5

Board Positions Available: 3 (Three highest ballots win available board positions)

Wang Zhong 138

Xi Jian 56

Xu Bo 104

Li Boqiang 97

Zhan Wang 112

According to election results:

Wang Zhong, Zhan Wang and Xu Bo were elected as the board representatives. The effective terms of office are from January 1st, 2014 to December 31st, 2016.

Effective Board Members for the New Term:

Wang Lei

Zhao Yongzhong

Wang Jing

Mao Wenlei

Liu Shanying

Wang Zhong hu

Zhan Wang

Xu Bo

Zhang Shengzhong

The Board thanks all school committees, organizers, parents, and voting members for participation in making this election a great success.

New Year's Greetings :

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年年有余: May you always get more than you wish for!

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岁岁平安: May you start safe and sound all year round !



What's in a Chinese Character

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每月一学

Word of the Month

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马 (horse)

Written Character 3 strokes

马上: Immediately

马路: road. Street



.Practice Chinese Characters here:

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Chinese Zodiac

The Chinese Zodiac consists of a 12 year cycle, each year of which named after a different animal that imparts distinct characteristics to its year. Many Chinese believe that the year of a person's birth is the primary factor in determining that person's personality traits, physical and mental attributes and degree of success and happiness throughout his

lifetime. The Chinese Zodiacs are Rat鼠, Ox牛, Tiger虎, Rabbit兔, Dragon龙, Snake蛇, Horse马, Sheep羊, Monkey猴, Rooster鸡, Dog狗, Boar猪.

This year is the Year of the Horse.

RCS Calendar and Holidays

JANUARY 2014

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
			1 New Year	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Laba	9	10	11 School Begins
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King day	21	22	23	24	25 Tuition Due
26	27	28	29	30 New Year's Eve	31 Happy Chinese New Year!	

February 2014

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
						1
2	3	4 Spring Begins	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Lantern Festival	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	
2/14 <u>Valentine's Day</u> Riddle Answer: horse and snowman.						



Culture Express

Laba Festival

Labazhou, (腊八粥), a kind of rice porridge, is traditionally served on the eighth day of the 12th lunar month. Since the number eight has very good connotations in Chinese, Labazhou is also known as eight treasure porridge — Babazhou.

Traditional Labazhou consists of boiled rice, millet, glutinous millet, glutinous rice, chestnuts and dried dates. Add to that peanuts, almonds, walnuts, melon - seed kernels, dried fruits and brown sugar to make the sticky dessert not only delicious but also nutritious.

The introduction of Labazhou on the eighth of the 12th month was first observed in the Song Dynasty. According to written records, large Buddhist temples would offer rice porridge with other spices on this day, a Buddhist festival day. By the Ming Dynasty, Labazhou had become such a sacred food that it was a customary festival gift the emperors offered to their officials. As Labazhou gained the favor of the feudal upper class, it quickly became popular throughout the country.



Editor's Desk:

What always goes to bed with his shoes on? (Animal)

What man can not live inside a house? (Thing)

The riddle answer to be found on second page