



Sarasota Chinese Academy

a place for Chinese language and culture

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Celebrate the Year of the Tiger!

Chinese New Year is almost here, and Sarasota Chinese Academy (SCA) is looking forward to hosting a big, community-wide celebration along with the Gulfcoast Chinese American Association (GCCA). This year we are pleased to include local schools as we expand our efforts to work with other area organizations in promoting Chinese language and cultural education. We are also pleased to have Ms. Yan Zhen Li, a professional dancer from Jiangxi province in China and an SCA parent, teaching a group of SCA students and parents a traditional Chinese dance to perform at the Chinese New Year Celebration.

All SCA families are invited to take part in the celebration and watch our students perform traditional Chinese dance, music, and songs.

**1:30 pm – 5 pm
Sunday, February 14, 2010
Girl Scouts Center
4780 Cattlemen Road
Sarasota, Florida 34233**

The children have been practicing hard, so please make plans to be there and be a part of the most important holiday of the year. In China, the New Year, or Spring Festival, is celebrated with large family gatherings that last for 15 days leading up to the first day of the first month in the Chinese Lunar Calendar. The Lunar Calendar is cyclical, so the first day of the year can fall anywhere between late January and the middle of February. According to the Chinese zodiac, which assigns one of 12 animals to each year, 2010 is the Year of the Tiger.

No Class on Sunday, February 14

This year, New Year's Day is Sunday, February 14. SCA will hold no classes on that day. Instead we will all meet for the Chinese New Year celebration at the address above. The event is free for GCAA members, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for ages 6 and under. SCA parents pay only \$5, so be sure to mention that you are the parent of an SCA student to receive *half off your price of admission*.

For children who are performing, please arrive by 2 pm. If you have traditional Chinese clothes, be sure to wear them! The entire Chinese New Year program is below. If you have questions, please contact principal Barry Zhang, Junhong Shi, or PTO president Nancy Milholland. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Thank You, Teachers and Staff!

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and staff, all of whom give of their talents on a volunteer basis. They are vital in making Sarasota Chinese Academy a thriving and enriching environment for our students.

Chinese Pre K-K: Mrs. Fang Yuan

Chinese 1: Mrs. Anges Yu

Chinese 2: Ms. Yu Shu Min, Mrs. Mingyi Guo, Ms. Minghua Zhang

Chinese 3: Dr. Qinghon Han

Intermediate Chinese: Mrs. Kitty Wang

Chinese Art and Craft: Mrs. May Thomas

Adult Chinese Study Group: Ms. Junhong Shi

Principal: Mr. Barry Zhang

Vice Principal: Ms. Junhong Shi

Treasurer: Ms. Yuhong Wan

Registrar: Ms. Jenny Lin

PTO President: Ms. Nancy Milholland

Board News: The Board of Directors is proud to announce that Sarasota Chinese Academy, a non-profit Florida entity, has successfully filed its federal exempt 501 (c) 3 application. We are now one step closer to achieving this special non-profit status, which will allow people to make tax-deductible donations to SCA, vastly expanding our potential resources.

We Need You!

A Message from Nancy Milholland and Your Parent Teacher Organization

Thanks so much to all of our great volunteers in 2009. For the Spring semester we still need some parents to pitch in and help with our fundraising, marketing, curriculum development, assisting teachers with special projects, special event planning, and so on. If you have not yet volunteered, please email Nancy with any dates when you are available to help out at ClearlyCreative@aol.com or call 362-4740. Together we can make Sarasota Chinese Academy great!

See Your Ad Here

Starting in our next issue, the Sarasota Chinese Academy Newsletter will be accepting advertisements from members of our school community. For those who own a local business, offer a

service, or have a message to share, this is a perfect place to spread the word and help the school. For a business card-sized ad, we are charging only a \$20 tax-deductible donation to SCA. For more information, contact Nancy Milholland at ClearlyCreative@aol.com or call 362-4740.

Cool Chinese Language Websites

Check out the websites below, and let us know about others you like. We'll create a list to share in the next newsletter.

