

# Tzu Chi Elementary School



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## March 2017

### Important Dates

Mar 3 – Natural History  
Museum Field Trip  
Mar 17 – Parent/Teacher  
Conferences (No School)  
Mar 31 – Grandparent's  
Day  
Apr 3 - Apr 7 – Spring  
Recess

### Award Recognition

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

Kindergarten – Clinton  
1<sup>st</sup> grade – Kyle  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Jimmy  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Chantel  
4/5<sup>th</sup> grade – Evan

**AR:** Callahan, Raith

### Jing Si Aphorism

*"The family is an  
everlasting school;  
parents are lifetime  
teachers."*

-Master Cheng Yen



*The students of the month line up for a photo. Evan heartily laughs while Raith sneaks a peek at Kyle's certificate.*

We welcome March by showing appreciation to our grandparents, who continually remind us that there is warmth and safety out there. Send love to your grandparents, listen to their words of wisdom, and thank them for all they have done for us.

In February, the students had an unexpected visit from our community librarian, Ms. Anush. Because of the rainy day season, our library trips had to be cancelled multiple times, but Ms. Anush from the Monrovia library was able to come to us to read us some stories and to get our bodies moving! We are always grateful for our partnership with the Monrovia Public Library.

We look forward to a beautiful month. Here are the highlights of last month!

## Tzu Chi Elementary's 100th Day of School!

By Ms. Ellen, 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher  
2-17-17



*Kindergarteners wear their 100 days hats.*

February 5<sup>th</sup> was our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The kindergarteners celebrated this day by creating their own poster boards with 100 objects! They also made snack bags for the entire school, counting 100 treats into each bag. Our school was invited to see the kindergartener's projects. Each poster was meticulously done, and the kindergarteners did a wonderful job presenting their work!



*Clinton shows his classmates his project.*

## Valentine's at Tzu Chi

By Evan C., 4<sup>th</sup> grader  
2-23-17



The 1st graders celebrated Valentine's Day by doing a card exchange, but the rules are that if you want to bring cards, then you have to bring cards for everyone. After that, the first graders ate Valentine cookies which were a combination of chocolate cookies, sugar cookies, and frosted cookies.

"Sitting in the room thinking about people I like is fun," said Raith, a 1st grader.

Students around the school passed out cards and exchanged gifts as well. Primary grade Chinese language teacher Ms. Wang handed out heart-shaped cookies, while the upper grades received chocolate treats from Ms. Peggy.

## Dental Screening



*On February 3rd, students received a complimentary dental screening from Tzu Chi Dental Clinic. In this photo, 2nd grader Mira is getting her teeth checked.*

# Student News Continued...

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fossils

By Sofia S. and Lotus C., 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
2-24-17



2<sup>nd</sup> grade fossil project.

The 2nd graders were doing a project on clay print fossils. The 2nd graders started this awesome project on 2/13/17. They were learning about fossils because they wanted to know what Earth was like long ago.

The 2nd graders shared what they learned: Rachel learned about how fossils were made and how they are found. Another 2nd grader named Ryan said, "Fossils are found in rocks, tar, ember, and ice. "Fossils are things that passed

away," Ryan's classmate named Jazlyn added. It is amazing that the 2nd graders know so much!

Ms. Stephanie and her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class also started a fossil project this week. They made their own fossils in class today on Friday. They are going to use a lot of different tools to make their fossils.

The students are learning about how scientists study ancient plants and animals by looking at fossils. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are really excited about their project. Next week the school will go on a field trip to the Natural History Museum. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be prepared for this trip!

## Flower Arrangement



*Our flower arrangement class took place on Thursday, February 16th. The students created beautiful arrangements, using roses to symbolize themselves, and mums to symbolize friends and family. In this photo, 1st and 2nd graders watch as a volunteer from Tzu Chi demonstrates how to make a star using a pipe cleaner.*

# Creative Corner

## Submission

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.

## **Pokémon Art: Kyogre**

By Lotus C.



A picture of Kyogre drawn by Lotus, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader.

## **Future Presidents**

By The Kindergarten Class

When I become president I will...

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– President Isabelle

live in the white hous.

– President Melody

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– President Liana

take care of the wrad and live in the white house.

– President Lawrence

Make America Happy Again

– President Clinton

Write loss.

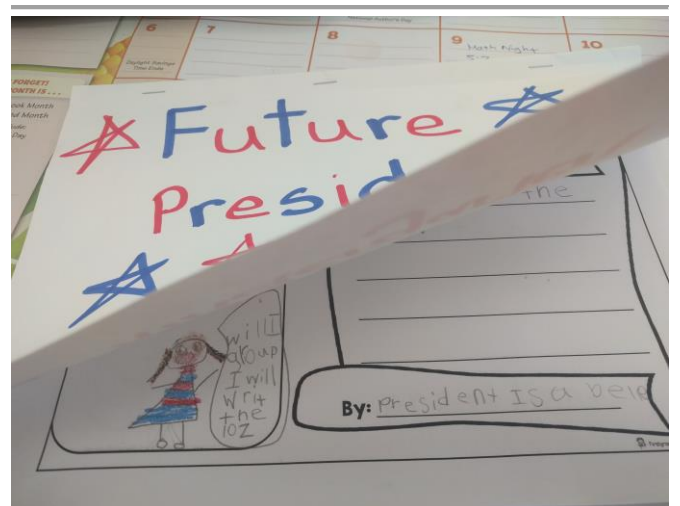
– President Joy

Say thar you God for Evrething!

– President Jacoby

Write los and rlx.

– President Elie



The cover and first page of the book.