



Mandarin Program at EPSD

(Immersion in Mandarin Achieves Gains in Education)

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SPECIAL THANKS

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In the same way, I extend my appreciation to Hanban/Confucius Institute at Rutgers University and Asia Society for their partnership, support, and on-going generosity.

Mercedes Tellez Gil

The Art of Chinese Dance

Performed by Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company

Pictures by Teresa Holland

June 7, 2018 Mandarin Program hosted The Art of Chinese Dance assembly at Quarles and Grieco schools. Performed by Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, an interactive dance program brought our students on a journey to explore one of the most ancient cultures in the world.



◀ **Fan Dance** is originated from southern states of China, the south of the Yang-Zi River and later became one of the most popular folk dances throughout China.

▶ **Ribbon Dance** is one of the most representative Chinese folk dances. The ribbons symbolize a cloud.



◀ Tai Ping Drum Dance

When the snow starts to melt young men and women sing and dance to celebrate the coming of spring and pray for peace. "Tai Ping" means "peace".

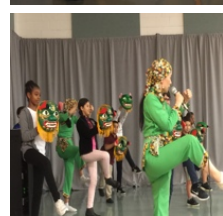
▶ **Spear Dance** is about a brave warrior who is preparing to go into the battlefield.



Audience Participation

◀ The company demonstrates to the students how the dancers were trained.

▶ Selected Students were brought to the performance area to learn Chinese Lion Dance with mask.



◀ Umbrella Dance

A dance from Taiwan. The dance depicts the joy of tea farmers playing in the rain in the mountain. The umbrellas are made out of special fabric from the Hakka group who reside in the mountain region in Taiwan.



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Mandarin Art Show

6.7. 2018 Grieco Media Center

Pictures by Ms. Bi

The Mandarin Art Show provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to reminisce the past. Thank you to all the people that helped bring this show to life! And many thanks to all the parents for supporting the Mandarin program!



Art Titles:

Spring is Here, Chinese Opera Mask, Chinese Painting, Water and Ink Painting, Chinese Calligraphy, Origami, Paper Cutting, Starry Night, Block Printing, Under the Water, Chinese Children's Toy, Tangram, Fan, My Mother, Form of Printing, Clay Art, Crayon Melting Art, Birch Tree, The Dragon Boat, Fruit Salad, Fruit Print, My Community, Symmetry, My Home...

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High school Mandarin 2 & 3 performed "WuDaong KungFu" in the Diversity Day on June 8th, 2018.

