



Superintendent Chang and Chairman Lee at the Torch Ceremony.

10 Years of KCBS

The History of KCBS

By AL LU

Kang Hsuan has been developing text books for elementary and junior high school education since 1988. Kang Hsuan always wanted to establish a K-12 experimental elementary/junior high school to test its curriculum and to contribute to education reform. It wanted to make learning a fun experience for students and to help students develop different life skills.

In 2002, the kindergarten and elementary started to accept students. The junior high school was registered and started to accept students in 2004, and the senior high school was established in 2009. The goals of KCBS are to help students develop diverse skills and multiple talents, and to allow students to pursue studies abroad or to attend domestic universities in the future. Kang Chiao aims to create a culturally stimulating environment where students are provided with the skills to succeed in a global society.



School Fair for a Good Cause

By ANN TSENG

On October 22nd, Kang Chiao Bilingual School's school fair was held at Sun Yet Sun Memorial Hall. It started at seven-thirty in the morning, and ended at twelve in the afternoon. All the students were required to go, for it was also a fundraiser for Eden; a social welfare service for people with disabilities.

Eden, started in 1991, is a volunteer centre for disabled people which encourages academic education, job training or employment prospects. It also helps people with aspects of training, preparing them to integrate into society. It provides an opportunity for teenagers or young adults to do international volunteering, widening the views for volunteers.

The fair started with a torch ceremony. All the students from each grade (Kindergarten to Grade 12) and



teachers gathered together to run a lap around the Sun Yet Sun Memorial Hall. The Ironman Club led the run - five students representing Kang Chiao with torches.

There was a variety of booths at the school fair. 10B's booth had a dart shooting game. There were pictures of many teachers, and students could shoot darts at them. Each person got ten darts, and chose a teacher to shoot at. If you hit the teacher you "hate", you got a small prize.

10F also had an interesting booth. They sold Tako balls, or takoyaki. They hired professional cooks to make the delicious, scrumptious tako balls. Not only did they sell mouthwatering food, they also had body painting which was a huge eye-catcher.

"The fair was big, and sort of fun. One of the booths that I really liked was 10F, because they had hair spray,

and "tattoos", and the octopus balls were really good. It was really interesting, but the glitter was hard to scratch off afterwards," said one tenth grader.

1101 had a very eccentric stand. They had a game that was very much like Whack-A-Mole. In this game, students and teachers poked their heads out of holes in a big box, and you had to



Smoking the meat with real coal.

hit them before they ducked.

An 8th grader from 8E, Kelt Lee, claimed that their booth was the best.

"The best was 8E, because we sold traditional Taiwanese food. But other than our class, I would think 8D had the best booth. They sold barbeque, and they used real coal to smoke the food," he said.

Michael Liu teaches Chinese and is also the 11C homeroom teacher.

"There were lots of charismatic students. You could feel their effort and passion towards the school event. The



Whack-A-Friend: you have to hit the teachers or students before they duck!

running event was a really good symbol of showing the passing on of the history of Kang Chiao," he said.

There were also spectacular performances by musicians and dancers during the school fair. The school's dance club performed two breathtaking dance songs. Mr.Kenyatta and his band performed classic jazz songs, such as Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On", the one and only Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World", ending with Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama".

The Student Council also sold Kang Chiao shirts, pins, and folders to contribute to the Eden fundraiser. All money raised at the school fair was donated to Eden. The school fair was also an excellent way of celebrating ten years of KCBS.



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Pain and Success On Snow Mountain

By DYLAN TANG & AMY LU

Do you like being in pain? If you do, climbing Snow Mountain is just the right activity for you! The eighth graders were required to climb Snow Mountain (Xueshan) for three days. Snow Mountain is the second highest mountain in Taiwan and in East Asia. It is 3,886 meters above sea level.

