



Earth Day Spring Cleanup

Yinghua Academy is participating in the NE Minneapolis 3rd Annual Earth Day Spring Cleanup next Saturday, April 17th, from 10-Noon. We will pick up trash around the school, then walk to Bethany Covenant Village to rake leaves. Bags, gloves and rakes will be provided.

Please let **Carl** know if you plan to attend!

General Membership Meeting

Please Join Us To

- Elect new YACA board members
- Talk about recent YACA activities and look ahead to summer activities
 - Hold our semi-annual used uniform and Chinese outfits sale
 - Get an updated "state of the school" address, and
- Get a detailed update on plans for the Yinghua Academy Middle School by school director, Betsy Lueth.

Bring a family "picnic" or a snack and join us as we celebrate our Yinghua community and friendship.

Free childcare is available during the meeting for kids 3 and older. Complete and detach the registration form below by **Monday, May 3**.

YINGHUA CARE REGISTRATION FORM

YACA Parent Meeting ✦ Wednesday, May 5 ✦ 6:00pm
Childcare is on a first come/first serve basis. Please return this form by Monday, May 3

Name/Ages of Children

Name(s) of Parent(s)

Phone

Email

Yinghua Academy Community Association

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The parents of Yinghua

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Call for Board Members!

Looking for a way to get involved and give back? Wanting to volunteer but finding it difficult to do so during the day? Joining the YACA board is a great way to get involved in the school, get to know other parents, connect with school administration, and have a good time while doing good for your child's school.

YACA is the acronym for the Yinghua Academy Community Association. It is the parent group of Yinghua. We function similarly to a PTA or PTO (parent/teacher association/organization). The YACA board consists of nine elected members and meets once a month to plan events for our kids, help the school and set up parent education opportunities.

This past year YACA has:

- Welcomed everyone to the Back to School picnic and used uniform sale
- Sponsored the classroom coordinator program at Yinghua
- Held the Grandparents Day and Kite Festival
- Raised money through the Blue Sky Guide and Red Envelope Campaign
- Held two parent education nights including the Immersion Education presentation and the Behavioral Education presentation
- Coordinated the wonderful classroom enrichment programs (funded by your generous gifts to the Red Envelope Campaign) for scientific and artistic programming like the

yaca calendar & events see you there!

✦ **SPRING CLEAN UP**
Saturday, April 17
10am - Noon, Yinghua

NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 26

✦ **YACA General Membership Meeting**
Wednesday, May 5
6pm, Yinghua Academy

✦ **First Friday Coffee**
Friday, May 7
Urban Harvest

SPRING BREAK
March 29 - April 2

Yinghua Academy does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, family care leave status or veteran status.

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Supporting the mission of Yinghua Academy, its students, teachers and staff by providing volunteers, fundraising and assistance in cooperation with the Director and the School Board.

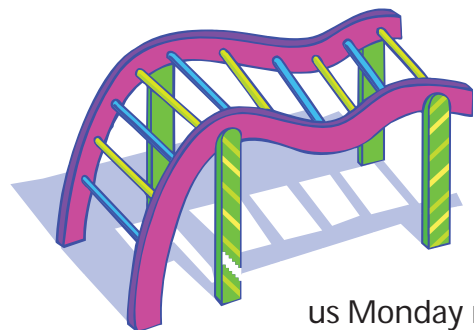
recent field trips to the Children's Theatre, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the visits from the Science Museum of Minnesota last Fall.

The YACA board is a working board (meaning we do planning, set-up and take down for events, and anything else that needs to be done to help our kids). Yes, it is work – but it is fun too – and what better organization to give to then your children's school?

Want to be a part of the YACA board? Curious and wanting to learn more? Please contact **Jean Parish** at jeanstrohmparish@yahoo.com or (651) 699-1245 or **Tess DeGeest** at tdegeest@hotmail.com or (651) 276-5128.

Candidate statements will need to be submitted (a paragraph on why you want to be on the board, what talents you bring to the position) and will be shared with voters prior to the elections which will be held at the **General Membership Meeting** on Wednesday, May 5th at 6pm at Yinghua.

Monkey-Bar Mondays



Attention younger siblings:

Bring a parent and come join

us Monday mornings (following drop-off) at

the park behind Yinghua for an informal playtime.

With the weather warming up, it's a great time to get outside, run around, and meet new friends. (New families with students entering kindergarten this fall are also welcome to attend.)

And the Winner is... YOU, your kids and the Yinghua Community!

A big, heartfelt thank you to each of you from the Red Envelope Campaign committee and the YACA board. Your generosity and willingness to step up for our kids and our school has contributed to a total of \$24,495 for artistic and scientific partnerships and other classroom enrichment activities. This is fantastic!

These funds are absolutely essential to continuing the wonderful programming that is brought into every classroom for every child. We know times are challenging and cannot thank you – our loyal families and donors – enough for your ongoing support of our kids and our school. Your charitable gifts are all the more meaningful and will ensure that all of our kids will continue to benefit from these extraordinary opportunities.

Xie! Xie! Thank you.



Please Join Us For a Cup of Joe!

First Friday coffee is on **Friday, May 7th at Urban Harvest**. If you haven't been able to attend one of these informal parent get-togethers yet this year – we especially invite you to come and connect with us and others in our Yinghua Community.



2010 Art-a-Whirl

Saturday, May 15th
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Arts, Crafts and Entertainment for Grownups & Kids!

For more information visit:
www.yinghuaacademy.org

Colorful Tigers by Students
Photograph by Brian Sobaski



Gently Used Uniforms, Shoes, Jackets and Chinese Outfits

Gently Used Uniforms, Shoes, Jackets and Chinese Outfits Sale
Spring is here! Our little ones are sprouting and growing their old uniforms. YACA will host a Used Uniform Sale at their next general membership meeting on May 5th.

Please, if you would like to donate your children gently used and clean clothes, you can drop them off by the main office starting April 26th. Items donated will be sold at the Used Uniform sale and funds raised will be given to our school.

We will be accepting uniforms (black pants/skirts, blue shirts, Yinghua logo clothing) and also gently used shoes, jackets and Chinese outfits. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Ana Ly** at lyxxx009@umn.edu.

