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CIAU OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2009

Mid-Autumn Festival Sponsored by CIAU

CIAU Teachers Jenny Zhang and Shirley Zhu went to Corning, NY to participate in Corning Chinese Association's celebrations of the Mid-Autumn Festival (*Zhong Qiu Jie*) on October 3rd.



Prof. Kai Hu performing Taichi at the festival



Students and faculty group photo

Meeting with Binghamton City School District

Wilfred Huang met with Superintendent Peggy Wozniak and other school administrators from surrounding counties and BOCES on October 8 to discuss setting up Confucius classrooms and launching a Mandarin teacher-training program next summer.



Dr. Peggy Wozniak, Superintendent of
Binghamton City School District

Naples Central School District

Teachers Jenny Zhang and Shirley Zhu attended the Naples Central School District Open House on October 14; they were warmly welcomed by faculty, parents, and students. So far, 433 students in the elementary grades are enrolled in the program to learn Mandarin,

and 296 students have been studying about China and the fundamentals of Mandarin once per week.



CIAU instructors at the Open House of Naples Central School

Shirley Zhu Guest Speaker in Human Studies Class

CIAU teacher Shirley Zhu was invited to the Asian Religions class in the Human Studies Department. On October 19, she gave a presentation titled “Confucius – The Teacher” to introduce the life of Confucius and his philosophy. Ms. Zhu quoted sayings from *The Analects*, a record of Confucius’ thoughts and conversations between him and his disciples that explained the 4 core virtues: benevolence, ritual, filial piety, and loyalty. She also talked with the students about the different interpretations of these values among Chinese and American people and further used her own experience in China and her observations in the US. She presented a book as a gift to Dr. Wakoh Shannon Hickey by a Chinese scholar who explains China’s Daoism.



Shirley Zhu

Hornell Central School District

Teachers Jenny Zhang (who will teach Grade 2) and Shirley Zhu (who will teach Grade 1) met with Bryant Elementary School teachers on October 23 to discuss the launch of the Mandarin language program.



Chinese class in Hornell

Global Awareness Roundtable

On November 11, Shirley Zhu gave an illustrated talk about Wuhan (the city in China of CIAU’s partner institution CUG) for the Global Awareness Roundtable. After her engaging and enlightening presentation, she answered questions from the audience – questions ranging from university students’ military exercises to what the CIAU aims to accomplish.

Upcoming Events:

Request for additional teachers

CIAU has put in a request for two additional Mandarin teachers; if successful, the teachers should arrive in January.

Book Exhibitions

The *Hanban* will be sending an additional 1,000 textbooks and books on China's history and culture to the Hornell City School District for a display on February 8, 2010. Similar arrangements will be scheduled for Naples Central School District and the Binghamton City School District for a display in March 2010.

Principals' Delegation to China

On December 2, two principals from the Binghamton Central School District and one from Naples Central School District will visit China for 8 days.

CIAU trip to China

From December 9 – 18, Wilfred Huang, Bill Hall and Liu Xinquan will be in Beijing for the annual Confucius Institute meeting with *Hanban* (Headquarters) leaders (Dec. 11 – 13) and in Wuhan to meet with people at CIAU's partner institution, China University of Geosciences (CUG).

Spring Festival

On Saturday, February 13th, CIAU will celebrate the Chinese New Year (*Chunjie*) with a dinner and a dance program by visiting performers from CUG. Details TBA. The CUG troupe will perform in Corning on 2/14, in Buffalo on 2/15, at Bryant University in RI

from 2/18 - 2/24, in Binghamton on 2/26, and in New York City on 2/28.

March 16

Golden Dragon Acrobats will perform in Harder Hall Auditorium. Details TBA.

Chinese Language Competition

Oral presentations will be judged; the winner's prize is an iPod Touch. Scheduled for April, 2010. Details TBA.

A-2-A (Asia to Alfred)

Scheduled for April 11, 2010, 8 pm

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