



# Parent Newsletter

## International Flavors Experienced

Chinese Christian Schools students and teachers were seen dressed in the clothing of various ethnicities in recent weeks as they studied the cultures and cuisine of different nations. International Day at the Alameda campus was a major event with food and displays filling the halls, student presentations on seven different nations, plenty of international games and activities, and lots of parents joining in on the fun.

At the San Leandro campus, the first grade celebrated Fiesta Day on Cinco de Mayo, complete with costumes, decorations, and of course, food. The bright colors and fun activities make learning and appreciating other cultures a fun and memorable part of the educational experience at CCS.

### Mandarin Spoken Here

Sixty-five CCS students spent an entire Saturday to compete in the 34th Annual Chinese Language Teacher's Association Mandarin Speech Contest. Held at Lowell High School in San Francisco, the students did extremely well, earning 20 awards. CCS students also were featured in performances in front of all the participants during the entertainment portion of the day.

**First Place** winners: Carmen Zheng, Wendy Quach, Devin Shen.

**Second Place** winners: Samuel Cao, Norman Shen (AL), Irena Sun, Allison Poon, Sebastian Ng, Florence Yu.

**Third Place** winners: Iris Lew, Jas-



Alameda 4th Graders sing a traditional song from India.



San Leandro first graders look forward to enjoying Mexican food during Fiesta Day.

mine Liu (AL), Sandra Pon, Simon Chen.

**Honorable Mention winners:** Cynthia Chen (AL), Deanna Der, Liyi Straly, Alan Cham, Rachel Ong, Tracey Tong, John Wang.



The 65 Mandarin Speech Contest participants had a good day competing and learning in Mandarin.

### Calendar of Events

**May 20-22**

- High School final exams

**Friday, May 22**

- Staff Appreciation Day (Alameda)

**May 24 - 29**

- 10th Grade East Coast Trip

**Monday, May 25**

- No School - Memorial Day

**May 26 - June 2**

- 12th Grade Hawaii Trip

**Wednesday, June 3**

- 5th Grade Graduations

**Thursday, June 4**

- Kindergarten Promotions

**Saturday, June 6**

- 8th & 12th Grade Graduations

**Wednesday, June 24**

- First Day of Summer School

## CCS Artists Receive Numerous Awards



CCS' Best of Show recipients in the ACSI Art Festival (L to R): Tracey Tong, Timothy Liu, Brendan Co, Jennifer Sy, Cydney Vicentina.

CCS students won many accolades for their artwork at the recent **ACSI Art Festival**. The following students received praise for their abilities in various media:

**Best of Show:** Brendan Co (3), Cydney Vicentina (5), Timothy Liu (9), Tracey Tong (10), and Jennifer Sy (11).

**Superior Ribbons:** Jonathan C. Chan (2), Kristen Chan (2), Brendan Co (3), Jasmine Liou (3), Grace Kim (3), Tiffany Lau (3), Cydney Vicentina (5), Timothy Liu (9), Jeffrey Mach (9), Tracey Tong (10), Eugene Cheung (10), Kristina Chang (11), Kevin So (11), Jaclyn Leong

(11), Jennifer Sy (11), Tiffany Tu (11), Wendy Chau (12), Brianna Louie (12), and Stephanie Ham (12) [two awards for acrylic painting and foamcore house].

**Excellent Ribbons:** Paul Dolan (2), Sophia Xu (2), Nicholas Toy (3), Kingsley Seztó (3), Larry Huynh (3), Jesse Wong (3), Diamond Tang (4), Darren Lee (4), Tim Fong (5), Jeffrey Mach (9), Alan Go (11), Candice Lui (11), Tiffany Tu (11), and Wei-Ghan Lee (12).

CCS Students also were the winners of cash prizes and Certificates of Merit in the **Oro Loma/Waste Management 2009 Earth Day Poster Contest:**

**Cash Prize Winners:** Katelyn Melkonians, Jenny Mo, Hannah Fong, Jeffrey Mach, Paula Mo, and Yini Wang

**Certificates of Merit:** Angelica Chan, Christabel Abbott, Evonne Peng, Justin Kok, Keren Chen, Matthew Ip, Murielle Danant-Fung, Rena Wei, Stella Ho, Vivian Luong, Winnie Lai, Apollo Chua, Cydney Vincetina, Darren Lee, Fiona Fan, Samantha Leong, Tammy Chan, Terri Tsui, Victor Chan, Warren Lai, Colleen Fung, Nathan Kok, Amanda Chan, Kristy Dai, Tracey Tong, Brianna Louie, Lisa Nham, and Madeline Lee.

## CCS Teams Make Play-Offs



The **Boy's Tennis Team** entered players in the singles/doubles tournament at the varsity level for the first time, making it into the first round. The **Girls' Soccer Team** made it all the way to the championship match and the **Boys' Volleyball Team** made it to the semi-finals and was invited to the North Coast Section play-offs. The **Track and Field Team** just finished league finals and is looking forward to the Meet of Champions this week.

## More Accomplishments

The **Asian Culture Organization** raised \$540 through a dinner buffet to support less fortunate students attending a rural school in China.

CCS students came in first in the region for the **ACSI Math League** in **Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus**. In the **national competition**, CCS students came in **2nd** in the nation in **Calculus** and **3rd** in the nation in **Algebra I**.

The **Marching Units** had another good experience at the **Castro Valley Rodeo Parade** last Saturday. The **Color Guard** took **2nd place** and the **Drill Team** took first, both units receiving plaques. The Drill Team will also participate this Saturday in the **Union City 50th Anniversary Parade**.

Senior **Deborah Liu** is the 2009 recipient of the **GE Star Award** in the 4-year School Category. Deborah received a one-time financial award for herself and also a \$500 award for the CCS science department.

Science teacher **Cheryl Perry** was accepted into a three year fellowship through the **U.S. Department of Energy's Academies Creating Teacher Scientists** program.