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*Sino-Canada High*

# School Beat

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## Tournament a Huge Success



The first interschool basketball tournament was held this February at SCHS. It was a very successful event.  
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## SCHS Earthquake Relief



**Organizers:**  
Robin Z., Elle X., Jorius B., Mango H., Kevin Z.

Kevin Z. is a student in Grade 10. Seeing the destruction in Japan moved him very much. "It is one of the biggest natural disasters to happen in recent years. I think none of them deserved such a big natural disaster like that. We're all human and I want to help them," he said.

Kevin got together with four other students to organize an Earthquake Relief Fund at SCHS. Besides Kevin, the committee is made up of Elle, Robin, Mango, and Jorius. The group talked to several teachers in the BC program and began to make their plans. The

Planning Classes made posters to advertise the fundraising efforts. With the help of Ms. Atkins and Ms. McCallum, the committee prepared a presentation. They presented it to the students of SCHS on March 23 and 24.

Donations were made by the Student Council, the Student Business Club, and many classes and individuals. In total, 10300 RMB was collected for Earthquake Relief. The money collected will be given to UNICEF and a fund to help earthquake victims in Yunnan

For more photos of this event, see page 2. ●

## From the Vice Principal's Pen



**What do you think is the best quality for achieving success?**

I think the most important quality to achieve success is insistence. There is no short-cut for success, so keep on doing the right thing although you will meet different kinds of problems. That's okay, because it's not difficult. It's a challenge to yourself and I'm sure you can work it out if you are insistent about it.



**What do you think is the best quality for achieving success?**

I think the best quality to ensure success in life is good work habits. People that are willing to work hard will be winners. Even if it is a task or a class or with a person we don't like; if we work hard we will eventually succeed. People who are ready to give up and quit without working hard will always be losers.

# Earthquake Relief *continued*

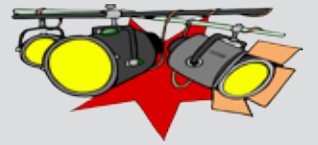


Grade 8 students, Doni D. and Annie L., make a generous donation after



On behalf of the Student Council, Lydia W. and Karen C. donate to the cause.

## In the Spotlight



Sharon is a Grade 10 student at SCHS who plays the piano.

**When did you start playing the piano?**

I started to play when I was 11 years old. I have had lessons for 4 years.

**Why did you choose the piano to learn?**

When I was a little girl I saw some people playing the piano and I thought that the music was beautiful.

**Do you play any other instruments?**

No.

**How often do you practice?**

I used to practice for 2 hours every day but I have had to stop that because I am too busy with my studies.

**Do you think other students should learn to play the piano?**

Oh, yes. It is good for students. When they go abroad, universities look for other abilities and skills and this is a good one.

**Do you like to perform?**

I get very afraid when I have to play with other people watching me.

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

I like to listen to Justin Bieber and Super Junior.



In Planning Class, Eileen S. and Amber Z. work on a poster for the event.



Kevin works on the presentation.



In the theatre, students listened to a short, but powerful, PPT presentation given by all members of the committee:



Students made donations as they exited the theatre after the presentation.



8300 RMB (\$1270) was donated to UNICEF for Japan Relief. The remainder of the money went to the Red Cross to help victims of the earthquake in Yunnan.

# Basketball Tournament Huge Success



A great sports event, the first Sino-Canada Basketball Competition, was organized by Mr. Hayes and his Grade 11 Boys PE Class. Teams from Shanghai United School and Nan Yang Model School came to SCHS to compete on March 10th to March 11th, 2011. This was a good chance for players to show their sportsmanship and basketball skills.

Teams played 4 games against each other and a final on Friday. Games were refereed by Lu Guo Wei and Zhang Qi Jun. Many other teachers and students volunteered as score keepers, time keeper, providing refreshments and making teams feel welcome at SCHS. On Thursday evening players and coaches had dinner in a hotel near our school. During the dinner games were play and prizes were awarded to the winners. Tickets for a 50/50 draw were also sold at the tournament. David Jiang was the winner. Proceeds went to cover the costs for the teams' hotel.