- <http://www.chinapage.com/learnchinese.html>
 - <http://www.zhongwen.com>
 - <http://www.betterchinese.com>
 - <http://www.childbook.com>
 - <http://www.mandarintools.com>
 - <http://www.usc.edu/dept/ealc/chinese/character/output1/index.html>
 - Please also see our school website for additional links: <http://www.sarasotachineseacademy.org/sca/resources.html>
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**2010年海湾美华协会春节联欢会
树德中文学校合力赞助**

**2010 GCAA Chinese New Year Celebration
Co-sponsored by Sarasota Chinese Academy**

February 14, 2010

Girl Scout Center
4780 Cattlemen Road
Sarasota, FL 34233

程序表

Program (Prepared 1/19/2010)

1:30-2:30pm 登记入场 Registration
文化展览 Exhibition
精美点心 Refreshments

2:00-2:30pm 舞狮合影 Photo with Dancing Lion

2:30 联欢会开始 Program Begins

海湾美华协会主席匡许衡博士致开幕词
Welcome speech by Dr. Sean Kuang, President of the Gulfcoast Chinese-American Association (GCAA)

树德中文学校校长张文波先生致词
New Year's greeting from Mr. Barry Zhang, Principal of Sarasota Chinese Academy (SCA)

2:40 影视短片: 我们的海湾美华协会
Power Point Presentation: Our GCAA
作者: 黄黎宾
Present by GCAA Board Member Ms. Libin Huang

2:50 节目表演开始
Performance Program Begin
节目主持人: 吴小燕, 张文波
Program hostess and hosts: Cheyenne Wu and Barry Zhang

节目 Program 表演者 Performers

2:50 舞狮表演
Lion Dance
Wing Chun Shaolin Kung Fu & Lion Dance
Group of Lakeland Led by Sifu Och

3:05 儿童演唱: 恭喜恭喜, 新年好
Children's Chorus: Gong Xi Gong Xi
Happy New Year
发红包 Red Envelopes
树德中文学校学生
Students of Sarasota Chinese Academy (SCA)

3:15 中国舞蹈: 好日子
Chinese Dance: Good Days
树德中文学校师生和家长
SCA Students, Teachers and Parents

3:20 钢琴表演 Piano
Spinning Song Elise Malave
Sonatina Linda Shih
Pandas In the Mist Hannah Wang
Sonata Yvonne Shih
To China On The Black Keys Linda Shih and Yvonne Shih
Chinese Lullaby Linda Shih and Yvonne Shih

3:30 黄梅戏 Folk Melody from Anhui, China	Irene Leung, Cheyenne Wu
3:35 儿童舞蹈: 春天从哪里来 Children's Dance: Spring	树德中文学校学生 SCA Students
3:40 小合唱: 花木兰 Chorus: Mu Lan - Make a Man Out of You	Pine View Students
3:45 独舞: 彝族风 Solo Dance: Yi Dance	燕子 Yan Zi
3:50 文武双全 Language Show, Dance & Kongfu	Students of St Stephen's Episcopal School
4:00 芭蕾舞: Sherzo Ballet: Sherzo	Katie, Keegan and Karyssa Wong
4:05 小提琴独奏: 梁祝 Solo Violin: Butterfly Lover	Ron Balazs
4:10 中国舞蹈 Caidai Dance, Daizu Dance	Sunshine Dance Club at USF
4:20 谜语表演 String of Riddle	Michael Guo and Hannah Wong
4:25 凤阳花鼓舞 Flower-drum and Ribbon Dance	梁坤纳 何沛仪 Natasha Nieckoski Maggie He
4:30 诗朗诵: 一回生二回熟 Poem: From stranger To Acquaintance 吉他小合唱: 无题 Chorus with guitar: Untitled	New Collage Students
4:40 舞蹈 Dance Jazz: Spanish Rose Lyrical: Whenever You Need Somebody	Karyssa Wong Keegan Wong & Alura Soles
4:45 中国时装表演 Chinese fashion show	海湾美华协会会员 GCAA members and families

GCAA and SCA would like to extend special thanks to the following schools, organizations and businesses for their participation in the event:

New College of Florida
Pine View School

St. Stephen's Episcopal School
Sarasota Sister Cities Association (Sarasota–Siming District, Xiamen)
U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association
Grand China Buffet
Oriental Buffet

Nearby Restaurant Suggestions:

For celebrating the Chinese New Year, the following restaurants will offer 20% discount and provide some special authentic Chinese dishes. Please present the program to the restaurants to receive your discount.

Grand Chinese Buffet
3969 Cattlemen Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233
Southeast corner of Cattlemen Road & Bee Ridge Road
(941) 341-9868

Oriental Buffet
4458 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233
Southeast corner of McIntosh Road & Bee Ridge Road
(941) 377-6699