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*Sino-Canada High*

# School Beat

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## Charity Auction a Success



Mr. Chen works hard to raise the bids for his and Mr. Hayes' hockey event.

March 30 was a special day; the Charity Auction was held. Why was this activity held at school? It was held to raise money for the Wujiang Orphanage and Luxu Migrant Workers School. We need to help each other, so many school students were encouraged to donate.

In our school, BC teachers had a different way to encourage students to donate. They auctioned themselves. The BC teacher

belonged for one day to the person who paid the most money. Students were very keen on this activity. They wanted to talk with their teacher. Every teacher auctioned himself/herself, and most students took part in this activity.

At the beginning, two students were volunteers. They sang a song, then the Charity Auction formally began. This charity auction not only auctioned the teacher but also

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## Twins Galore!



Teachers and students were encouraged to find a twin for 1 day. Some even found triplets, quadruplets and more!

Everyone who participated had fun planning their outfits and showing them off at the Charity Auction. For more photos of these picture perfect pairings, look at page 8.

## Saying It With a Candy-gram

One of the better fund-raisers for the Wujiang Orphanage is the Candy-gram Sale. It's great fun to send a candy-gram to all your friends and those you wish were your friends. It's even more fun to get them and eat them! Everyone waits excitedly for the candy-grams to be delivered to the classes. Most intriguing are those that arrive from

"Secret Admirers". There is great speculation amongst friends as to whom the mystery person might be.

However, the biggest winners from this event are the children at the orphanage. All the money raised from this sale goes to buy diapers, clothes, and food for the children.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this drive a success.



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# Parents and Teachers Talk

On April 14 and 15 our school welcomed parents for the second time this school year. The places in front of the dormitories were filled with cars. The library suddenly became much busier. Friendly smiles were hanging on every teacher's face. They were all willing to communicate with students' parents.

Although some parents couldn't understand English, there was a student sitting beside each BC teacher who helped to translate what both parents and teachers said. They talked about students' marks, home work, behaviors, attitudes, and even futures. Mrs. Moshurchak talked about Planning. Mr. Ng talked about Science. Mr. Ma talked about Art, and so on.

Parents asked questions seriously. Teachers answered questions completely and patiently. What a good way to make parents' know more about their children!

Because many parents wanted to talk with teachers, they often had a bit of a wait. As they held the report cards, the expressions on their faces were different. Some were happy, some were excited, some were sad and some were angry. A lot of food was also offered by volunteers Helen and Zoë. There was tea, cakes, candies and fruits.

Parents also met with their children's Chinese teachers. The parents' meeting ended at 1p.m when all the cars left leaving the school campus quiet once more. ●



## Joke:

A teacher asks his students, What's the difference between a monkey and a flea? A student replied, "A monkey can have a flea but a flea can't have a monkey."

## Charity Auction *continued*

students' paintings. These works were amazing! Because these paintings were attractive, some students and teachers were vying for the same painting. Every teacher performed a program when they were auctioned. Mr. Epp and Ms. Ridgway did a dance. Mr. Lindholm and Mr.

Hayes each sang a song. Mrs. Abbott and Ms. Davis wore strange dresses that were very funny. Mr. Chen came in on roller blades.

This activity made the new students very interested, because we had never taken part in this kind of activity before. All of the money from this auction will be given to people who need help. This activity also helped teach

us that we need love, and we need to help somebody who needs help. Sino-Canada High School is an international school. These kinds of activities are beneficial in helping us learn more western ways for when we study abroad. ●



## In the Spotlight



Jorius B. is a student who likes to get involved. Her passion and energy have her busy with the Roots and Shoots Club, Earthquake Relief, and singing.

**What grade are you in?**

I am Grade 12.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?**

I like to sing Pop songs best.

**Why have you chosen George as your partner?**

I think he is a good Rapper. He has lots of potential.

**Why did you choose "Airplane" as your song to perform at the Charity Auction?**

Its meaning is to lift off with high hope.

**How does it feel when you are performing?**

I felt very excited at that time.

**What other activities are you good at?**

Sports and Painting.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Yes. I like to play musical instruments, watch TV shows and chat with friends.

## Around Campus



Studying in the library



Football after school



Bob works on a mural



Relaxing with some hockey



Selling Cangy-grams in the cafeteria

Jorius and George entertain at the Charity Auction

## Canadian Corner



### Easter



Easter is a Christian holiday marking the time that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.

Easter represents rebirth and hope. Flowers, eggs, and baby animals, such as chicks, ducklings, lambs, and especially the Easter Bunny, are symbols of Easter.

A favorite activity for children is the Easter Egg Hunt. Nowadays, children search for plastic eggs filled with treats or small toys, or eggs made of chocolate. They are told that the Easter Bunny has hidden the eggs for them to find.