One of the benefits of climbing Snow Mountain is that the students got to interact with nature. They usually have a lot of homework and don't get to move around and exercise so the climb was good for them. Another benefit is that they got to bond with and work together with their classmates. Climbing the mountain required a lot of team work.

One of the drawbacks of climbing the mountain was that many people got mountain sickness. Some of the symptoms of mountain sickness are throwing up, dizziness, and headaches.

"When I was climbing, I felt cold, weak, and tired, but when I got to the top, I felt very happy that I did it. I felt very excited and I couldn't believe that I had made it," said



Tired but happy eighth graders smiling on top of Snow Mountain.

Sharon Lin from 8A.

Rebecca Tsai also made it to the top with 8A, but had a very interesting experience.

"There was a mouse in the walls of the inn we stayed at. I was sleeping when the mouse started scratching the walls and it was so noisy that we had to change rooms," she said.

Unfortunately, some of the eight grade classes were not able to reach the top of Snow Mountain. It

was pouring rain and freezing the night before they were going to reach the top. Some of the rain drops froze on the rocks which made the path slippery and made it too difficult to climb.

"This trip was tiring and exciting. I think we co-operated more and it made our relationship better. We didn't hike up to the peak, so it was sad, but I would like to go again next year with the eighth graders," said Christine Chung from 8B.

William Shih from 8C said that he was chased by wasps which drove him crazy, but that the food was great compared to other trips that he has been on, and that he would like to climb again.

They endured a lot of pain, but they learned a lot. Climbing Snow Mountain was not easy, but as motivational speaker Les Brown said, "Life has no limitations, except the ones you make."

The eighth graders learned that if you believe in yourself and try as hard as possible in everything you do, you can be successful in life.

Lord of the Flies: The Beast on the Mountain

The Difference in Life

By CASEY HUANG

The sunlight faded away as we went deeper into the mountain. The sound of chants and breathing grew louder as the cliffs rolled on and on. Sweat covered the surface of our skin, which is something unfamiliar in the urban society we live in. The feeling of hair being messed up under our caps was unrecognizable under these circumstances. Back home we would have been bothered by it even if it was a minor problem.

The feeling of disgust at our dirtiness shrunk as we got even more tired, but then it expanded as we got on the buses and returned to society. Suddenly, the smell of sweat-covered bodies and hair was recognized, and the disgusting clothes bothered us.

What a big difference different circumstances make!

Lord of the Snow

By WILLIAM CHANG

Some Eighth Graders from KCBS climbed Snow Mountain about two weeks ago. Most of them hated only one thing – the ice. I belonged to the Echelon group, and we were the last ones to climb the mountain. The leader used a whistle to gather us. The food was our only hope. But, the ice still stopped us going to the top, like Fear. Even now, I still hate it, and I am still afraid of it – the ice on Snow Mountain.



Lord of the Flies and the Snow Mountain Trip By DYLAN TANG

When we climbed Snow Mountain, some people were very nervous about not showering for three days. Everyone wanted to be clean at first, but as we walked deeper and deeper into the woods, cleanliness wasn't that important anymore. It is not because we did not want to be clean anymore, but since it was impossible for us to take a shower on the mountain we had become used to it.

We were afraid of "something" that may have existed or that may have been only in our imagination, at night. An animal, or even a sound from the dark woods, could scare us all. Towards the end, our heads started to itch. Some of the boys' hair was hard, like dried glue on their heads. But thanks to the god who allowed us to come back to civilization again.

It was still a great experience – even without civilization.

INTERVIEWS WITH TEACHERS

Eye on Our Teachers

By ANN TSENG

Mr. Walker is a Social Studies teacher at KCBS, and has been teaching here for 3 years. He enjoys playing soccer and reading. His favorite soccer team is Arsenal. Assigning homework to students is one of his favorite things to do, along with talking to students in the hallway.

Hello Mr. Walker. We're going to start asking you some questions.

Yeah, that's basically how an interview goes. (laughs)

My first question for you is: What is it about Social Studies that intrigues you?

