

# Mandarin Program at EPSD

(Immersion in Mandarin Achieves Gains in Education)

## January & February 2018 Edition

### Quarles

Students learned the culture of the Lunar Chinese New Year, such as family reunion during New Year's Eve and children getting money from adults.

Students learned how to say "Happy New Year" in Mandarin.



Kindergarteners made paper lanterns to celebrate the Lantern Festival which is a part of the celebration of the Chinese New Year. They also learned that Chinese people eat rice dumpling during the Lantern Festival.



### McCloud

4<sup>th</sup> graders learned Mandarin words that are deemed lucky in the Chinese tradition. They made Chinese red envelopes.



5<sup>th</sup> graders used Chinese ink painting to draw acknowledge the year of the dog.



6<sup>th</sup> graders made a picture book to introduce the Chinese New Year.



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### Happy Year of the Dog!

**Chinese New Year 2018:** On Friday, February 16, rings in the Year of the Dog, which is the 11th of a dozen zodiac animals in the Chinese calendar.

Celebrations extend over two weeks; from the beginning of Chinese New Year's Day. People decorate their houses, put on lanterns, couplets and papercuts, light up fire crackers, and enjoys getting together with family for a big dinner. Children receive red envelopes with money from adults as a sign of good wish.





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## Grieco

On February 16, Mandarin students participated in the Black History Month assembly by performing the African Drum. They also performed the lion dance drum to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



*Photo courtesy of Teresa Aviles Holland*

## JDMS

As a mission of DMHS's Chinese Honor Society, on Feb. 7, eleven of the members came to JDMS to have Chinese New Year celebrations with middle school students.



## Quarles (continued)

Kindergarten students learned the names of the clothing as they began to understand how to answer questions such as "whose shirt it is?" and "whose shoes are these?"



## DMHS/DMAE

On Feb. 14, the Chinese Club successfully held Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day celebrations in the south building Cafeteria.





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## Grieco (Ms. Chao's classes)



The bulletin board displayed the story of Chinese New Year. (Presented by first, second and third graders)



While wearing the traditional Chinese children hat, students became immersed in the culture they are studying. 1<sup>st</sup> graders learned how to say the Chinese New Year wish words.



"Yuan Xiao Jie" was on the fifteenth day, also the last day of the Chinese New Year. Students celebrated by guessing lantern riddles. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders created the paper lion and practiced the lion dance drum.



How do you make "Yuan Xiao" glutinous (sticky) rice ball?

Besides guessing riddles, another important part of the Lantern Festival is to eat small rice balls made of glutinous rice flour. We call these balls "元宵", Yuan Xiao.

Students learned how to make Yuan Xiao step by step.



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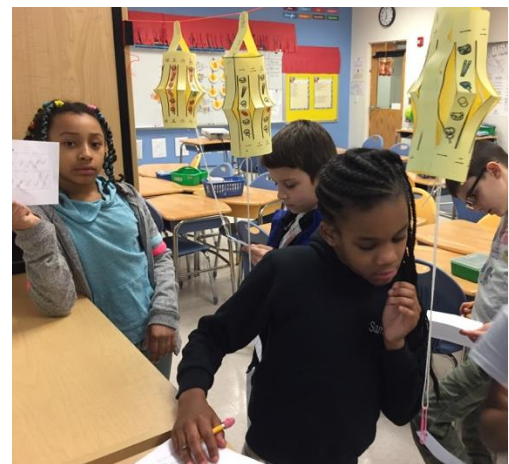
1st graders immersed themselves in the Chinese New Year celebration by making Chinese clothes, Chinese hats, and red envelopes. They chanted a Chinese rhyme Dongdong Qiang.



The Lantern Festival fell on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Chinese New Year, which is the first full moon of the lunar calendar. 1<sup>st</sup> graders learned about the moon phases and created an Oreo moon phase plate.



2<sup>nd</sup> graders learned about the cultural practices of the Chinese New Year. They made paper cuttings and dragon dance puppets.



3<sup>rd</sup> graders had dumplings to celebrate the Chinese New Year. On the day of the Lantern Festival, they enjoyed guessing lantern riddles.