

February 1, 2012

Dear WYIS families,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had an enjoyable holiday season spent with family and that your kids have renewed energy and are prepared to start the new semester.

### **New School Building Construction**

For some time we have been anticipating the construction of a new school building; therefore, it gives us great pleasure to announce that the earth movers have begun work on the site. We will let you know when the date is set for the official groundbreaking celebration. Stay tuned for further updates.

### **TCK Specialist in Town**

This week our school is pleased to host Libby Stephens, a passionate advocate of individuals facing cross-cultural transition. She is committed to using her expertise in supporting organizations and schools and empowering individuals worldwide. Libby will be doing two evening seminars with parents on February 2 and 3. These will be held at the Citadines small conference room from 6-8pm on both evenings. During the day Libby will also be sharing with students in assemblies and will be open for one-on-one time throughout the day on Thursday for secondary students and staff to meet with her. We are excited to have brought in this TCK expert, and our hope is that we can all utilize her time and expertise while she's here.

### **Food Bank Fundraisers**

Between February 6 and 17, WYIS will be having Jiao Wars. In case you're wondering, Jiao Wars is a fund-raising competition between grades. Bills will count as positive points worth half their face value (i.e. 100rmb would count for a positive 50 points). Coins will count as negative value (i.e. 1 kuai coin is -10, 1 jiao is -1, and 5 jiao is -5). The winning class gets a pizza party. Money from this fundraiser will be given to the Food Bank.

Another upcoming fundraiser is the Bake Sale. In a bake sale, students (or parents or teachers) bake desserts that get sold during the Basketball Tournament. All Bake Sale money will also go to the Food Bank. If you're interested in helping our students, please contact Jacob Loh [jacobelix@gmail.com](mailto:jacobelix@gmail.com). We thank you for your help in making these fundraisers a success.

### **Music Club for 3rd - 5th**

Music Club will be starting on Wednesday, February 8. If you would like to join with us this semester, please contact Mrs. Bu [cbu@wyischina.com](mailto:cbu@wyischina.com) before Friday, February 3.

### **Art Club**

Art Club will be starting up again on Tuesday, February 14. Art Club is an after-school activity offered to 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th grade students. Permission forms and information are being sent home this week. If you would like your child to participate in Art Club this

*For the convenience of the parents, WYIS now provides three language versions of the online Newsletter: English, Korean, and Chinese. In case of inconsistencies between any of the versions, the English version shall prevail.*

semester, please return a signed permission form along with the activity fee. If you have any questions, you may email Ms. Portinga at [jportinga@wyischina.com](mailto:jportinga@wyischina.com).

### **ISC Basket Tournament-Wuhan**

On February 17-18, WYIS will host the annual International Schools of China (ISC) Basketball Tournament. This year all six schools from all around China will participate in the two-day competition. We are excited about the opportunity to be involved in this fun event. This year the middle school games on Friday will be held at Honda's Gymnasium, while the high school games will be played at the Commercial College. (Both locations are in Hanyang.) On Saturday, all of the playoff games will be held at the Commercial College. More specific information about game times, exact locations, ways to participate, etc. will follow very soon through the following link: <http://www.wyischina.com/extracurricular.php?id=7> . We look forward to this fun time for our school community.

### **WYIS Science and Engineering Fair**

We are pleased to announce that excellent progress is being made toward the Science and Engineering Fair in all of our secondary science classes. In November and December, students chose their topics and began planning their research. In February, students will be given additional time in their science classes to focus on their projects. Students will design and complete their experiments, write a final research paper, and create a poster display with their results. They will then present what they learn to their classmates, judges, and the WYIS community. The top two high school winners have the opportunity to represent WYIS at the ISC Science Fair in Tianjin in March.

On Friday, March 2 from 1 to 3 p.m., we invite you to join us here at WYIS for a Science Fair celebration, where we will enjoy the hard work and science discoveries made by all students! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Longenecker at [blongenecker@wyischina.com](mailto:blongenecker@wyischina.com).

Respectfully yours,

Wuhan Yangtze International School (WYIS)

### **School Calendar of Events:**

January 30	Start Quarter 3
February 9-11	TCK Re-Entry Seminar- <i>Beijing</i>
February 17-18	ISC Basketball Tournament- <i>Wuhan</i>