



Fall Orientation at Burr Pond



Students enjoying outdoor lake activities



Orientation Lunch at school cafeteria

Harvest Moon Festival - September 2016

The Harvest Moon Festival is traditionally held on a full moon evening in the fall and celebrates a Chinese folklore tradition. Each year, Assistant Director of Student Life, Michelle Cundiff, puts together a host of activities for our international Chinese students to share a part of their heritage with the Winsted community and Gilbert students and families.

To begin the excitement of the evening on Wednesday, September 14, tables were set up in the foyer of the school attended by international students to do face painting, Chinese name writing, lantern making, and more to take part in the festivities of the evening. Arin Deng, Coco Yu and Kaitlin Li prepared for students to visit their table.

To open the evening, a formal 20-minute video presentation was put together by the international students and the Student Ambassador Club and was presented in the Gilbert school auditorium. After the presentation, traditional dances were performed on stage by the CCSU Confucius Institute. The educational and fun evening concluded with students and families enjoying tables of traditional Chinese cuisine.



Students, Arin Deng, Coco Yu, Kaitlin Li



Traditional dragon and man on stage



Chinese New Year - January 2017

Traditionally, on the eve of the Chinese New Year, the International Team celebrates the Chinese heritage with a gathering of authentic Chinese cuisine and friendship for its students. This year the event was held on Saturday, January 28. This was the universal evening of the Chinese New Year. Ken Lin from Shenzhen, shared with Dean of Admissions, Debra LaRoche, the tradition behind Chinese New Year on this evening.

International students gathered for a fun evening at one of the international dorm homes that provided card games, and a meal of hot pot, dumplings, noodles, spring rolls, rice, traditional Chinese candy, assorted fruits and desserts and a sparkling cider toast to welcome in the New Year.



Students sharing a traditional Chinese meal



Ken Lin and Debra LaRoche

Chinese Heritage Night at Barclay Center, NYC

On Friday, February 3, twenty students were chaperoned to the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY, to watch the Brooklyn Nets play the Indiana Pacers. This was a special NBA game night for our students as the Barclays Center celebrated Chinese Heritage Night. Students enjoyed performances by Chinese artists, received free Chinese Brooklyn Nets hats, and game announcements in Mandarin. It was a great evening for our international students and chaperones.



Group picture of all

Field Trip to Butternut Ski Resort



Students Robert Yu and Daniel Wu



Group of 10 students getting ready for their first ski lesson



Tea House Talent Night

On Friday, March 3, students of The Gilbert School and the international program gathered for the first annual Tea House Talent Night. Twenty one students shared their talents of singing, dancing and poetry reading to a standing room crowd in the library of the school. Attending students, faculty and staff members cheered on their classmates and students with rousing applause.

With the IT help and orchestration of musical background put together by international student Mr. T Zheng, the

evening was a huge success and enjoyed by all. After the outstanding performances, it was agreed that it would be an annual event for the international program. The picture captures students Randy Lan, on vocals accompanied by Bruce Chen on the guitar. Randy Lan on vocals shared a traditional Chinese love song with the group.

The talented evening finished with traditional Chinese cuisine, beverages, and delicious baked goods.



Student Bruce Chen



Student Randy Lan