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# Tzu Chi Elementary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome, parents and students, from a long winter vacation! We are excited to return to school. We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break.

On Monday, January 16th, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tzu Chi Elementary will be closed to observe the holiday.

We have much to look forward to continuing the school year. Our Chinese New Year Celebration will take place at the end of the month on Friday, January 27 from 3:00-4:00 pm. More information about the celebration will be shared at a later date.

Exciting News in December:

On Friday, December 9th, we had our first parent conference scheduled for the school year. We enjoyed meeting everyone and discussing the progress of our students. Everyone worked very hard this trimester.

Our annual Serenity Donation Drive was a big success this year! We tried to get our students connected to the project as much as possible. Teachers talked with their classrooms about what kids their age might need and motivated students to contribute. Students brought toys and supplies to donate to the foundation. Our upper grade students also hosted a popcorn drive, which was made possible thanks to the kind donation of Ms. Angela, a 3rd grade student's parent.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/13/2017

Chess class

1/16/2017

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
No School

1/20/2017

Monrovia Library Visit

1/27/2016

Award assembly 8:15 am  
Chinese New Year celebration  
3:00-4:00pm



Mary helped make this donation drive successful, and our upper grade students even wrote letters to e-mail out to parents as well as to designed the Popcorn Drive flier. Ms. Mary and the upper grade students volunteered to help sell the popcorn. We earned a total of \$164 from our popcorn drive. Our kind donors, Ms. Elaine and Tzu Chi's CEO Pauline, also included \$400 in total to Serenity. This has been our most successful year yet! There was so much involvement from our community.

Our final Family Night of the school year took place on Wednesday, December 14th. Students of Tzu Chi were invited to learn and play academic games with their friends and family. Everyone had an enjoyable time. We hope to get more parent participation next year as well!

During our Winter Celebration, Tzu Chi students were able to demonstrate all that they have learned from music class. They had been practicing their songs for months and have truly shown that they have mastered their performances. We are so happy to share what they have learned with everyone. Ms. Linda did a fantastic job hosting the event. After the performance, students presented handmade gifts to their families. We are reminded that Christmas is truly a time of family, love, and generosity. We would like to thank St. Luke's Episcopal Church for allowing us to use their facility for the Winter Celebration this year. Ms. Mary and Ms. Linda worked together to make this event possible, and Ms. Jeannine helped contact the church to coordinate practice times. We appreciate everyone who was involved in the celebration and wish you all a happy new year!

Best wishes,  
Elaine Lin  
Principal