Mr. Hayes said, "I thought we played Zone Defense but we had difficulty generating offence. All the boys were very excited at the beginning and playing well together. We had a few offensive and defensive breakdowns but our boys showed us that they would never give up.

We are looking forward to having other games with these and other teams. ●

## Joke

How do basketball players stay cool during a game?

Answer:

They stand near the fans.



# Around Campus



Making friends at the Orphanage



Working on an assignment in ENG 12



Enjoying badminton in Girls' PE



Art Class goes to the stables.



Partner work in GAC



Partner work in GAC



Team Handball Noon Hour League

Students make bedroom furniture with their bodies in Drama Class.



## Kids in the Hall

What is one thing that has been bothering you a lot recently?



Tina M.  
Gr. 11.

"A bad fever."



Peter Y.  
Gr. 11.

"I have no money."



Robin Z.  
Gr. 12

"Losing weight?"



Morgan L.  
Gr. 11.

"I am ill."

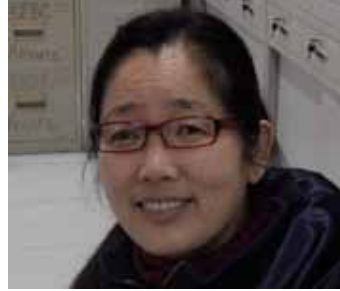
# Staff Stuff at Sino-Canada High School



Mr. Mahama is originally from Ghana in Africa. He has been in China for several years now and at this school for almost 1 year. He thinks the people of China are very friendly and that SCHS is a good school to work at.

Mr. Mahama teaches in the ESL Department of SCHS. He says he has fun working with his students. He works hard to keep a good working relationship with them and also with other teachers at the school.

In his spare time, Mr. Mahama likes to read, watch movies, and travel .



Meet Wang Xiao Wei, one of our ESL teachers. She comes from Xu Zhou. She has worked in Sino-Canada High School for one year.

Ms. Wang likes singing, especially at parties and special events. Her beautiful voice is appreciated by all who hear it. Ms. Wang has tried different kinds of food but Chinese food remains her favourite.

Her motto is a very wise proverb: "No one can call back yesterday; yesterday will not be called again."



Zhang Qi Jun is a PE teacher. He works with Mr. Hayes teaching boys PE in the BC Program. He loves sports and has become quite good at Canada's favourite sport: hockey.

Mr. Zhang has worked at Sino-Canada High School for two and a half years. He originally comes from the north-east of China.

Mr. Zhang believes that the brain is the strongest part of the body. His motto "When you pay, you will get the reciprocate." is very similar to a popular Canadian idiom: "What goes around, comes around."



Ms. Atkins teaches Social Studies at SCHS. She tries to keep her classes interesting by being creative and showing a lot of pictures and videos.

She thinks SSt is a necessary subject to study because it provides kids with the background knowledge necessary to survive living or studying abroad . As well, SS involves world current events.

Ms. Atkins really enjoys teaching, probably, she thinks, because she likes to talk a lot, but also because it's fun. When one of her students makes a mistake, she tries to get them to recognize and correct their own mistake first.

The most interesting thing she has seen living in China so far is some interesting street food.

## Club Scene: **roots&shoots** www.rootsandshoots.org



### Q1.What is this club about?

We are an environmental club who want to help protect our planet and the people and critters who inhabit it. We do super hero activities.

### Q2.What do you do in club time?

Thus far we have created beautiful posters, practiced school announcements, discovered interesting environmental facts, decorated boxes for the Japan Relief fund and planned up-coming events such as Earth Day!

### Q3.What can we learn in your club?

You can learn to make a difference in your school and community, raise awareness, develop organizational and leadership skills, and become a global citizen!