Well, I guess I just find history very interesting. I like learning about the culture and way of life.

I feel like you learn about mistakes through history.

That's well said.

Okay, my second question: Where are you from, and why did you come to Taiwan?

I'm from several parts of the U.S.

Where is your hometown?

In Arkansas.

And also, why did you come to Taiwan?

I applied to jobs in different countries around the world, and Taiwan seemed to be the best choice.

What kind of music do you like? And who is your favorite artist?

My favorite artist is Michelangelo.

What? No! I mean MUSIC artist.

Hmmm, that's hard. (ponders for a while) I'll go with Simon & Garfunkel.

Okay, what music genre do you prefer?

Folk, Motown. Just calm, laidback music.

Why do you like to play soccer, and what others things do you like to do during your leisure time?

I like soccer because it's an active sport. There is lots of running involved, and I'm pretty good at that. During my leisure time I just like to read.

What is the craziest thing you have ever done on Halloween?

Nothing.

Nothing? Seriously?!

Nope.

Alright. Well, our next question is what food you crave the most, and



why?

Mexican. Because it's delicious, and incredible. Well, my grandfather is Mexican so I just grew up eating Mexican food.

How would you describe your fashion style?

How would YOU describe my fashion style?

Something more formal?

Well, then it's formal.

What did you want to do before you decided to become a teacher?

Nothing.

Nothing?

Do you have a problem with wanting to be a teacher?

No, no. Nope. (laughs) Our last question, or request I should say, is if you want to say anything to your students?

Don't be late and don't eat in class. That's about it.

Thank you for your time. Hopefully you enjoyed the interview. Have a great weekend!

Alright, you too.

It's interesting to learn in Social Studies class. Ms.

Jennings gives us a lot of time to do our projects. I feel free in the class. One of my projects was about the Neolithic Revolution. I spent a lot of time on it, and I think I did a good job. It was fun!

Sabrina Tai Grade 8

I like doing projects in Social Studies class. Last time, I did a pyramid project with my classmate. It was fun. I learned about pyramids and about Egypt. Yay!

Yoyo Wu Grade 8

By AL LU

Ms. Rinaldi is a new Math teacher at KCBS. She teaches Geometry, Pre-calculus and Calculus. She likes to make Math fun for kids. She thinks the most important part of her class is the participation of the students.



My Math teacher, Ms. Sung, is a very good teacher. She is humorous, even though she is teaching Math. She shows us videos as awards.

Charles Chen Grade 8

Our Math teacher, Ms. Wu, has been our teacher since Grade 7. She teaches so fast that she can finish a chapter within a period. Everyone knows that, but everyone understands what she's teaching. When we finish an Assessment, she will always show movies. She will also teach us other things that are not related to Math, just for fun. She is the best Math teacher I've ever had!

Philip Wu Grade 8

What is it about Math that intrigues you?

I do not think Math is interesting but I think it is important. I try to make Math more interesting because I think everyone should learn Math.

Where are you from, and why did you come to Taiwan?

I am from the USA. I came to Taiwan because I like tropical islands and Asian countries. I do not miss the US.

What music do you like, and who is your favorite artist?

I like dance music and music in different languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, Portuguese, and many others.

What is your favorite sport, and why?

I like to play badminton but I think I am terrible at it.

What is one of the craziest things you have ever done on Halloween?

I played a prank on a professor when I was in college because my professor was full of himself.

What food do you crave the most?

I crave any food that is hot and spicy. I also like Mexican food.

How would you describe your fashion style?

I do not have a fashion style. My husband buys my clothes for me.

What did you want to do before you decided to become a teacher?

I wanted to be a grandmother, because I wanted the children to come to me for cookies and help. Then, I wanted to be a doctor, but I am afraid of blood.

Ms. Rinaldi also added that she really likes the teachers at KCBS.

