中文學校的時間過得真快！
三個星期已經快上完了。

THREE-WEEK EVALUATIONS

This week you will each be given an opportunity to evaluate the Chinese School program, particularly your own level, and the Chinese School activities thus far. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES AND FILL OUT THIS EVALUATION FORM IN ENGLISH FOR US. Evaluations will be AVAILABLE ONLINE via your MIDDLEBURY EMAIL ACCOUNT beginning Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 AM and ending Friday, July 15th at 11:00PM. We would like each of you to fill them out; your feedback at this point in the program is critical to identifying anything that needs to be changed. Next week, Bai Laoshi and your lead teachers will meet with any students from the respective levels who wish to discuss the evaluations in further detail.

PARTY

Hopefully everyone had fun relaxing and blowing off some stress at Friday’s party. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

You don’t have to wait too long for the next one… we have our 2nd party this SATURDAY!

LANGUAGE PLEDGE

The students of the Chinese School seem to be doing well holding on to the pledge—hopefully it is extending into private spaces and conversations as well! Our class this summer seems to be very encouraging and supportive!
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Chinese School 50th Anniversary 1966-2016**

中文學校五十年校慶

**舞會 COLLEGE-WIDE DANCE**

The Chinese School is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the School in 1966. We are planning a weekend of events to commemorate this milestone, Friday, July 22nd through Sunday, July 24th. We kick off our Friday, July 22nd with the COLLEGE-WIDE DANCE. This event was first held last summer for the 100th Anniversary of the Language Schools, and it was such a hit that the College is hosting another one this year! Students may participate in this event, where the language pledge will be suspended, at their own discretion.

**座談會 FORUM**

The Chinese School will sponsor a Forum all day Saturday with leaders in the field of Foreign and Chinese Language Education. While Saturday’s program is mainly targeted to teachers of Chinese and our graduate students, interested students from our 8-week program may see Bai Laoshi if they would like to attend (some talks will be presented in English.)

**王爱萍 ABIGAIL WASHBURN CONCERT**

Saturday evening is our headline event-- a concert by Abigail Washburn on banjo (a Chinese School alum) and Wu Fei on guzheng at the Middlebury Center for the Arts. Abby, a world-renowned, grammy-winning performer who is married to Bela Fleck, will be our “artist-in-residence” for several days leading up to the concert. We will also have some special opportunities for our students while she is here.

PLAN AHEAD! DON’T MISS THIS AWESOME CONCERT!

**DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLEBURY SCHOOLS IN CHINA**

北京 * 杭州 * 昆明

七月十三日 星期三
四點半—五點半
Wednesday, July 13th 4:30-5:30
Ross B11

The directors will present an information session to any Chinese language School students who are interested in attending the School in China (MIC) in the future...and to those who are interested in learning more about the Schools.
杨玉玲教授
首都师范大学
有趣的汉字造字法
Fun with Chinese Characters
七月十四日　星期四
四點半-五點二十分
Thursday, July 14th 4:30-5:20　SND: DANA

通过图片动画等方式介绍、展示汉字的四种造字法，即象形、指事、会意和形声，最后简单介绍两种用字之法，即转注和假借。希望通过介绍学生对不同汉字造字法均有一定的了解，掌握常用的声旁和形旁，做到举一反三；提高学生的自学能力；使之减少学习汉字的为难情绪，增加对汉字乃至汉语的兴趣和学习动机。

Using animation pictures as an introduction to Chinese characters, students will learn four types of character formation to help them understand how to learn characters more efficiently: pictographic characters, descriptive characters, characters that combine the shape and sound of different characters, and finally two more types of characters—those that are mutually explanatory and those that borrow sound. We hope to give students knowledge about the different aspects of characters to improve students' self-learning ability; to make learning characters less difficult, as well as to increase student interest and motivation in learning characters.

