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Preface:

As the first edition for the second volume of the Howard County Chinese School Gazette, we would like to kick it off with some pizzazz and flair. This edition is chock-full of festivals, fairs, and field days. In addition, a new school year has begun, bringing a fresh start to another incredible journey. We also invite you, yes you personally, to be a part of this through our student column where you can submit your own work.

Happy Reading!

NOTICES & INCOMING EVENTS

Beginning of the 2023-2024 HCCS School Year

The very first day of the 2023-2024 school year will be on Sunday, August 27th, kicking off another year of learning and growth. We hope to see you there!

Quarter Centennial Ceremony for the HCCS

In October 2023, there will be a ceremony celebrating HCCS's 25th year of teaching Chinese to students around the county.

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Established in 1998, Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) is a non-profit organization located in Howard County, Maryland. Its central mission is to advance Chinese language education, foster cultural inheritance, and promote community wellbeing.

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ABOUT THE GAZETTE

An official publication of Howard County Chinese School, The Gazette encourages school students and staff to submit articles and photographs of general interest. Submissions will be edited to convey the most necessary information.

Email editorial copy and writing to pr@hccs-md.org.

NEWS

HCCS Participation in Howard County Public Library's Carnival Event

BY Addison Liu

On August 5th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Howard County Chinese School participated in the Howard County Public Library System's H3 Carnival Event. The event featured various interactive activities, including Hi-Tech student booths, and craft and game areas, indoors within the library and outside at stands and food trucks. This community event provided an opportunity for people of all ages to engage in hands-on crafting, practice their skills, and learn something new.

Our very own HCCS Robotics team, AlphaBots, set up their booth where they showcased various projects and achievements. They proudly highlighted their journey to the State Championships and subsequent advancement to the Nationals. The team introduced some of the missions they had successfully completed and offered explanations about how the FLL missions and map function.

The carnival was a tremendous success, bringing together individuals of all ages who united to exhibit creativity and pursue newfound knowledge. Heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who manned the different booths and facilitated the sessions, contributing to the event's entertainment and uniqueness.



NEWS

Howard County Chinese School 2023 - 2024 School Year Begins

INTERVIEWERS: Joe Li, Emily Hu, Emma Lu,
Amy Gu, Audrey Gu, Evan Luo, Addison Liu

BY: Joe Li

Last week, on August 27th, the Howard County Chinese School began its 2023-2024 school year. This marks the 25th year since the HCCS was established and in this quarter century it has taught tens of thousands of students. In an interview with Mrs. Luo, a teacher who has taught at the Chinese School for 8 years, she stated that one of the reasons she comes back every year is because her class truly helps the students further understand their culture which is also something that Ming Li, the chairman of the board of directors expressed was important for Chinese Americans to recognize their identity. Similarly, in an interview with Mrs. Wu, who has taught at the Chinese school for 18 years, she stated that one of her reasons for teaching was to help future generations communicate and understand their families. Additionally, when interviewing a parent, he stated that the Chinese school felt like one big family and that he hopes to do more activities together as a community. In an interview with the principal, Xuan Weng, she mentioned that for its 25th anniversary, the school is trying out new classes for 9-12th graders and planning to increase the number of AP classes in the spring along with a drama class. A lot of work has gone into this school year so we hope that you have a good one!



NEWS

New School Year Video

BY: HCCS Youth Journalists

Howard County Chinese School kicks off the 2023-2024 year! Hear what teachers, students, parents, and administrators are saying about this fresh start:

 [HCCS First Day of School](#)

NEWS

YAP Members Testify in Howard County BOE

YAP Back to BOE
Testimony! YAP member
Julia Chen and Mark Li
testified in Howard County
BOE on 08/31 and 09/07,
talking about their opinions
on school, community and
student affairs.



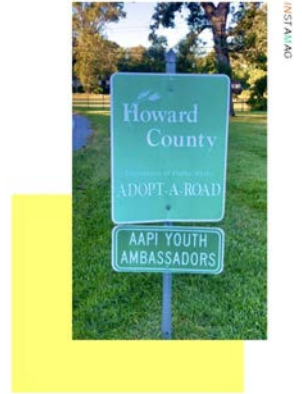
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YAP Environment Group Participation in Adopt-a-Road Program

YAP Environment Group has been actively participating in the Howard County Adopt-A-Road program. They have been responsible for the regular clean-up of Freetown Road in Columbia and have successfully completed multiple clean-up events to date.

Their efforts have been recognized by the county, and a sign bearing the name "AAPI Youth Ambassadors" has been put up on Freetown Road.

Thank you, Howard County, for acknowledging their efforts, and a big shoutout to all their volunteers for making this possible! Let's keep our community clean and beautiful.



NEWS

Field Day Summary and Photos

BY: Addison Liu

On September 23rd, from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) made a triumphant return with its biannual "HCCS Field Day" after a hiatus due to COVID-19. This remarkable event, celebrating Howard County Chinese School's anniversary, was proudly sponsored by our Chinese School PTA, and the Howard County Youth Engagement Program (YEP).

What made this year's Field Day particularly special was the change of venue. Instead of the usual outdoor setting, the event took place indoors at the fantastic Sports World facility. This change added a fresh twist to the festivities, generating excitement among participants.

Field Day brought together more than 400 individuals from diverse communities, offering a wide range of engaging physical activities. Participants could enjoy sports stations such as table tennis, soccer, badminton, jump rope, pickleball, sack racing, tug-of-war, hula-hooping, and much more. The event kicked off with captivating performances, including fan tai chi, a youth dance choreography, and an impressive adult dance performance, among others.

