

## Letter to School Principals/Headmasters/Headmistresses

Since 2008, the Asian Community Service Center (ACSC) has endeavored to spread the spirit of traditional Chinese culture and values to our diverse community in Northern Virginia, DC, and Maryland by holding an annual Festival right before the Chinese New Year. This year is particularly special for Asians; it is the **Year of the Dragon**.

The program includes **classical and ethnic folk dances, traditional lion and dragon dances, musical instruments and vocals, arts and crafts, children's games**, as well as **ethnic cuisines. Children learn a little Chinese** and how to play **Chinese games**. At past events, some lucky children even learned how to do the dragon dance!

Please visit the following link to view past Chinese New Year celebration events: [www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org](http://www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org). Along with entertainment, our festival provides educational opportunities. This year our presentations incorporate the five basic Chinese traditional concepts of ren (**kindness**) yi (**righteousness**), li (**propriety**), zhi (**wisdom**), and xin (**trustworthiness**).

### **EDUCATIONAL TOUR**

China's 5,000 year history leaves us some of the most amazing stories and wisdom to learn from. Have you ever wondered why the dragon is so special, or why Chinese often use the color yellow? Chinese culture is full of inner meaning. Through stories and presentations designed for school-age children and their parents, as well as teachers and school administrators, participants will get a feel for the true essence of Chinese culture. Group reservations are appreciated although we will try our best to accommodate everyone on a first-come, first serve basis.

**The 2012 Year of the Dragon New Year's celebration is FREE.** Join us on **Saturday, Feb 4th , from 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.** at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22042.

### **SCHEDULES**

Performances- All day long.

Dragon Parade -2:00 p.m.

Educational Tours-10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. Start from Information Desk

All activities are free but children may wish to purchase their favorite Asian dish (all affordably priced) or buy a beautiful Chinese craft. They are encouraged to wear Chinese or Asian dress during the event.

Please let us know if you can join us for The Year of the Dragon celebration. We hope you can make it.

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