山楂树之恋
UNDER THE HAWTHORN TREE

七月十五日　星期五　七點半
FRIDAY, July 15th 7:30 PM　SDL DANA

In Director Zhang Yimou's film set during the end of China's Cultural Revolution in a small village in Yichang City, Hubei Province, a pure love unfolds between beautiful city girl Jing Qiu (Dongyu Zhou) and handsome young villager Lao San (Shawn Dou). Jing Qiu, who lived a difficult life due to her father being labelled a "right winger," is sent to the village at the age of 16 and meets Lao San, who has a promising future due to his father's high ranking military background. Even with the divide between their social backgrounds romance blooms between the young couple, but will their love ever become fulfilled?

人在囧途之泰囧
**Lost in Thailand**

July 16, Saturday, 7:30 PM MBH 216

Director Xu Zheng follows the success of Raymond Yip’s Lost on Journey with this rambunctious sequel that became China’s highest-grossing film of all time in 2012, and traces the rivalry between two ambitious business managers in competition for a revolutionary new technology. Having recently played a crucial role in developing a new fuel called Supergas, energy-company executive Xu (Xu Zheng) seeks to patent his creation before his crafty associate Bo (Huang Bo) beats him to the punch. But in order to do so, Xu will first need to gain control of the stakes being held by elusive chairman Zhou, who’s currently on vacation in Chiangmai. Meanwhile, Bo, too, has managed to track down Zhou, and he’s determined to reach Chiangmai first. And he might just succeed, because when overzealous crepe chef Wang (Wang Baoqiang) becomes Xu’s unlikely traveling companion, his obsessive quest quickly becomes an outrageous comedy of errors. – Jason Buchanan

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**Party**

July 16, Saturday, 9:30 PM
McCullough, Crossroads

Our second official school-wide get together will be this Saturday after the movie. We’ll be at Crossroads, downstairs in McCullough. If you have any music or suggestions, take them to 安毅 Ān Yì (Eli) or 古安雅 Gǔ Ānyǎ (Aya) in Hepbun 113, or see them in Atwater!

REMEMBER, you must be 21 and show proper ID in order to drink alcohol!

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**Abe Mountain**

July 17, Sunday, 10:00 AM-@7:00PM
Adirondack Circle

Due to a conflict with the teachers’ schedule on Saturday, this hike will also take place on SUNDAY.

For those who would like to join, we will meet in front of Adirondack at 10:00 AM for a hike to Mt. Abe. We have two vans, but we probably will need drivers. If you are interested, sign up on our Google Docs sign-up sheet via go/ZW Be sure to eat breakfast, pack some snacks, and bring plenty of water—and a bathing suit if you want to swim!

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather after last weekend’s washout!
**Soccer**

*Inter-school matches will be scheduled soon; we are still waiting for the schedule to be finalized. Stay tuned for announcements: there is a possibility that we’ll be able to play the Japanese School on Friday afternoon!*

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**Volleyball**

*中文學校對日文學校
七月十七日星期日四點鐘

Chinese School vs. Japanese School

Sunday, July 12th, 4:00 pm
Grille #2 Net
Come out and cheer on our排球隊！*

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**Announcements**

1. **The French School Celebrates their 100th Anniversary: An invitation from the Director:**
   On Saturday July, 16 at nightfall on Battell Beach, French visual artist Renaud Auguste-Dormeuil will carry out his performance entitled *I Will Keep a Light Burning* (pardon my French!). This is a spectacular 800-candle (ordered from Rome, Italy) rendition of the night sky as it will appear to humans on July, 16 2116. The idea is that the 100-year old French School should still be alive in 100 years through this symbol.

   You are all cordially invited to attend this event on Battel Beach. Language Schools directors and coordinators, please advertise this event in your schools.

   Warm regards,

   Philippe

2. **MMLA in Middlebury**
   On Monday, July 18th, we will host over 100 middle and high school students who are part of the MMLA – Chinese program. They will be around campus during the afternoon, and will eat dinner in Atwater with us Monday evening. Please welcome them (in Chinese, of course.)