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**June 2009**



**CCCNJ President's Message:**

The sunny days of summer have finally arrived!

We had a great turnout on our last social – 140 people attended our Mother's Day Dinner at Bon Buffet on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a fun evening being with family and friends. Music for dinner and dancing was provided by Larry SooHoo, who we would like to thank very much. I got positive responses and would like to have next year's Mother's Day Dinner at Bon Buffet. It allowed everyone (especially the mothers) to relax and enjoy themselves without the responsibility of cleaning up afterwards.

We will be having our Annual Picnic this month on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Van Saun Park. See the attached flyer for details. We need to receive your checks no later than June 20<sup>th</sup>, as we need to get a proper headcount for food and refreshments. I hope to see you all at the picnic!

At this time I would also like to thank my supporting cast: Larry SooHoo (Vice President) for providing us with music throughout the year and Wanda SooHoo for providing us with homemade baked treats and wonderful food for our socials, Shirley Chu (Treasurer) for our accounting, Amy Mui (Secretary) for keeping the Board minutes, Stella Chin (Correspondence Secretary) for the beautiful flyers and newsletters, Connie Jung and Ann Chin for help with KP duties (kitchen help), Kevin Lau for support with our Youth Group, Bing and Jackie Liu, Kent Shao and Harry Jung for running our monthly Tennis Nights, Fay Lew for her great angel food cake, and Peter Chin, Jack Mui, Ricky Chu, Alice and Yen Huie for their support

There are many, many more people behind the scenes who I have not mentioned, but I am grateful to those persons for their support as well. Thank you all for making this past year a success!



**CCNJ Annual Picnic – June 27**

**Van Saun Park – Section Pavilion "F"**  
**Forest & Howland Avenue, Paramus, NJ**  
**Saturday 10:00 A.M. (Rain or Shine)**  
**(See Flyer for Details)**

**Tennis Night:**

Tennis Night will resume in the Fall

**Youth Group:**

The Youth Group is currently looking for new members who are age 8 or older. Please encourage your children and their friends to join the group. Group members will have the opportunity to learn the Lion Dance as well as participate in social activities. Please contact Youth Group advisors, Mr. Albert Chin ([aldochino@optonline.net](mailto:aldochino@optonline.net)) and Mr. Kevin Lau ([lau5@optonline.net](mailto:lau5@optonline.net)) for further information.

## **CCCNJ Chinese School Principal – Bill Chen’s Message:**

Hello everyone,

I can't believe that we are at the end of the 2008-2009 school year already. Time is flying by very quickly. This month, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual commencement ceremonies. Another great year of learning the Chinese language at the CCCNJ Chinese Language School.

Looking back, here are some interesting facts and stats in no particular order:

- We ended the year with 71 students (52 families/13 new) in the school.
- We had a successful new facelift to our web site which made our organization much more easily found in search engines
- At our annual recital, besides all our class performances, we also had an all time high of 25 musical performances, many of which were duets.
- We still have a few weeks to go, but even in this economy, we carefully watched our expenses and we expect to break even financially. So we're sound for next year.
- Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class size has not been at a high of 9 students in many years. Class of 2010, congratulations on your achievement!! We look forward to seeing you all in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Looking forward, there are going to be a few changes that I'd like to mention for next year:

- The publisher of our current textbooks has decided to no longer print them. They made this decision last year and we purchased a 3-year supply from them. We spent some time last year looking for a suitable replacement but we were not able to find anything. We have also evaluated what other nearby (Livingston, Holmdel, Manhattan) Chinese schools use, but their material also left something to be desired. So we have set up a curriculum committee made up of teachers and staff and we are going to create our own set of materials for use in our school. It's a big undertaking, but we feel the customization would be beneficial for us. If anyone has interest in joining this committee and feel they have experience and time they are willing to contribute, please let me know. It is a terrific opportunity to help pass on our culture to our children. We will start work this summer and hope to complete work by the following school year of 2010-2011.
- Finally, I will be stepping down as principal after the end of this school year. I have been a member of the school administration for 6 years of which the last 3 was as principal. Seeing all the kids faces every week and having coffee with the parents is a terrific and fulfilling experience for me. But since our school is run by parents and has a very good sense of community, it's also important to have fresh ideas to make the school as dynamic and vibrant as possible. The current admin members, Su, Julia and Fanny will be staying on for next year to help maintain continuity. We also have at least 8 parents who have agreed to join the administration next year and I warmly welcome them aboard. I know I couldn't have run the school without all the support of many people. Specifically, I want to thank:
  - The current school administration – Su, Julia, Fanny and their spouses Jackson, Randy and Bill. Without their weekly commitment and dedication, school operations would be non-existent. Balancing family life, day jobs, being responsible for a school of 70+ kids on a weekly basis and putting up with me is challenging. Doing it for free without complaint, well, I just can't thank these folks enough and I am really lucky to be able to call them my friends. THANK YOU!!
  - Every single one of our 9 teachers and our substitute teachers – the dedication of these folks in their efforts to pass on our culture and heritage to our children deserves the utmost respect and gratitude.
  - Everyone in the club admin: Albert, Larry, Shirley, Stella, and Amy – you MUST karaoke with these folks at one of the parties. No excuses - Just do it!!!
  - All our TAs: Cynthia, Bryan, Kevin, Mitchell, Raymond, and Chiara. These kids are great – they volunteer to spend their Saturday mornings to help the younger kids when they can obviously find other things to do. They definitely deserve our gratitude.
  - Our school parents – who make it all happen
  - And last but not least, my wife Lily who many of you know and have always been there to support me and the school in ways I probably don't even know.

It has been an honor and a thrill to have served as your principal of the school, please continue to give our new administration the same support that you have given me and I look forward to the next chapter next year!!

Thank you.

Bill

*Bill Chen  
Principal  
CCCNJ Chinese Language School*

## **Chinese School Calendar**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 20**

Final Exam  
Last day of school - Graduation