

Tzu Chi Elementary School



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May 2017

Important Dates

May 3 – April Award
May 4 – Flower Arrangement
May 12 – Mother’s Day Festival
May 19 – Library Field Trip
May 22 – Tea Ceremony
May 29 – Memorial Day (No School)
May 31 – May Award Ceremony
Chess Class Dates: 5/5, 5/19, and 5/26

Award Recognition

Congratulations to our **April** students of the month!

Kindergarten – Lawrence
1st grade – Winston
2nd grade - Jazlyn
3rd grade – Jason
4/5th grade – Lotus

Jing Si Aphorism

“Carry love in the heart and express it through actions.”
-Master Cheng Yen



Tzu Chi Elementary School staff and students taking a silly group photo on Picture Day

Think strong, be strong, and finish strong. Our character trait for the month of May is *Perseverance*. Summer break is just around the corner, and our students and faculty have been working diligently to finish another great school year.

We will be recognizing some of Tzu Chi Elementary’s finest students on May 3rd and 31st during our Awards Assembly. The week of May 1st is National Teacher’s Appreciation Week. I want to thank all of our teachers for all that they do. Give your teacher a special thank you shout-out.

We have been planning our Summer School Program with some great enrichment opportunities for each summer session. Sign up for some fun.

-Principal Egasani

Meet Principal Egasani

By Lotus C., 4th grader
4-24-17



Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

"I love surfing and I also love watching The Walking Dead. I also really like sea glass artwork sometimes I like to go hunt for sea glass. Sometimes when I go paddle boarding, I like to freedive in the ocean. I also like to coach my son's football team, and I enjoy going to the farmer's market and the flea market."

How long have you worked as a principal?

"Before coming to work at Tzu Chi Elementary School, I worked as a principal and teacher at Oceanview Hills for 8 years."

Who was your favorite teacher when you were a little kid?

"Mrs. Donahue was my favorite teacher. She cared so much about her students and treated them as if they were her own children."

Could you tell us about your family background?

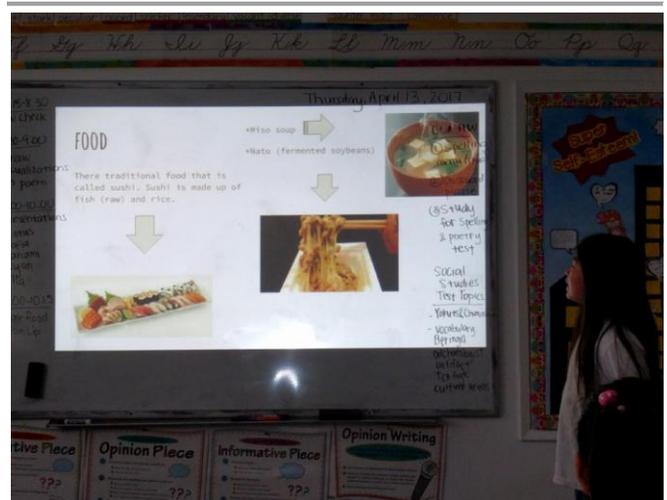
"I have two wonderful kids: one is a girl and one is a boy. My daughter is the eldest; she is 20 years old, and she also goes to college. My son is 14 years old, and he is in 8th grade. My wife is a psychologist, and I have a dog named Barkley."

4/5th grade Tolerance Project

By Ms. Ellen, 4/5th grade teacher
4-20-17

The 3/4/5th graders presented their March character education "Tolerance" project after returning from spring break. The students brought cultural foods from their chosen countries and created a PowerPoint sharing what they had researched. Learning about different countries help students understand that differences are valued. Each country is unique and even though we may not eat the same foods, wear the same clothes, or share the same ideas, we can still be respectful and tolerant of one another.

Our May character education topic is "perseverance". This month, we will discuss the importance of pushing ourselves to succeed and to continue forward even in times of great difficulty. We hope that you can share your stories of perseverance with your children to inspire them to be steadfast and strong!



5th grader Nanami presents her project on Japan.

Student News Continued...

Open House

By Ryan C., 4th grader
4-24-17



2nd grade teacher Ms. Marquez and her students Jazlyn, Ryan, Mira, and Jimmy look at a Social Studies project.

Tzu Chi Elementary's Open House took place on Wednesday, April 19. Parents came in from 6:30-7:30 PM to view their children's work and to explore other grade level classrooms. All the classrooms were bright and colorful and had projects and student work neatly displayed.

Each grade level had several unique features. The Kindergarten classroom had a domino game, books, and art on their walls. Parents could play the domino game with their children. The Kindergarten classroom was interactive and fun.

In the first grade room, there were many cool science projects. For example, they had lava lamps and models of carnivore and herbivore teeth.

Second graders also did an awesome job with so many work displayed from different subjects. They had Chinese writing, famous person biographies, bird nests, and awesome habitat projects. The coolest part of the habitat projects was that they were completely handmade!

The third grade classrooms had writing portfolios, fossils, and Native American hats. It looked like a very cozy place to be in because of the carpet and the bean bag chairs.

The 4th and 5th grade classroom also had many things. Some 3rd grade art and character education assignments were exhibited. There were posters hung outside of this classroom and piano music played in the background as visitors browsed the room.

A day later, the whole school had a snake walk through the classrooms. We enjoyed the snake walk, because we got to see all the amazing projects our students completed throughout the year!

Library Field Trip



Devan, Jason, Justin, and Jimmy pose for the camera on our monthly library field trip in April.

Creative Corner

Submissions: Student Council is accepting submissions for our creative corner. We will take short stories, poems, song lyrics, skits, and more! Each submission may only be half a page long maximum. Make sure an adult proofreads your work before you submit! We will be taking up to three entries per month.

Transformation of the Caterpillar

Ella Buske, 4th grade

In a land unseen by the human eye, long, long ago there was a vain and selfish king who had a desire to rule the world. One day, he was presented with an idea by a caterpillar.

“Call all my brothers and sisters here,” Caterpillar whispered to the king. “Tell them to help you, and in return, you’ll change them into something beautiful.”

The king did this. Soon, he was very close to ruling the world; all he had to do was conquer one last kingdom. Just as his army was about to charge, all the birds in the world attacked them, led by a cuckoo!

“How dare you invade my home!” the cuckoo shouted at the king

The king and his soldiers fled. The king wept for days. The caterpillars came to visit.

“A deal’s a deal!” they demanded

All of a sudden, the king’s tears turned into beautiful wings. The butterflies slipped them on and started flying around the room. And that’s how caterpillars turned into butterflies.



Camouflage Art

Rachel C., 2nd Grade



Desert Biome

Jason W., 3rd Grade