Student Council Election

By JOSEPH TAO

The Student Council election was held in September. Each student in the high school had a difficult decision to make. Two groups of people took part in the election. Sean Hsu and Anita Ku represented the first group; Thomas Lo and Sylvia Chen represented the second group.



Students casting their vote on Election Day.

After listening to the introductions and speeches, students decided to choose the second group. Even though Sean and Anita lost the election, they were still proud because they gained a lot of experience. Sylvia and Thomas said that they were happy that they could share their proposal with the school.

Students have always wanted

to share their own ideas with the school. Now, students are standing up to form a group that is very different. Students are now able to attend



Campaign Poster: Thomas Lo, and Sylvia Chen.

meetings with the teachers, and to let the teachers and the principal know what they want.

The Student Council is now a group that is completely responsible to the students. It is just like a bridge between the students and the school. They are planning a lot of new things. The Student Council will be greatly improved and show the school that students have their own decisions and that they want to share their ideas with other students and with the school.

Ancient Egyptian Cartouches

By MR. M. BUONO

In eighth grade social studies, students made their own ancient Egyptian cartouches. A cartouche is an oblong enclosure with a horizontal line at one end, which indicates that the name within it is a royal name. Cartouches are found throughout the tombs of ancient Egyptians denoting the name of the pharaoh or royal family member buried inside. Cartouches were also placed on monuments so that people at the time would know who was responsible for their construction.

Hieroglyphics is a

pictographic system of writing that does not use letters or characters, but instead utilizes pictures or symbols to communicate an idea or sound. Students used a standard-sized blank cartouche as well as a translation of the English alphabet into ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. They then spelled out their English names in hieroglyphics, drawing the proper pictographs inside their cartouche. Students truly enjoyed this opportunity to learn a new way to articulate their names. Exemplary works were displayed in the hallway of the Social Studies Department on the 4th floor.

Cartouches created by Angela Chen, John Huang and Grace Wu



SCHOOL CLUBS



Tune in on Friday

By ANN TSENG

The Guitar Club consists of students from different grades. Their teacher, Zhi-Hao Tsai, said that he chose to play the guitar because he loves music, and singing. The band that inspired him to play music was Pearl Jam, and his favourite song by them is "Alive". Tenth grader, Venus Tsai, said that guitar is a great instrument to play while singing. She's had many performances during the previous year at KCBS. Her favourite artists to play guitar to are Avril Lavigne, and Jian-Yai Tsai.

Canoe Polo: An Exciting Sport!

By ANDREW TSAO

Canoe polo is an exciting sport. Once you experience it, you will be in love with this sport. You need to have the ability to adapt to any situation because anything can happen in a game. The coach, Mr. Cheng, always stresses that a good team does not blame each other for mistakes, but instead work as a team to try to correct each other's mistakes.

The team has shown great dedication and has achieved fourth place in the Taiwan International Canoe Polo Tournament. Eleventh grader Willy Wu is the team leader. He



feels happy that the team managed to place fourth in the contest despite not having much time to practice.

"Some teams from the other schools in Taiwan train during school hours. So, they train three hours for every

one hour we train," he said.

The members of the team feel that they have improved so they feel really good about what they have accomplished, but said that just like any other team their goal is to achieve first place.

STUDENT CULTURE

By MS. R. J. BILLONES

As a culminating activity for the first assessment, all Biology classes dissected a pig's heart. This was when the students, after learning all about the cardiovascular system, tried to connect the concept with what is real. The goals of the experiment were for the students to be able to describe the appearance of the external and internal structure of the heart. They had to be able to name these structures and to know the functions of each and, most importantly, the students were asked to articulately describe the flow of the blood through the heart. Most of the student feedback about this activity was positive, affirming that they understood the concepts better than they did before they conducted the experiment.

The students were also asked to write a formal laboratory report after this experiment. The activity helped to improve their writing skills and to reinforce scientific methods and applied critical thinking. They also answered questions about the experiment in their analysis.

