

The DAIS CURRENT



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DAIS STUDENTS PERFORM

Thanks to all the students, faculty and staff who participated in the recent elementary and secondary student concerts. It was wonderful to see and hear our students display their many talents in front of enthusiastic audiences. Much effort, seen and unseen, goes into these productions and we thank our talented music teachers Narda Biemond and Tyler Smith and supporting staff for their many contributions. These concerts kicked off the holiday season in a timely and memorable way, allowing our diverse student body the chance to perform and shine.

PSP ANNOUNCEMENT

The PSP Executive Board is pleased to announce that Jennifer Weiner will assume the duties and responsibilities of outgoing president Katy Montes beginning this month. Katy returned to Venezuela with her husband and family after spending many years abroad. Jennifer and her husband have two boys, Jacob and Matthew, both in DAIS elementary school. Thank you Jennifer, and Katy, and all the members of the PSP for providing the vision and leadership for this important organization.

15-18
JAN

CISSMUN Trip to Shanghai

17
JAN

Second Quarter Ends

29
JAN

Spring Festival Holiday Begins

Happy Chinese New Year!



L.R: Laura Losch, Kurt Nordness, Jennifer Weiner, Jian Xu, Katy Montes, Kristin Taylor-Foley, Andrea Viragh, Brianna Smith, Tanja Felske, Inbal Segev, Lynn Tan.

US CONSULATE VISITS DAIS



Michael Ahn, Vice Consul of the US Consulate in Shenyang, recently visited DAIS to speak to Huamei and DAIS college-bound students regarding the process of securing visas for international students studying in American colleges and universities. Mr. Ahn described the interview process and appointment procedures for the students. This was a timely presentation to our seniors who are presently in the midst of the college application process. They will now know what to expect when they visit the consulate for their student visa interviews. Thanks to our counselors Ann Nordness and Ruth Laney for coordinating this visit from our consulate.



MODEL MUN CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

DAIS recently hosted a Model United Nations mini-conference with Maple Leaf School. Terry Carter, a secondary history teacher, directs the MUN program here at DAIS. This week, a group of our students will attend the national CISSMUN Conference in Shanghai. "It's a great opportunity for our students to engage with their peers in discussion and debate about real world problems many countries are facing. Learning that it is possible to find solutions too often intractable problems is a great learning experience for these kids."



MRS. BALDWIN'S CLASS



THE HUAMEI ACADEMY



DAIS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Admissions Community Outreach



November Faculty



2nd Grade Science Trip



Lego Competition in Shanghai



ACAMIS Volleyball - Hangzhou



ADMISSIONS UPDATE

We recognize that families arrive in Dalian/DDA throughout the year and DAIS will accept applications on a "rolling" basis. Please contact our Admissions Office for more information and to schedule a tour of our school. If your child is leaving our school, a minimum of 30 calendar days written notice is required. This information is vital to our enrollment planning. We look forward to meeting you!

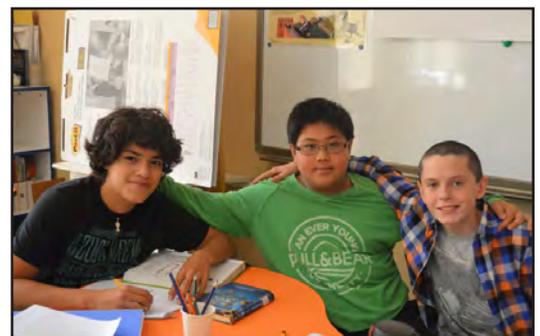
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HUAMEI SPEECH CONTEST

The Huamei Academy’s second annual speech contest proved to be an exciting and rewarding evening for both the participants and those in the audience. Students were asked to write and deliver a speech on the topic: “Hua plus Mei = Huamei.” Judges scored students on the rhetoric and delivery of their speeches. Learning to speak English clearly and confidently is an important component to the Huamei academic experience. When they begin their studies at a university in the United States, we want them to be heard and understood whenever they speak. Congratulations to the winners and to all the Huamei students who participated and challenged themselves to improve their skills.

Best Speech-1st Place, Mark Wang/2nd Place, Cherry Jiang/3rd Place, Lucy Xu
Most Humorous Speech-Mark Wang/**Most Inspirational Speech**-Cherry Jiang,
Most Clearly Spoken Speech-Richard Fan, **Most Original Speech**-Natalia Jing

Natalia Jing



Cherry Jiang



Richard Fan



Mark Wang



Lucy Xu



Mission Statement

Dalian American International School provides challenging, collaborative and responsive experiences that engage learners in developing intellect, character, and health. At DAIS, every learner achieves personal excellence and contributes to the global community.