



## What's new for 2009-2010

Dear All,

Hope you have had a productive and joyful summer! I would like to share with you some highlights of our exciting new programs and development for the School Year 2009-2010. I am confident that YHIS students are going to benefit from more unique advantages this coming school year!

### Professional Development at YHIS (Note: "Laoshi" used after a last name is an appropriate way to address a teacher.)

- In the beginning of the summer, two teachers - Li *Laoshi* (Upper Grade) and Yang *Laoshi* (Pre-School) – and I spent a fruitful week at the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA, University of Minnesota) with 30 other Chinese immersion teachers and administrators from across the country, who gathered to conduct in-depth studies of the latest theories and best practices in the field of immersion education.
- For three summers in a row, we have sent teachers to International Baccalaureate (IB) workshops. This year, Wang *Laoshi* (K) and Ms. Theresa (Science) received Level I training, while Ms. Jennifer (English & IB Coordinator) and I received Level II training.
- This past week, all teachers received 3 full-day professional training, led by Jennifer and me, with the focus on inquiry-based learning within the IB curriculum.

### Faculty and Staff for 2009-2010

- Faculty:

**Pre-School** Homeroom Teacher: Yang (Lillian) *Laoshi*; Assistant Teachers: Zhu (Wei) *Laoshi*, Li (Yu) *Laoshi*, Jin (Cathy) *Laoshi*. (email: [PS@yhis.org](mailto:PS@yhis.org))

**Pre-K** Head Teacher: Miao (Yu) *Laoshi* (email: [PK@yhis.org](mailto:PK@yhis.org))

**Kindergarten** Head Teacher: Wang (Hui) *Laoshi* (email: [K@yhis.org](mailto:K@yhis.org))

**Upper Grade** Head Teacher: Li (Wenting) *Laoshi* (email: [G1@yhis.org](mailto:G1@yhis.org), [G2@yhis.org](mailto:G2@yhis.org), etc.)

**Math Teacher** for UG: Wang (Nien Tzu) *Laoshi* (recipient of UG email)

**Science Teacher** for pre-K and up: Theresa Smyth (recipient of Pre-K, K & UG email)



**English Teacher** for K and up: Jennifer Ahaghotu (recipient of K & UG email)

**After-school Teachers** at Lawrenceville: Wu (Pi-Chu) *Laoshi* and Hsu (Cheng) *Laoshi* (email: [AS\\_Lawrenceville@yhis.org](mailto:AS_Lawrenceville@yhis.org))

**After-school Chinese Teacher** at Lawrenceville: Wong (Chryst) *Laoshi* (email: [AS\\_Lawrenceville@yhis.org](mailto:AS_Lawrenceville@yhis.org))

**Before- and after-school Teacher** at Princeton: Lin (Shu Fen) *Laoshi* (email: [AS\\_Princeton@yhis.org](mailto:AS_Princeton@yhis.org))

- Administrators:

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Joy Zhao, **Director** (email: [director@yhis.org](mailto:director@yhis.org))

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Theresa Smyth, **Parent Coordinator** (email: [parents@yhis.org](mailto:parents@yhis.org))

## New Programme of Inquiry

- The Programme of Inquiry (POI), which stands at the heart of the IB framework and accounts for 60% to 70% of the curriculum, has been revised and aligned with the latest scopes and sequences defined by International Baccalaureate. Every year, the POI will continue to be reviewed and enriched by all members of the school community.

POI 2009-2010 is available here: <http://yhis.yinghuaschool.org/academics/POI.pdf>

## Educational Programs

- This year, the schedule for K and up includes a 30-minute silent reading period every day, Monday through Friday, and a 30-minute (teacher) read-aloud period every day, Monday through Thursday, immediately following lunch recess. Students may choose books from the school library, or they may carry their reading books back and forth from home to school each day.



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- In addition to the core curriculum, we will continue to offer essential programs such as art and music. Students of Pre-K and up will take weekly lessons such as martial art, cooking, board games and drama.
- Every Friday afternoon this year, Princeton Campus will see that its students and faculty gather for a weekly reflection session where everyone is encouraged to search within and listen to each other's sharing.

## Events in the Coming Weeks

- Family Work Party at Princeton Campus, 10 am - 12 noon, 8/29, Saturday
- Informational Meeting for Pre-K and K families, date and time to be determined
- Welcoming Day Potluck, 4 - 7 pm, 9/8, Tuesday (Princeton)
- 2009-2010 Registration, 9/8 & 9/9
- Back-to-School Night for Pre-S, 7-8 pm, 9/16, Wednesday (Lawrenceville)
- Back-to-School Night for Pre-K, K and UG, 7-8 pm, 9/17, Thursday (Princeton)
- Open House, 5-8 pm, 9/25, Friday (Lawrenceville)
- Bilingual Book Fair, 10 am – 1 pm, 9/26, Saturday (Lawrenceville)
- School closed (Yom Kippur), childcare available

Please check the online calendar for details of each event.

I hope this letter will give you a sense of the energy and excitement that will be with our school community in the coming school year! Thank you for your continuous support. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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