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Preface:

For the second gazette of the second volume, we have one of the most important events in years, the one and only 25 year anniversary celebration! Along with other activities, the school has been busy! Check out the Chinese painting event or the amazing work of the Youth Ambassadors. We once again invite you to submit your own work in the student column at the very bottom of the gazette and stay tuned for the new edition with the Lunar New Year Gala for the year of the Dragon!

Happy Reading!

NOTICES & INCOMING EVENTS

Spring Festival Gala

On February 4th, the Howard County Chinese School will be hosting its annual Spring Festival Gala at Howard High School. Join us for the Year of the Dragon with a food fair, cultural exhibition, and outstanding performances. We hope to see you there!

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MISSION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHINESE SCHOOL

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.

Movie "Sight"
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County Chinese School

The movie "Sight" arrived at the Howard County Chinese School.

During the screening, Dr. Mingxu Wang had an interview with student representatives from the Howard County Chinese School's Student Government Association (SGA). Not only did he answer questions that interested the students, but he also delivered a lively public speaking lesson to them. The video of this interview will be produced as soon as possible.

After the movie-screening event, Dr. Mingxu Wang and Mr. Ming Li, the chairman of the Howard County Chinese School, were interviewed by Mr. Xugeng Zhou, the 89-year-old chairman of the American Chinese Media, discussing in-depth the social issues that concern everyone.



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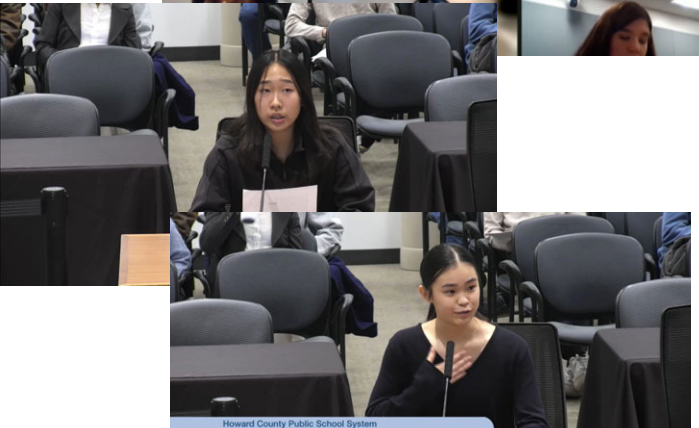
AAPI Youth Ambassadors Testify in Howard County BOE - Lunar New Year

Yesterday, 12/5, our nine AAPI Youth Ambassadors shined at the BOE hearing with their powerful testimonies, both on-site and via Zoom. They raised their voices for the Asian community, and we couldn't be prouder of these strong and beautiful young voices!

From personal stories to compelling data, these incredible students articulated the necessity of recognizing Lunar New Year as an official holiday. Their diverse perspectives not only represent our community's values but also demonstrate solidarity and support from other ethnic groups.

We stand for the celebration of our cultural festivals and equally support those of other communities, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect.

To witness this inspiring event, check out this video (starting from 2:55:00): [BOE Hearing](#)



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HCCS 25th Anniversary Teacher-Student Celebration Summary and Photos

BY: Joe Li and HCCS Youth Journalists

For a remarkable quarter century, the Chinese School has been steadily progressing through both sunny days and storms, triumphs and challenges alike. On December 17th, for the HCCS 25th Anniversary Teacher-Student Celebration, we saw the fruits of our labor. From the adorable kindergarteners to the tenth graders graduating this year, the event was packed with an array of memorable performances, including charming duck-costumed acts by the kids, captivating martial arts displays, and vibrant songs, poetry, and dances.

The event commenced with speeches by the principal, Weng Xuan, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ming Li, addressing the momentous occasion, followed by twenty excellent performances from the student

community. Starting off with a dance, featuring both younger and older students, the event then progressed to many delightful songs by younger children, interspersed with martial arts and robotics. As the show progressed, so did the age of the performers, bringing more sophisticated and advanced songs and poems into the mix. Eventually, the performance culminated in an elegant presentation of Tai Chi and a fashion show featuring adults in the community.

The energy and enthusiasm of this event were palpable and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this event a tremendous success. All of this would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the teachers and staff and of course you! A big thanks to everyone that attended the event and our incredible community! We hope to see you at the next anniversary celebration!

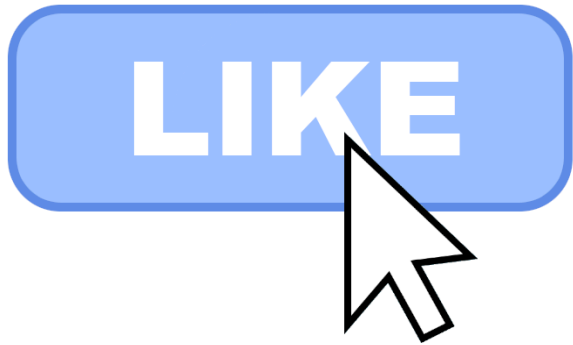






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HCCS 25th Anniversary Teacher-Student Celebration Video



Playlist

BY: HCCS Youth Journalists

Make sure to check out our videos of the event here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_IB0qKrpSZAT_UVEfy-2MTGsG4chHHt3



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Celebrating MLK with Community Service

Yesterday, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, nearly 20 students from our [Howard County Chinese School \(HCCS\)](#), including 14 members of YAP and other SGA members, along with their parents, participated in the county's MLK Day community service event. It was a day full of meaningful activities, and our school leaders were also there to join in the commemoration of MLK Day.

We're incredibly proud to share that our HCCS received special recognition during the opening ceremony. The county representatives and event organizers mentioned us twice, acknowledging our support and participation.

Exciting news for next year – the County Office of Human Rights and Equity, along with the MLK Commission, have agreed that our HCCS's YAP and SGA will host an MLK Day event! Our students will be more than just volunteers at the MLK Day of Service; they'll be the hosts!

Day of Service Program Activities included:

- Voter Registration Drive
- Health Clinic (COVID & Flu vaccines)
- MLK Reflection Room
- Caring Craft Corner
- MLK Children's Read-In
- Howard County Library System Book MLK Display
- Kits to Heart Volunteer Service Activity
- Sensory Fidget Toy Activity
- HopeWorks Teen Workshop

Let's continue to honor Dr. King's legacy through service and community involvement. A big thank you to everyone who participated and made this day special. Here's to making an even bigger impact next year!





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