### Idioms:

**To egg someone on:**  
to encourage someone  
*The other students egged the girl on as she sang for the class.*

**An egg-head:** a foolish person  
*The girl who keeps losing her phone is an egg-head.*



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## Staff Stuff



Mr. Yan has been a teacher for about 40 years. He has retired from a public high school and has been teaching at SCHS for 3 years. "For the first time I am teaching English in its real sense."

Mr. Yan feels that the advantages of this school are that it might be one of the few in China where education is not test-oriented any longer. Instead, the students are learning English for communication. The school atmosphere helps them to do so. You can see English posters, newsletters, and school newspapers all around the school. Also, all the major activities are organized in English.

His advice to SCHS students is to make good use of time to lay a solid foundation not only in language but also in life.



Before coming to SCHS, Ms. Davis taught English in Japan and also for a short time in Canada. She is one of the longest serving teachers in SCHS, coming to China and SCHS 8 years ago. When asked about what she likes best about China, she quickly answers, "My students!"

Ms. Davis grew up in Calgary but now she makes her home in Victoria.

Ms. Davis enjoys all kinds of sports, especially diving, and is a keen hockey fan. She also loves travelling to anywhere and has great photos of her adventures.

When asked about advice for students, Ms. Davis keeps it simple. "READ! READ! And READ!" she says excitedly.

## Club Scene: Guitar Club



Mr. Cox is an English and Communications teacher at SCHS. He loves to play his guitar whenever he has spare time. He shares this passion with students in Guitar Club.

### What is the goal of your club?

To improve our guitar playing and to have fun making music.

### How do you help your students?

I show them how to play, and we practise together.

### What will you do to make this club better?

I will try to get more equipment so that more students can join us.

### How many students are there in your club?

Seven or eight.?

### Do you feel happy when you are teaching students?

Yes, we teach each other.

### Do you ever get tired of doing it?

Never. Sometimes it is a bit challenging but it is always worth it in the end when I see their progress.

## Club Scene: Music Club



Zhao Lin is an art and music teacher at SCHS. He leads the Music Club. Students in this club have a chance to learn a bit about music. They learn to play a simple musical instrument,

the ocarina. Sometimes the students get a chance to perform for others, too.

### Why did you create this Club?

I want to cultivate the students' interest in music.

### Which singer do you like best?

My favourite singer is Jay Chou.

### Which kind of music do you like best?

I like pop music and classical music.

### Which musical instruments can you play?

I can play drums, piano, ocarina and so on.

### Did want to be a singer in the past?

Yes.

### When did you start to learn music?

I started when I was 16 years old.

## Survey Says

Students of SCHS were surveyed to get their opinions to the following question:

"Should we do sports in the morning?"

"Yes, I think health is important" 32%

"No, I can't wake up so early!" 51%

"Maybe we can do it another time" 17%

# International Night



On the evening of April 7, students at SCHS had a chance to showcase their music and dancing talents at International Night. This was another successful event organized by the Student Council. According to Karen C., president of the Council, the purpose of the event was to encourage more friendship between the Chinese and international students at SCHS. This year all the international students at SCHS come from Korea. "It is another way for communication between the two different cultures," said Karen.



The Council chose this activity because the same event last year was so successful. "I think it's a good method to connect with each other more," said Karen. "It will be easier to make friends with others if you have the same interests. That's what our aim is."

The students who performed put on a great show. Everyone who attended the event enjoyed the entertainment. Congratulations to both organizers and performers for another fantastic SCHS event! ●



