

# 2008-09 Chinese Language and Culture Class



The goal of the TOPS Chinese Language and Culture program is to provide Chinese language instruction that is fun and developmentally appropriate. The emphasis will be on speaking and listening with some character writing. The class will not aim for language fluency. Rather, we hope it will give the kids important early exposure to foreign languages, and will instill in them a love of language learning and an appreciation of Chinese culture. Classes are offered in three sections, with grades 1-5 starting in October, and Kindergarteners starting in January. Classes are open to students entering the program at any level. Class runs from 3:30-4:15, with snack provided at the start.

<b>Grades 1-2</b> <b>Thursdays</b> <b>Starts</b> October 30, 2008 <b>Meets</b> in C103 (Mrs. Stoneberg) <b>Cost:</b> \$140 for 22 weeks	<b>Grades 3-5</b> <b>Tuesdays</b> <b>Starts</b> October 28, 2008 <b>Meets</b> in C104 (Sarah) <b>Cost:</b> \$140 for 22 weeks	<b>Kindergarten</b> <b>Thursdays</b> <b>Starts</b> January 8, 2009 <b>Meets</b> in C105 (Joan) <b>Cost:</b> \$75 for 16 weeks
<b>Teacher:</b> Pollyanna (Yea-Jae) Wang will return for her second year teaching Chinese at TOPS. A Chinese native, she holds a Masters in Education degree from Ohio State. She has taught Chinese for close to a decade, and she currently teaches Chinese during the school day at Beacon Hill Elementary School. She is a part of a federally-funded program that aims to combine Chinese language instruction with Math.		<b>Teacher:</b> Xiao Yu Jackson is a Chinese interpreter and parent at TOPS. She is a native of Hunan Province. She majored in Psychology at San Francisco State and is currently pursuing her Masters in Social Work at the UW. This will be her 4th year teaching Mandarin at TOPS.

**Funding:** The TOPS Chinese Language and Culture class is parent-funded. We have a Site Council grant this year, and that money is being used to reduce tuition for all enrolled students. If you would like to request additional scholarship help, please let us know on the attached application.

**Contacts:** The Chinese program is run by parents. For more information, please contact: Nancy Bacon ([nancy@bahiastreet.org](mailto:nancy@bahiastreet.org)).

## REGISTRATION FORM

- Grade 1-2 class on Thursdays  
  Grade 3-5 class on Tuesdays  
  Kindergarten class on Thursdays (starting Jan)

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATIVE PHONE (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

- NONE       SOME       A LOT

PRIOR CHINESE LEARNING \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL CONCERNS (Children will be served a snack before class begins.) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND A CHECK to the TOPS Main Office. Checks should be written out to: FRIENDS OF TOPS. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis—please sign up soon!

- FULL TUITION IS ENCLOSED. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I AM REQUESTING A PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP. I can pay and am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Mrs. Scott will contact you directly. Note that you must pay something towards the program fee.)  
 I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT TO THE SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.