

January 2012

Dear Woods School parent,

The Woods School Parent Teacher group is excited to tell you about our upcoming cultural studies and lunches. Your student(s) will learn about China during January, Ireland during March, and Greece during May. Our goal is to help the children understand and appreciate some of the diverse ethnic groups of our world.



The Chinese Year of the Dragon begins on January 23. To celebrate, in-school cultural programs, tailored for each grade level, may include:

- Reading books about China
- Hands-on crafts and projects
- Educational videos
- Music and art experiences
- A guest presentation on studying and doing business in China
- Physical education – learning about Chinese games or sports
- Chinese lunch on Friday, January 27

With your help, these will be enriching and educational studies. During January, please ask your child what is happening at school related to China. Beyond in-school activities, we encourage you to spend time together at home learning more about the Chinese culture. To assist you, we have prepared this packet of information which includes facts about the Chinese New Year celebration, a recommended book list, website links, and other resources to help you explore China with your child.

Your family may wish to attend one of these fun events in Milwaukee and Chicago.

Milwaukee, Saturday, January 21, 2012. From 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center is presenting a Chinese New Year Celebration at the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. The Domes will be decorated with Chinese lanterns, ribbons and lights. Activities include a parade, Kung Fu, various dance performances, shopping for Chinese food/gifts, and hands-on arts, crafts and calligraphy. Adults \$6.50 Children \$5.00 www.milwaukeechinese.org

Chicago, Sunday, January 29, 2012. The Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce will host the 2012 Lunar New Year Parade celebrating the Year of the Dragon 4710. This colorful parade features marching bands, elaborate floats, Miss Friendship Ambassador, lion dance teams, and a 100 foot long paper dragon made out of silk, paper, and bamboo. Activities start at 11:30 and the parade begins at 1:00. W Cermak Rd & S Wentworth Ave, Chicago, IL 60616. Free! More details about the parade route, transportation and parking recommendations are at <http://gochicago.about.com> in the parades and events tabs.

We hope you enjoy this material and thank you for supporting the Wood School Parent Teacher Group.