

# Wellesley Chinese Language School

## NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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虎年大吉！  
恭祝大家在新的一年里  
平安康健！  
万事胜意！  
学业进步！  
虎虎生威！



Spring registration is now open and can be accessed through the QR code or the website below.

<https://register.wellesleychineseschool.org/>.



## COVID UPDATE

Due to the surge of Covid cases in the community and the raising health concern, classes on January changed to virtual classes. WCLS is anticipated to go back to in person classes starting February 13th.

WCLS is monitoring the situation closely and hope to see all the students in person again once it's safe back to school.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 圣诞节礼物 ---- 李红叶

在经过一段时间的冷寂之后，圣诞节向我们走来了。

在卫斯理小镇，夹裹着圣诞气息的冷风悄然而至。街上的圣诞树早早的昂起霓虹的闪烁，大大小小的礼物和卡片爬满了枝头，橱窗里的圣诞老人隔着厚厚的玻璃微笑着像路人招手。整个12月都充满了印象中的喜庆气氛，就差一场纷纷扬扬的大雪了。

每周日去中文学校工作我都非常期待，圣诞节浓烈的氛围使我更加开心！隔着教堂的玻璃门，只见一个小男孩抱着一个大大的纸箱子跑进来了，我和李校长正疑惑着，看到副校长和她的女儿也分别抱着个纸箱子走

了进来。原来是要给老师和助教发圣诞节礼物啦！那天我和李校长搞错时间提前了一个小时来到中文学校，或许就是因为要分发圣诞节礼物太过激动导致的吧！

一共有3大箱不同种类的巧克力。我，李校长，副校长，还有两个小帮手分工合作，将贺卡粘在对应的礼物上。

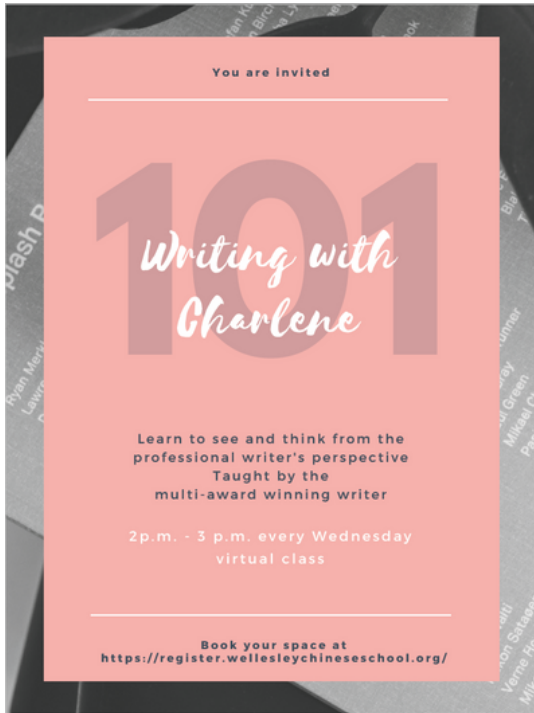
快到上课的时间了，小朋友们陆陆续续地进来了，我得去给他们量体温，两个得力小帮手也要去上课了，幸好一个来送小朋友的家长看到我们在忙碌，就主动来帮助我们，一切都进行得井井有条。

当老师们和助教们陆续进来时，校长和副校长亲手将礼物递给了他们，并送上了节日的祝福。一张小小的贺卡，一声亲切的问候，一份温馨的礼物，包含了中文学校对辛勤工作的老师以及助教们的感激。祝愿他们节日快乐，全家安康！



恭喜卫斯理中文学校刘明星老师编排的，由所教三四年级小朋友合唱的《中国娃娃Disco》入选2022 北美华人元旦跨年晚会！业余的选手，专业的投入，童稚和真情会感动每一个人。

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96ShoE\\_0HZo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96ShoE_0HZo)



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[See WCLS writing students' poem collections.](#)

## Anticipating Chinese New Year With Excitement

---- Malinda Lu

The advent of the 2022 Chinese New Year has filled the town of Wellesley with an air of jubilation. The year of tiger—symbolizing vigor, ambition, confidence, and justice—seems to be especially appreciated in a time when the uncertainty of COVID and myriad other sources of stress loomed over the community. Many are anticipating the February 6th WCLS Chinese New Year Gala, with plentiful Wellesleyans immersing themselves in the busy preparation.

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Ever since the decision to hold a virtual gala was made in November, 2021, community members have been working tirelessly to organize the event. A WeChat group drew 26 Wellesley Chinese Americans to prepare. Minyue Zhai worked to recruit and train event anchors, while Connie Su, Jianmei Bai, and WCLS principal Haihong Li developed texts and policies for event sponsorship, a tradition continued from galas of previous years. Before Johnson Zhuang sent out advertising flyers, the event had already amassed \$1300 of support.

A number of community representatives also agreed to celebrate with the Chinese American community. Notably, local celebrities like MA Senator Becca Rausch and Representative Alice Peisch cheerfully accepted the invitation to provide congratulatory remarks on the tradition. Others like the Wellesley Selected Board, Wellesley police chief, as well as Rabbi Rachel Sapphire and Tendai Musikavanhu from the Wellesley Freedom Team (a local organization focused on combating bias-based incidents) all too signed up to speak in the event.

With the speaker series planned, WCLS continued to add to the abundance of programs in the gala. Xiaojing Su helped organize performance videos from more than 20 residents, while students at WCLS worked to design, rehearse, and record their own performances. Hongliang Hu and his team are taking leadership in selecting and editing all performances, adding artistic elements to the virtual format.

With less than a week remaining, the town continues to prepare for the gala in hope that it would bring an upbeat note to the community. So grab a seat, get some delicious food, and see what we have to offer!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- WCLS Chinese New Year Gala will be on live at 2:30 pm on Feb 6th.
- WCLS will resume in person class starting Feb 13th.
- Spring semester starts on Feb 13th. Please register through <https://register.wellesleychineseschool.org/>
- What is your Chinese New Year story? Young authors and photographers: you are invited to share your articles and/or photos on the next issue of the WCLS Newsletters. Please email your work to [wclswechat@gmail.com](mailto:wclswechat@gmail.com).