



Thư của Hiệu trưởng Wargad ka socota Maamulaha
From the Principal 校长的信
Liham mula sa Principal Carta del Director

REMINDER: **SCHOOL DISMISSES EARLY** at 12:00 (NOON) on Thursday, February 14th due to a teacher furlough day. Buses will arrive home 3 hours early that day. And there is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, February 15th or Monday, February 18th for Mid-Winter Break.



February 8, 2013

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

**Gungshi Fat Choi! Chúc mừng năm mới!
Happy Lunar New Year!**

This Monday, February 11th, we would like to encourage all students to come to school dressed in traditional clothing from their family's heritage or from the traditions of another culture. Or, students may choose to wear RED that day. In many cultures, red is associated with good luck, good fortune, fine health, prosperity, happiness.

From the Wing Luke Museum: In 2013, the official Lunar New Year day is Sunday, February 10, 2013. The Chinese and Vietnamese zodiacs are represented by 12 animals. According to legend, the Jade Emperor invited the animals of his kingdom to enter a race through the countryside. The first 12 to finish the long race would each rule over one year every 12 years. The 12 animals are: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit (or cat in Vietnam), dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. **Snake years:** 1905, 1917, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013. **Famous snakes:** Abraham Lincoln, Oprah Winfrey, Bob Dylan, Picasso, Mahatma Gandhi, and Kanye West. **Characteristics of people born in the Year of the Snake:** charming, wise, vibrant, savvy, refined, and subtle.

The Wing Luke has a Lunar New Year Coloring Contest every year! If you'd like to participate, go to wingluke.org/2013newyear/contest.htm to download the coloring contest sheet. Entries are due by March 31st at 5PM.

Again, Happy Lunar New Year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Aramaki – 校長荒牧 - Gg. Aramaki - *Sr. Aramaki*

Announcements Avisos 公告 Paunawa **Thông báo** Ogagsiis

- **Don't Forget to Vote!** Ballots for the upcoming vote on Seattle Public Schools' building and operations levies are due this Tuesday.

- **Memorial Service for Lisa Williams on February 10th** – There will be a celebration of Ms. Williams’ life on February 10th from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at the Ballard Elks Club, which is upstairs in the Shilshole Bay Beach Club. It is open to anyone who would like to attend. Donations in Ms. Williams’ memory can be made to Cancer Care at www.swedishfoundation.org.
- **Safety and Security Update:** Let me start with a thank you to all our parents, visitors and volunteers who have been so gracious and flexible with our new front office sign in procedures. This week we have been working with the Seattle District safety and security officers to make sure that BHIS has a solid and comprehensive plan in place to deal with emergencies. This involves an eleven page inventory which includes updating family and staff contact numbers, as well as refreshing food, water and buying new batteries for flashlights. If you have any questions or would like to become a member of our safety committee, please contact Helen Finch, Head teacher, 252-2708.
- **I Sing Beijing** is a groundbreaking program of the Mandarin Chinese Academy of Vocal Arts that enables Western professional singers to perform in Mandarin. Young vocal stars from the United States, Europe and around the world are trained in Beijing under the direction of acclaimed Metropolitan Opera singer Hao Jiang Tian. They bring a sublime combination of classical and modern Chinese and Western repertoire, fully reflecting the concept that art has no borders.
When: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Where: University of Washington, Seattle, HUB Lyceum Theater
Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$50 with VIP reception. Students free
RSVP: confucius.washington.edu or ciwa@uw.edu
- **CulturalFest** Explore the cultures of the world with FIUTS during this one-of-a-kind festival for all ages on February 14th and 15th! Try crafts, games and other activities at this fun festival of world cultures. There will be music, dance and martial arts performers from across the globe. Postcard with more information will be going home with your student.

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Calendario</i>	日历	Kalendaryo	Lich	Taarikhda
Feb. 12	Kindergarten Information Night – 6:00pm-7:00pm				
Feb. 14	3-Hour Early Dismissal – School Dismisses at 12:00 Noon				
Feb. 15	NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break				
Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break & President’s Day Holiday				
Feb. 20	Kindergarten Tour – 9:30am-11:00am				
March 6	2-Hour Early Dismissal				
March 15	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day				

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<i>Español</i> – Srta. Lorena @ 252-2681	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Chilo @ 252-2681	<i>Español</i> – Ms. Taylor @ 252-2681
Tagalog – Ms. B @ 252-2682	Việt – Ms. Le @ 252-2682	
廣東話/台山話/普通話 – Ms. Wong @ 252-2670	普通話/粵語/台灣話 – Ms. Lee @ 252-2670	