



# Mandarin Program at EPSD

(Immersion in Mandarin Achieves Gains in Education)

## Newsletter MAY & JUNE 2017 Mandarin Art Show and Showcase-Special Edition

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Mercedes Tellez Gil

### Mandarin Art Show

The Mandarin Art Show was held at Grieco Media Center on June 7, 2017. The exhibition includes fifteen artifacts, such as Chinese painting, calligraphy, origami, paper cutting, children toy DIY, clay, rock painting, and Science projects, etc.





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Mandarin Showcase was held at the Auditorium of Dwight Morrow High School on June 14, 2017.



Photos on the left:

1<sup>st</sup> grade students performed a musical skit named My Dear Rabbits. The little rabbits bravely fought the wolf that tried to trick them into their home pretending to be their mother.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade students performed on the big drum- Waking The Lion.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade students formed a band to play the famous Chinese folk song- Jasmine Flower.



Photos on the right:

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys performed Chinese Martial Arts, which is called Kung Fu or Wushu.

5<sup>th</sup> grade girls performed a beautiful fan dance. The traditional Chinese fan dance has been a part of China's heritage for over two thousand years.

4<sup>th</sup> grade girls performed the ribbon dance. The art of Chinese ribbon dancing is celebrated in China.



8<sup>th</sup> graders performed Chinese Yo-Yo and dance.



Anti-War Musical: We were Happy until the War Stops Us...Let's Imagine

Photos on the top:

Arlene Ng (Quarles school principal) performed a song named "Mom Is the Best in the World". Her singing touched the audience's heart.

7<sup>th</sup> grade performed the Fashion Show.

Kindergarteners sang "The More We Get Together" and "Spring Morning". Their voices were angelic.



The DMAE 11<sup>th</sup> grade Level 3 honor students, performed a wonderful and colorful Tai-Chi Kong Fu fan dance.

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