During the event, our HCCS Youth Journalists had the opportunity to interview prominent figures, including HCCS Principal Weng Xuan, Chairman of the Board Ming Li, as well as HCCS SGA members and parents/students. In an interview with Chairman Ming Li, we delved into the challenges faced by HCCS in hosting this event and its underlying goals. Chairman Ming Li expressed his gratitude to the dedicated HCCS staff and students who worked tirelessly to make Field Day a resounding success. He emphasized that the event aimed to preserve traditions while encouraging active participation among students and faculty, all while having a great time. He expressed immense pride in the achievements of the community and their enthusiasm for the event.

In addition to this, our PTA President, Ms. Jin Tang,



who is the primary organizer of this event, also expresses gratitude to a multitude of people, saying how the successful holding of this fun sports meeting would not be possible without the overtime work of the organizing team, the conscientious rehearsals of the actors, the dedication of parents of graduated and current students in making delicious food, and the adult and student volunteers. She added that we organize various sports events very seriously and couldn't do it without the enthusiastic support of all parents and children who participate in the event.

In summary, HCCS Field Day was an outstanding success, catering to participants of all ages who found activities that ignited their physical passions. Whether it was badminton and soccer or jump rope and hula-hooping, everyone had a blast. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who supported this event, dedicating their time and energy to ensure its triumph.

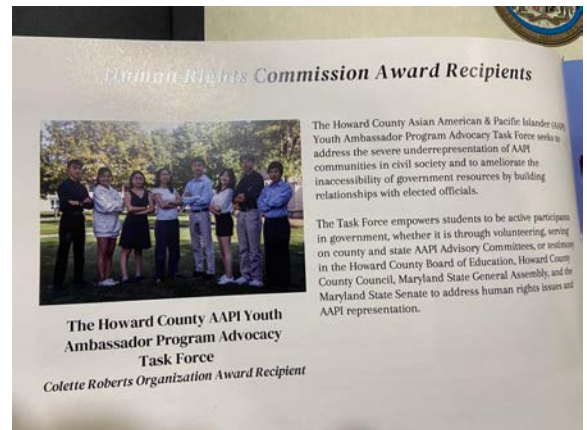


NEWS

AAPI Youth Ambassadors of Howard County

At the recently concluded Howard County Human Rights Council's 2023 Human Rights Awards Ceremony, the kids from our AAPI YAP Advocacy Group, along with YAP member Lily Peng, have been honored with collective and individual awards! Out of the honors, two were collective awards and two were individual awards.

A special highlight mentioned during the award ceremony was the surge in student awardees this year. A big congratulations to all the winners!



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NEWS

HCCS Mid-Autumn Festival Gala

BY: Emily Hu

The 25th anniversary Mid-Autumn Festival ends with an all around fantastic applause!

The Howard County Chinese Cultural Center celebrates the 25th anniversary of Howard County Chinese School by hosting a Mid-Autumn Festival Gala: Hope with Feathers. On the evening of October 15, a full seated Jim Rouse Theater sat to watch the showcasing of many Chinese cultural aspects including foods, music, poetry, and fashion.

A wide variety of performances were showcased throughout the night. Whether it was a poem reciting, dance studios moving to the music with their brilliant costumes, drums shaking the whole auditorium, fashion, the band, the strings, or the singing, everyone was entertained and had a blast!

A special thing that was hosted before the performance were the food stands. Food vendors gathered with their tables selling Chinese cultural foods and treats to attendees who arrived before 7:00 pm. You could buy anything ranging from a bowl of noodles, to cookies with raccoons on them. It was truly spectacular seeing all the guests purchase and taste the amazing food!

The HCCS Youth Journalists had the opportunity to interview many performers, food vendors, and important organizers including Guoyi Fu, Linfeng Chen, and Mei Du. Check out the YouTube video that will be posted soon!

This event was supported by many organizations. A huge thank you to the Howard County Center for the Arts, Maryland State Arts Council, IVY Direct, Community



Health Initiative, Build U Home Construction Service, Asian American Healthcare Center, Zen Garden A Peking Duck House, Peter Chans, Candlelight Concert Society, and Tea Horse Sichuan Bistro for your amazing support!

We would also like to give special thanks to the H4C Staff: Guoyi Fu, Jiabei Wang, Mei du, Jing Tian, Xinge Wang, Xianyan Zhang, Jianjun Luo, Qing Li, and Meina Liu; as well as the concert staff: Yi Xu, Yan Huang, Chuanjiang Yu, Lijie Zhen, and Changyi Li. Of course, the HCCS members were also a huge part of this successful event, thanks to: Ming Li (BOD Chair), Xuan Weng (Principal, BOD Member), Cuiwui Zhao (Advisory Committee Chair, BOD Member), and Jin Tang (PTA, BOD Member). Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the Art Director Yan Huang, Director Yi Xu, and MC Jessie Zheng!

The Mid-Autumn Festival for the 25th anniversary of the HCCS was a great success! Many found pleasure, excitement, inspiring performances in this event and we hope to be able to educate and put forth our Chinese culture.





STUDENT COLUMN

HCCS Students,

We want to hear from you! If you would like to submit your writing for the next issue of our gazette newspaper, please email your work to pr@hccs-md.org.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your work in the HCCS Gazette!

HCCS Youth Journalists