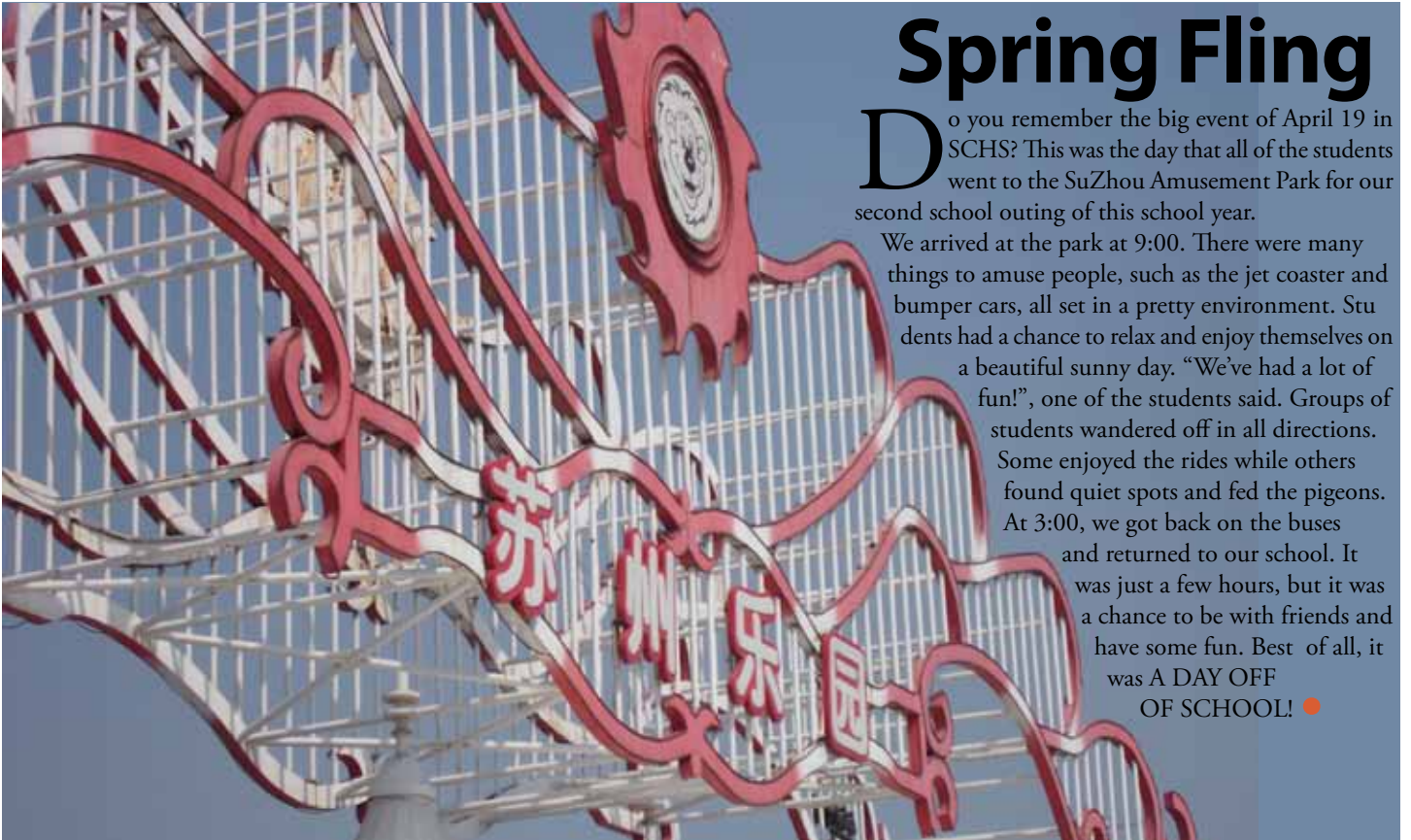
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# Spring Fling

Do you remember the big event of April 19 in SCHS? This was the day that all of the students went to the SuZhou Amusement Park for our second school outing of this school year.

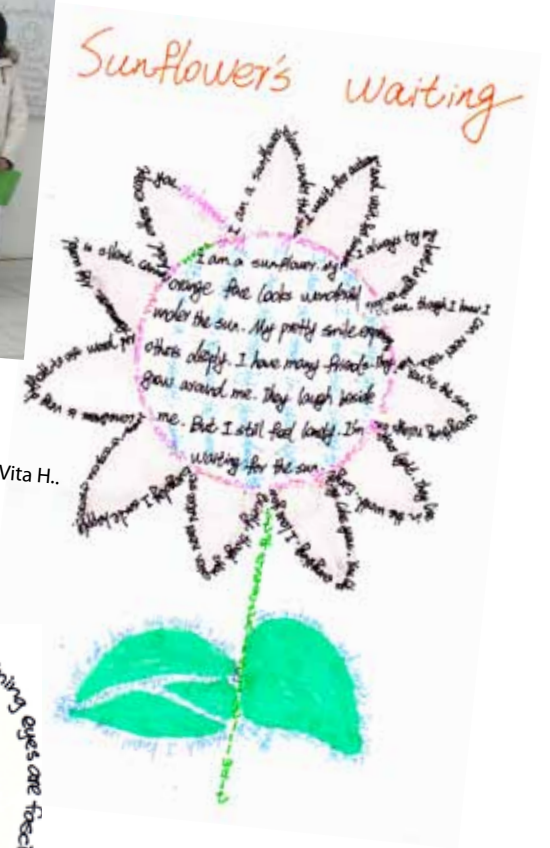
We arrived at the park at 9:00. There were many things to amuse people, such as the jet coaster and bumper cars, all set in a pretty environment. Students had a chance to relax and enjoy themselves on a beautiful sunny day. "We've had a lot of fun!", one of the students said. Groups of students wandered off in all directions. Some enjoyed the rides while others found quiet spots and fed the pigeons. At 3:00, we got back on the buses and returned to our school. It was just a few hours, but it was a chance to be with friends and have some fun. Best of all, it was A DAY OFF OF SCHOOL! ●



# Student Gallery: English 10 Shape Poems



"Mermaid" by Warren W.



"Sunflower's Waiting" by Vita H.



"A Shining Star" by Shirley.



"Letter and Scarecrow" by Fiona Z.

# Girls Basketball



The Girls Basketball Team poses with Coaches Lu Guo Wei and Ms. Carter. The team is made up of players from Grades 10, 11, and 12. This is SCHS's first interschool girls team.



The girls played their first game at Nanyang and came away with a victory. We wish the team well in the remainder of their season. Way to go, girls!

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