Digging Into A Pig's Heart

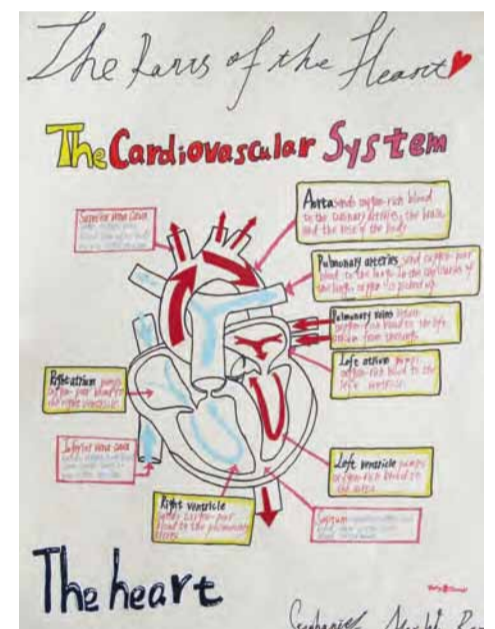


By ALVIN TANG

I love biology class the most. I can learn about the structures, such as my heart, in my body, and their functions. Now, I know that the heart has four chambers. It transports oxygen and nutrients to all parts of the body. I have learned that the thickest part in the heart is the left ventricle. The longest artery is the Aorta because it needs to transport nutrients to the brain and the rest of the body.



In the future, I would like to study biotechnology. Now, I want to learn the basic knowledge in biology to help me reach my dream. In biology class, one of the most interesting lessons was dissecting the pig's heart. In that class, I learned that a pig's heart is similar to a human heart. So, pig hearts are often used for researching the human heart. I also learned that the heart is very important in our body.



Diagrammatic poster on the cardiovascular system created by Stephanie, Alex Wu and Rex Lai.

Pool Time

By AL LU

The regional contest for the National Secondary School Pool Tournament was held from November 3rd to 4th. Lawrence Wu won second place in this regional contest. He will be representing New Taipei City in the finals of the national tournament.

Club teacher Ken Chen said, "The club's purpose is to help the students relax from all the pressure from school and to improve their pool skills."

He thinks people like to play pool because there are no restrictions and both genders can play at the same time. He laughed and said the

requirement for playing pool is that the players have to be taller than the pool table!

The leader of the club is Jeffrey Hu.

"Right now, this is just a club and we are playing for fun. However, we also have a purpose. We are hoping to win

contests so we can form an official school team," he said.

He also said that in pool "practice makes perfect".

With a second place in a national tournament, it seems that the Pool Club might be moving in the right direction towards achieving their goal.



Jackie Xan shows us how it is done!



Dorm Corner: Birthday Celebration

By JOSH TAO

October 27 was the birthday celebration for the dorms. 42 people were born in September and October, so the teachers decided to hold a celebration for them. There were cakes, drinks, pizzas, gifts, and a fun game called Omican. To play this game, you separate people into different groups – girls and boys. You play it with many big balls that you need to keep from touching the ground. Playing the game made the students happy, and they could also learn to trust each other.

ARTS & CULTURE

The 12-Year Conquest

By CHARLENE JIN Grade 9

I can't recall exactly how it really went, but I'm sure this is what the world looked like to me when I opened my eyes for the very first time: The sky beamed its golden smile, the birds chirped the song of spring, and the baby blanket was soft with warmth. The past and future weren't important; all that mattered was the happiness of the present. I didn't bother to know what I was, where I was or what the time was. And for some reason, it didn't seem strange to me that my being just popped out of nowhere. Life for me back then was pretty simple - I was simply alive.

Unfortunately, knowledge slowly invaded my defenseless mind, and I started wondering and worrying. I knew what my name was; I knew what to call each individual I saw every day; I knew that I shouldn't make a mess when I eat; I knew that people understood the world around them through exchanging a code of different sounds they make. But none of these things really troubled me.

