



Looking For a Way to Get Involved and Give Back? Look No Further!

Are you interested in your child's school? Do you like to get involved and get things done? Do you want to feel more connected and meet other parents? Are you available at least once a month? Do friends call you the kind of person that makes things happen? Then we want you on the YACA board!

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) at other public schools. The YACA board consists of nine elected members and meets monthly. Elections for open board positions will be held in May. YACA and its board members are essential parts of the Yinghua family and are the driving force behind many

things at our school. Building community among Yinghua families and between Yinghua families and school staff, fundraising for our students, and parent education are all activities that YACA engages in to benefit Yinghua and our children.

Some specific examples of what we do are: The Back to School Picnic and Used Uniform Sale; sponsoring and overseeing the Classroom Coordinators program; the popular Grandparents Day and Kite Festival; the Blue Sky Guide and Red Envelope Campaign fundraisers; sponsored parent education nights (like the Immersion Education presentation last fall and the recent Behavioral Education presentation by Carl Schlueter); and of course, the ever popular scientific and artistic partnerships that help

yaca calendar & events

NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 26

SPRING BREAK
March 29 - April 2

☛ **First Friday Coffee**
Friday, April 9
Urban Harvest

NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 26

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

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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.

make our children's classroom experiences even more engaging. If you or your child has participated in any of these events or activities you have benefitted from and been a part of YACA.

Sound interesting? Want to learn more about YACA and the fun we have while helping our school? Please contact **Jean Parish** at jeanstrohmparish@yahoo.com or (651) 699-1245 or **Tess DeGeest** at tdegeest@hotmail.com or 651-276-5128.

It Is Not Too Late — Help Us Close the Gap

Worried you missed your chance to make a gift to support all the great scientific and artistic partnerships that YACA funds at Yinghua? Worry not.

You can still make a gift to help fund all the neat programs that YACA supports (like the cool clay tile project of student portraits at the entrance to Yinghua and the Science Museum visits to each classroom) and we hope you will consider doing so. YACA is making one final push before we wrap up the annual Red Envelope Campaign and we need your help to close the gap so we do not have to make tough decisions about what programs to continue and which to consider discontinuing.

To those of you who have already made a gift, we thank you and appreciate your generosity. Are you able to do more? If so, we invite you to consider making a supplemental gift in support of these fabulous programs that benefit all Yinghua students. Have you not yet had a chance to make a gift, we encourage you to do so and ask that you do so soon. YACA will report final campaign totals when we return from Spring Break.



Please look in your child's backpack for a final Red Envelope Campaign reminder and envelope later this week. Don't want to wait for the reminder and envelope? You don't have to - you can go online anytime to the Red Envelope Campaign website at <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Red-Envelope>.

You can still make a difference by making a gift!

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.)

Save the Date

Join us for our next YACA General Membership meeting—and the last of the school year 2009/2010—on **Wednesday, May 5, 6pm at Yinghua**. This meeting will include updates on activities from YACA as well as YACA Board elections, the ever-favorite Used Uniform sale, a “State of the School” address and detailed update on plans for the Yinghua Middle School by school Executive Director Betsy Lueth. Child care for children age 3 and up will be provided by YACA. Bring a family “picnic” and join us for an evening celebrating our Yinghua parent community and friends.”



Please Join Us!

For Friday coffee on **Friday, April 9**, at **Urban Harvest**.