



Shin Yat Tong On Yat Kindergarten

Dragon Boat Festival “Always with Your Love” Cultural Inclusion Parental Activity

13th June, 2023

Dear Parents,

Next Thursday (22/6), the fifth day of fifth month at lunar calendar is the annual Dragon Boat Festival in China. Since there are fifty-six minorities in China, the festival customs and cultures in different places will be somewhat different. Most people would eat glutinous rice dumplings and row dragon boats to commemorate Qu Yuan and pay respect to his loyalty and patriotism. Some minorities may plant puai, wear sachets, drink wine and take midday water. The traditional folk games include “standing eggs” and “floating needles in water”. It is said that if an egg is placed upright on a flat table or the ground at noon that day, the egg will stand upright. If the needle is placed horizontally on the surface of a container filled with water, it will float on the water. If you have never played these games before, you might as well try them out with your children at Dragon Boat Festival to explore the principles behind and experience the fun as well.

Last year, we were grateful to invite a group of enthusiastic parents and janitors who worked hard to wrap rice dumplings for all students in school, so that every child could bring a rice dumpling home to share with their families before the festival. This year, we hope to recruit parents who know how to wrap glutinous rice dumplings to participate in the “Always with your love” volunteer service and cooperate with a group of “master”, including parents of Non-Chinese Speaking students to display skills from their hometowns for appreciation and taste together. The skills of making rice dumplings, food customs of eating and crafts of wrapping during the Dragon Boat Festival will be passed on from generation to generation. As the same time, it promotes cultural understanding, respect and spirit of communion among families of different ethnicities. It can create a happy and harmonious campus and experience the joy of being able to serve others.

The details and enrollment are attached in Appendix. Please feel free to participate in the activity. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
General Office



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Information for participants before registration:

1. The result of Rapid Antigen Test must be submitted to General Office as a photo before the activity and the result is negative, which proves that the individual is in good health.
2. Avoid decorations on the nails
3. Try to bring own apron
4. Gather at the lobby of main entrance 15 minutes before the activity starts
5. Masks are required to be worn during the whole process of making glutinous rice dumplings
6. The required ingredients will be handled and provided by the school. Participants are only responsible for wrapping the ingredients with leaves and tightening the outer leaves.
7. Due to the demand to make nearly 200 glutinous rice dumplings within a limited time, if you are a newcomer who has never made glutinous rice dumplings before, you may not available to take part in it.
8. Parents who have rice dumpling experience and have spare time, please fill in the enrollment form below and reply to class teacher before 3:30p.m. on 14/6(Wed) or call the staff of General Office at 2345 1222.

Dragon Boat Festival “Always with Your Love” Parental Activity ~ Enrollment Form

- (1) Please choose available service timeslots (6-8 people per timeslot, please show your wishes in order of 1, 2, 3, 4) The school will make final decision based on the number of applicants. The staff of General Office will contact you as soon as possible with the arrangement.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15/6(Thu) 10:15 – 11:30a.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> 15/6(Thu) 3:00 – 4:30p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16/6(Fri) 9:30 – 11:30a.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> 16/6(Fri) 3:00 – 4:30p.m. |
- (2) The style of wrapping rice dumplings come from: (for example, Shanghai, Chaozhou, Fujian) _____

(3) Personal particulars

Parent’s Name : _____ Class : _____ Student’s Name : _____

Relationship with students : _____ Date : _____