I assume that it was probably sometime after I learned how to speak

when the curse came upon me - a curse that human race has long been bound with. It occurred to me that my existence would evaporate from this world someday, just as it had popped into this world.

For a long time after that, I twisted and turned in bed every night, afraid that death would sneak into my room once I let go of my consciousness, terminating my world. Along with the fear for my safety flooded in tons of other nasty presences, all gnawing away at me. What about my parents? What about my grandparents? What about my friend living across the street? What about my dog? What about all of them? What can I do to stop this dreadful occurrence: Death.

I finally reached a terrific conclusion one day. I told my grandma that I'd go to a magician and become an apprentice. I would learn how to stay alive for ever, and spread the skill to my family and friends. My grandma chuckled at my words, but thankfully, she didn't tell me why.

For a while I put away my worries over the matter of life and death, expecting to only take them out

again when the day arrived for me to become the magician's apprentice. Unfortunately, further education soon revealed that a man who pulls rabbits from hats and makes coins disappear is completely powerless in the face of death. And that was when I turned to the church.

The message of Christianity regarding death seemed pretty simple. After a year or so, the confusing sermons and Sunday schools mounted up to a conclusion - believe in Jesus and be good, and you go to Heaven; be bad, and get thrown into Hell. It sounded very simple and I felt somewhat assured, but a fear still kept tugging at me, however hard I tried to shake it loose.

I decided to ask my father, "Dad, are you afraid of dying?"

Every once in a while, the panic and terror would rise out of nowhere - sometimes in the middle of Math class, halfway through watching a cartoon, or when I felt the sun disappearing behind the horizon. I tried my best to hide the issue, but it didn't seem to listen to my

commands. Finally, I was forced to make up my mind: I couldn't stop myself from dying, but I had to stop myself from being afraid of dying, once and for all. I was not going to be haunted by this for the rest of my life.

I started by wondering why fairy tale heroes always seemed to stride right at death without dread or hesitation, as if they had been waiting for it all their lives.

I decided to ask my father, "Dad, are you afraid of dying?" The answer was no.

It didn't really explain much, but I told myself that it would be too weak to be afraid of death when all these heroes, and even my dad, were not.

A few years later, I understood why death needn't be feared when I read "To die would be an awfully great adventure" in Peter Pan. I realized that death was not something to despise, but something to expect. When the time comes, all the truths of the world that people have been searching for all their lives will be revealed. It was at that moment that 12 years of fear truly came to an end, and I realized: Death is just another exciting adventure. Instead of fearing it, I should start making the most of my living days and prepare for it.

TAKE A BREAK

Matchstick to a Q-tip

By JASON TSAI



I am not feeling so well. Doctor, I have a headache, and my feet hurt! one hour...two hours...3 hours... Oh, what did I turn into?

How to Light a Matchstick

By BRIAN WU



Something feels funny in my head. Ah, there is an itch in my head!! Oh ~ it is driving me crazy, so itchy! Oh-My-my head is on fire!

By CHRISTIE LAI Grade 7

My Trip to Mexico

This summer, my mom decided to go to Mexico. I was so excited. When I arrived, I smelled the stink of the trash. When I turned around, I screamed. I saw lizards everywhere! I hate lizards.

Then, when I left the airport, I saw the beach. I had never seen such a beautiful view! Actually, I had not seen a beach in ages. I was so excited that I ran to the sand. The sand was so soft that I could even sink into it. I changed into my

beautiful swimming suit, and swam in the sea. The sea was as salty as anchovies. The seaweed was tickling me so much I thought it was playing with me! When I looked up, I saw the clouds. They looked as soft as cotton candy.

The people in Mexico all have blonde hair. They are as beautiful as princesses. The weather there was as hot as lava. Then, I saw dolphins. They were jumping beside the boats. The people played with

the dolphins all the time, so I wanted to try it too. I swam with the dolphins. You can hold on to its fin and let it carry you. You will feel like you are flying! It was fun!

