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CCC's Summer Newsletters are here! Summer Camp, Childcare Graduation, CIA... and MUCH MORE! There is so much going on at CCC this summer, you don't want to miss any of it!!



## ***CCC Summer Newsletter***

With the advent of the summer, CCC has been busy planning our annual Summer Camp and Chinese-In-Action program! May is the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and CCC held wonderful events and welcomed Composed Artistes in Taiwan Aborigines to celebrate it! 2013 Summer looks to be an eventful season for us and we hope that yours will get off to a good start too!

### **2013 Youth Summer Camp**

#### **Camp Olympus: Journey to the East and West**

This year's Youth Summer Camp offers students the opportunity to explore ancient myths and legends of the East and West. Each week, students will learn about traditional myths and legends that have been handed down for centuries and that will fuel their imagination and interest in cultural history. Students will experience diverse cultures through educational and enriching activities and fun-filled field trips. Children and upper graders will also enjoy two science projects sponsored by the Boston Museum of Science and Houston Children's Museum.

Let CCC's Youth Summer Camp help prevent summer slump and prepare your children for the next academic year, while giving them a chance to have fun at the same time!

The Youth Summer Camp runs from June 10 to August 23 and is held Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

#### **Chinese-In-Action (CIA)**

This summer, broaden the minds and horizons of your children by enrolling them in CCC's Chinese-in-Action program, a results-oriented Chinese language and cultural

immersion program for children aged 5 to 11, in pre-K through 5th grade.

CIA students spend each day learning a new and exciting part of Chinese culture and the basics of how to speak Mandarin Chinese. From Chinese cooking to arts and crafts, from Kung Fu to calligraphy, to folk games, fan dancing, ribbon dancing, and kite making, students are exposed to a myriad of cultural experiences through hands

-on activities that are sure to keep them engaged and inspired. For more information about the CIA program, visit <http://ccchouston.org/CIA.aspx> or e-mail [jinqian@ccchouston.org](mailto:jinqian@ccchouston.org).

## Mother's Day

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On May 8, the Adult Day Program hosted a heartwarming Mother's Day celebration to honor mothers everywhere. Over 500 seniors attended the event and were treated to a delightful variety of dancing and singing performances. Participants of the ADP Arts & Crafts class made beautiful corsages and prepared gift bags with items donated by TXU Energy for all the mothers in attendance.

This Summer the Senior and Social Service department is busy helping seniors beat the heat! CCC's continued partnership with Neighborhood Centers, Inc. – Sheltering Arms has enabled us to serve almost 1,700 limited English speaking seniors. Seniors who participate in this program receive over \$1,000 in subsidized assistance – a cool benefit for them!

CCC Director of Programs, Denise Truong, and Director of Senior and Social Services, Kelley Lou, recently presented findings from the 2012 Asian Senior Needs Assessment survey at the Aging in Texas Conference. The conference brought together professionals that work with seniors or want to provide services to seniors from all over Texas and disseminating this information was helpful to increase practice with Asian seniors in various settings. The survey was initiated by the Long Range Planning committee at CCC last summer, with survey implementation completed early this year. CCC was very grateful that survey analysis was completed recently by UH Graduate College of Social Work professor, Dr. Patrick Leung.

## Childcare Graduation

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On May 23, the Child Development Center held a graduation ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of our 12 students who will be moving on to preschool and kindergarten after the summer. CCC is grateful that we were able to be a part of their journey and we wish our graduates the best of luck in all of their future successes! In the recent, we have had added a new classroom that now is completely filled with children and passionate new teachers. This "Reggio Emilia" inspired classroom also continues to serve as an inspiration for the enhancements of our other classrooms. To continue to build on the excitement this year we have added many more summer activities such as children having opportunities to cook with our chef, field days and art classes. Also, as

the school year comes to a near end we will be offering a summer bridge program to children that will be going to preschool or kindergarten. This program will involve multiple learning experiences that will incorporate school readiness skills. We also are continuing our monthly parent meetings that invite parents to hear topics like water safety, healthy habits and children self esteem. Our program focuses on meeting the needs of the entire family. We view our children as co-learners in their learning experiences and families as partners in their development. As usual we always end our summer on a high note by hosting our annual Summer Luau, which is always pleasant. So our summer is filled with fun but also beneficial learning experiences for the whole family.



## Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

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May was Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, and CCC celebrated this special month by inviting the Composed Artistes in Taiwan Aborigines (CAITA) to Texas for a series of inspiring performances. Founded in 1991, CAITA shares the joy and beauty of traditional Taiwanese aboriginal culture, song, and dance with audiences around the world. "Spectacular," "breathtaking," and "beautiful" were some of the words used by spectators to describe CAITA's incredible performances on May 11 in Houston and on May 18 in San Antonio. CAITA even performed for students at elementary schools in Houston ISD and Alief ISD, giving these children a unique and enriching cultural experience.

In 1978, the U.S. Congress declared the first month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to America on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (which involved the labor of many Chinese immigrants) on May 10, 1869. In May 1992, the month of May was designated as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

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