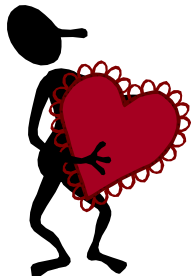




Wah Mei School Newsletter
February, 2012



Introduction:

Greetings! We welcome the new month of February and all of the exciting festivities that it will bring. Be prepared for your children to express their feelings for you and for their friends as Valentine's Day approaches on Tuesday February 14th. Please check with your child's class as to how this special day will be celebrated. Also, thank you to the Teddy Bear, Honey Bear, and Panda Bear parents for the wonderful time we shared at the Chinese New Year Party. The children did a great job!

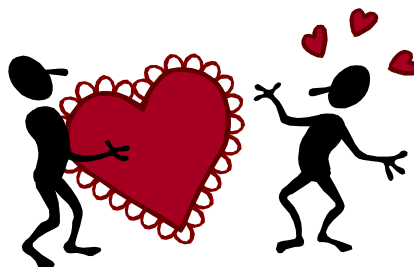
Wah Mei School General Calendar:

02/20 President's Day Holiday (School Closed)
02/24 Cot Cleaning Day

Director's Corner

Dear Wah Mei Community,
As we are now at the mid-point of the school year, we are getting ready to prepare our annual self-report to the State Department of Education. This is very important for making sure we are maintaining Wah Mei's quality. We could really use your help. In the month of February I will be looking for four volunteers to spend a day observing one of our four classrooms. You will be given an ECERs rating scale and will be trained on how to use this tool to spend one morning rating a classroom. This would be a great opportunity for you to earn volunteer hours while learning about all of the components involved in setting up high-quality preschool environments. If you would like more information on doing a classroom observation please contact me at wahmeiprograms@gmail.com, or see me in the office.

Also, as part of our Annual Self-Study, we will soon be giving parent surveys to all of you so that you can rate your satisfaction with our school, and can make



suggestions for improvements. We look forward to receiving your feedback. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

Marianne Lam
(Interim Director)



Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Announcements:

- From now until May, Ms. Lee will mentor two student volunteers from City College, and a former City College student named Jennifer. The volunteers are Ms. Huang who was a former Wah Mei School parent, and Stacy, who was a former Wah Mei school student. Please say "hello " if you see them!

Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Important Dates

02/02	Library (Yoga)
02/09	Library
02/14	Book Sharing Day
02/16	Library
02/22	Alton's Birthday (HB)
02/23	Library
02/27	Jayden and Mateo's Birthday Celebrations (TB)
02/28	Toy Sharing Day

Teddy Bears and Honey Bears Special Thanks:

- Thank you to all of the parents who brought finger foods and utensils to the Chinese New

- Year party and Chinese New Year goodies for the classes and teachers.

Teddy Bear and Honey Bear Monthly Theme:

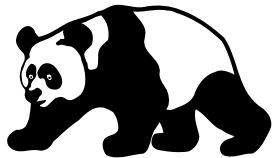
I am Special, You are Special

Examples: Self-Esteem, Friends, Family, Valentine's Day

Teddy Bears and Honey Bears Activity Highlight

We are going to share Valentine's Day cards with each other in class. The students are also going to make Valentine's Day cards for their friends and family.

Parents, we also invite you to bring in Valentine's Day cards or a little something to share (a sticker, card, picture, etc.). No candy please. Ms. Lee will also have Valentine's cards available for purchase if you need them. This month's activity is in keeping with our theme of self-esteem, friends, and family. It is important to build relationships and a positive self-image at an early age.



Panda Bears Important Dates

02/04	Lucas' Birthday
02/09	Library
02/14	Book Sharing Day
02/16	Library
02/23	Library
02/27	Kingsley's Birthday
02/28	Toy Sharing Day

The Panda Bears Special Thanks

- Thank you to **Aiden and Brendan's mom** for designing a nice event flyer for our Chinese New Year party.
- Thank you to **Zachary and Sarah's grandpa** for donating art materials and recycled paper rolls to our class.

Panda Bear Monthly Theme:

Friendship

Examples: Valentine's Day, My Friends, Emotions

Panda Bears Activity Highlight

Valentine's For All

We will print each child's name on a large construction paper heart with little holes around it so that the children can lace the heart with string. On the back of the heart we will write a 3-syllable message such as "I like you.", "You are nice.", or "We are friends." We will then sing a song together inserting each child's name into the song. Lastly, we will count how many

friends we have in our class. Through this activity, we will work on strengthening each child's literacy skills, fine motor skills, and counting skills.



Busy Bees Announcements and Important Dates

***Dear Parents,**

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring some nut-free goodies to share with the class on February 14th for Valentine's Day. Please see the teachers for suggestions.

Ice cream Party	02/10
Valentine's Day	02/14
Sharing Day	02/15
Library	To Be Determined
Rachel's Birthday	02/22

Busy Bees Special Thanks:

- Thank you to **Neil's mom** for donating 5 fish to our class!
- Thank you to **all of the parents** who sold raffle tickets for our Holiday Faire. Because of your hard work, the Busy Bees sold the most tickets and will be rewarded with an ice cream party on February 10th!

Busy Bees Monthly Theme:

Friendship:

Examples: Valentine's Day, Emotions

Busy Bees Activity Highlight:

Pass Around the Hearts Game

We are going to have the children sing a song while passing around a basket of personalized heart cut-outs around the circle. Once the song ends, the child who is holding the basket will pull out a heart and read the name on the heart. By doing this the children will be practicing taking turns while the basket is being passed around. The children will also work on cooperative play and building friendships with their peers as they call out the names of their friends. In addition, the children will be applying several Kindergarten readiness skills

including print recognition, and phonological awareness as they identify their classmates by looking at their written names.



Fireflies Announcements and Important Dates:

Library	02/09
Lilianna's Birthday	02/15
Library	02/16
Library	02/23

Fireflies Monthly Theme:

Friendship

Examples: Emotions, Valentine's Day, Manners

Fireflies Activity Highlight

Making Emotions Hand Puppets

The Fireflies will create hand puppets which display how they're feeling. The teachers will first go over a variety of emotion vocabulary and will show them pictures of what each emotion looks like. Then they'll give them paper bags, markers, and crayons, and will ask them to create a puppet to match their emotions.

Through this activity, the children will work on their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, as they draw their faces. In addition, they will have the opportunity to build language skills as they interact with each other through puppet shows with their new creations!

.....*Ms. Lee, Ms. Angie, Ms. Sandy, Ms.*

Tracy, Zhang Sin Saang, Yeung Sin Saang, Chan Sin Saang, Ms. Esther, Ms. Queena, Ms. Betty, Tan Sin Saang