Then, I hopped on a boat and went fishing. When I was fishing, I felt something very rough and heavy. It was moving. I told my uncle to help me. The fish was so heavy that my uncle could not lift it. A Mexican man helped us. He was so strong that he could lift the fish up. The fish was enormous! It was

taller than my sister, Brenda, who is in the third grade. I was so surprised. After that, I went snorkeling and found sea urchins. The people there don't eat them, so there are plenty of them in the ocean. The sea urchins were so big that they were stuck in the rocks and did not come out. We picked up some big ones, and used a small knife to cut them in half and take their meat out. It was really good!

I stayed in Mexico for a week, and then headed back to Canada. It was so much fun!

My Cutest Dog – Happy

By **ETHAN YANG** Grade 8

Nowadays, most families have their own pets. Because of this, I wanted to have my own pet as well. After thinking carefully, I finally chose the best dog in the world. That was also my favorite type of dog – a husky.

There are some important reasons why I chose a husky. First, huskies are very strong and look awesome. Second, they look so cool and ferocious, and no one can hurt them. Third, they are loyal dogs. These were all reasons why I chose to buy a husky.

After several days of consideration, my parents let me buy it. It was called Happy. I was too happy to have my own pet. It looked like a wolf – black and white, with a little bit of gray. Its eyes were blue

like a crystal, and it was as big as a motorcycle. Its fur was softer than anything, and it was very comfortable. And most importantly, it was very handsome. From that day, I fed it, and played ball with it. It played very well, like LeBron James. It could run faster than a car! It was very good at sports, and I took a bath with it, and did homework with it. I did everything with Happy! By the way, he could eat a lot of food. He could eat the head of a bull!

But five years ago, Happy died, and I was so sad that I cried for many weeks. It was an unforgettable experience. Even now, I still remember it. I felt sad, and sometimes I have a dream about Happy. Happy was a really good and lovely dog. It was very shrewd and I hope it can have a good time in paradise.

I love my dog so much!

Language Corner: Japanese

By **JAMIE HO**

私はグレース リアです。私は十四さいです。台湾から来ました。家族は四人です。美術が大好きです。でも、りかが好きじゃないです。冷やし豆腐がすきです。

watashi wa Grace Liao desu. watashi wa jyuuyon sai desu. Taiwan kara kimashita. kazoku wa yonin desu. bijyutsu ga daisuki desu. demo, rika ga sukijyanai desu. hiyashi toufu ga suki desu.

My name is Grace Liao. I'm fourteen years old. I came from Taiwan. I have four people in my family. I love art very much, but I don't like science. I also like Japanese style cold-tofu.

I would like to introduce one of my classmates. Her name is Zoe Tu. Every Friday, she joins the Japanese club. I have been interested in this club for a long time. Even though I am not part of this club, I still care about what happens in the club all the time. That is why I chose Zoe as my subject to interview.

She told me that she has a wonderful time in her club. She is learning how to pronounce the words. When they finish the lecture part, they usually play some spelling games or watch a Japanese movie. They even watch dramas! This makes me really envious.

I have studied Japanese outside of school, even though it is hard. Japanese is similar to Chinese, but it is still very complicated. I enjoy this language very much.

ART APPRECIATION

If I Were An Animal: Self-Portrait

By **MS. L. CHEN**

Students drew a creative self-portrait that includes half of their own face, and half of an animal that best represents their personality. Some ideas include a dove that is loyal and friendly, a koala that is gentle and enjoys taking naps, or a lion that is powerful.

By looking at the portrait, not only can you see the appearance of the artist, the personality of the artist is also demonstrated with their chosen animal. A few techniques used in this particular lesson are adding values from dark to light to create a visual three dimensionality, and by using different line qualities, student created animal textures. Student also had some serious observation time of the self in the mirror along with examination of image references of their chosen animal. The portrait can bring you to a state of illusion – you wonder whether the artist's face becomes part of the animal, or if the animal portrait slowly merges into the human face.



By **ALEX LIN**

If I were an animal, I would be a panda, because pandas are modest, friendly, cute, and they also live in groups. I think a panda's habits and characteristics match my personality.

While drawing this particular work, I could feel the similarities between myself and the panda, and I could really feel the life of the panda, if I were to become an animal. This was a very interesting experience.



By **CHRISTINE YEH**

A pig is always a symbol of laziness and being easy-going. My impression is that pigs are always noisy. Looking at my personality, I am also a lazy girl, and easy-going with things that don't really matter. I am also a loud girl that yells in the hallway, which relates back to my impression of pigs.



By **JORDAN TANG**

Wolves are clever and have leadership. I like to lead a team and have control over certain things when being in a team.



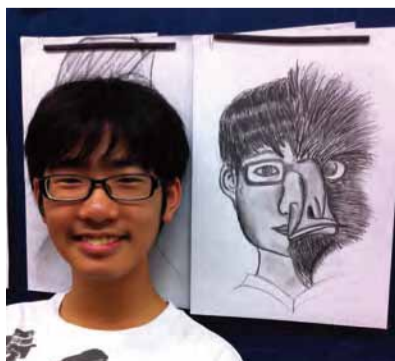
By **LYEO HUANG**

I chose a cat because its personality is similar to mine. I am lazy and free. Also, cats are very cute and cool-that's why I love them.



By **SABRINA LIN**

"Friends think I smile like a young bear."



By **ANDREW LEE**

"Ostriches are crazy and sometimes a little off, and that is just like me!"

Congratulations! Finalists of the 2011 New Taipei City Student Art Competition

KCBS is very proud to announce the eight finalists of the 2011 New Taipei City Student Art Competition. The winners include students from grades nine to twelve with art works ranging from sketch, to watercolor; ink wash, to graphic design and mix media. The wide range of material used and the creativity that is delivered through the student's art work definitely shows a sense of diversity in our student's talent.



Butterfly
Artist Lisa Liu Grade11 (Third Place)



夜店人生
Artist Andy Yu Grade12 (Special Mention)



重生
Artist Nina Chou Grade10 (Special Mention)

Interview with Hanna Ting

By MS. L. CHEN

What is the meaning of your title? Is there an idea or a message that you are trying to deliver to your audience?

It is a proverb, and it means that people should always be grateful and appreciate the things that they use in their everyday lives, because these things come from others who spend hours and hours producing them, even something as small as a piece of tissue paper.

What is the idea behind using the McDonald's cup?

The reason for a McDonald's cup is because it is easily accessible and it is a logo that is widely known to the general audience; therefore, I think it is the best way to deliver this message that people should treat everyday objects as something more precious.

So why the traditional Chinese ink wash style?

Because I have never done it before, and I wanted to explore the material.

How long did it take you to complete this work?

It took me about thirty hours to complete the work.

What art work are you currently working on?

I am currently preparing for the entrance exam to be able to study art at a University.

What is your plan after graduating from KCBS?

I would like to attend the Taipei National University of the Arts.

I had a short chat with Hanna after the interview and asked what her future plans in the art and design field were. I asked if she wanted to be a designer or an artist and she stated that she loved to paint, and would want to become a professional painter. When I look at her work, not only am I stunned with the delicacy of her brush strokes, but what I really appreciate is the way she portrayed an idea incorporating everyday objects in a traditional way that is at the same time modern to our senses. I would like to congratulate her once again and wish her the best of luck in her endeavors.



飲水思源
Artist Hanna Ting Grade12 (Second Place)



靜靜等待
Artist Brian Liu Grade 9 (Special Mention)



Love and Hate
Artist Nancy Wang Grade10 (Special Mention)



異想世界
Artist Lisa Lai Grade12 (Special Mention)

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