### Q4.Are many students interested in this club?

Yes, we have only had three meetings as we are a new club but we already have 16 members! More are welcome. Please join us.

### Q5.What special activities are planned?

We are a club with big ideas and have lots

of activities planned such as creating a school garden, making a Roots and Shoots ceramic tile mural for the hall way, and bringing more garbage cans into the classrooms. Not just for garbage but also recycling! We really want to help our school, our community and the Earth.



# Student Business Starts



Printing individualized T-shirts is the first venture of the Student Business.

There is no better way to learn than by doing so a group of SCHS students decided to learn about business by starting a business.

The Student Business was founded by Jackson. The school principal supported the idea very well. "We think this kind of organization can help students improve their abilities of co-operation, creation, and leadership," said Jackson. The idea for a student business came from a global organization

called Junior Achievement, whose goal is to improve the abilities of students in business.

The Student Business has operated for only 2 weeks. They realize that there are many problems to solve before the team can move on and reach the goal they set. At the beginning they needed to change the structure and their members and then decide what kind of situation was best. The most difficult thing was how to let others know their real goals and what they were thinking about. "Actually, we are always doing that. Nobody has a same thought so that to make everybody understand us and help us is not so easy as you think, but we will try our best," said Jackson.

The purpose of the Student Business is to improve a variety of abilities in students by selling products. Second, the Student Business wants to benefit the community, so most of the benefit will go to charities. Jackson adds, "We want to do all of the things we can to help students understand how to think about society and life. We're going to plan a lot of activities to lead students to develop themselves."

When asked about suggestions for people who first start a business, Jackson gives the following advice. "I think there are 3 important

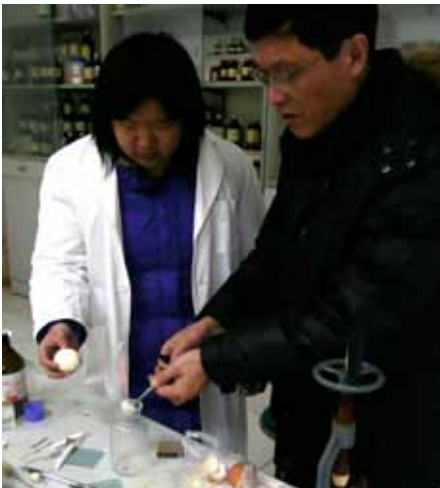


Jackson, Student Business founder

points. No.1 is to observe. Observe how businessmen do their business and how they advertise, sell and talk. No.2 is thinking. Think about what kind of ways you need to sell your products, and how you can make customers think the products you sell are good for them. No.3 is asking. When you have problems, ask the people who have done business for a long time how they think about it."

This activity is providing an excellent opportunity for students to learn. We wish them great success! ●

## Club Scene: Science Club



### Q1. What is your club about?

The Science Club was set up by BC teachers, Chinese teachers, and SCHS students. It offers a chance for students to learn more about science than they might have the opportunity to learn in class.

### Q2. When is your club?

It's every other Thursday from 4 to 5 pm.

### Q3. What can you learn in this club?

Science Club offers students hands-on activities and simple experiments related to science. Students can explore their own interests and expand their knowledge with group or solo activities. Group activities help students learn to work together to come up with ideas to solve problems.

### Q4. Are many students interested in this club?

Usually we start the semester with about 10 students. By the end of the semester, it's a bit less.

### Q5. What special activities do you have planned?

We'll be doing experiments related to gravity and pressure next.



## Survey Says

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

"What do you like to do in your free time?"

Play video games	40%
Play sports	26%
Do Volunteer work	20%
Sleep	10%
Do homework	4%

# A Trip Down Under



Students pose for a photo in front of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge in Sydney,

What a great opportunity! Nine students and two teachers from S.C.H.S travelled to Australia over the Christmas holiday. They went to learn more about Australia and to have fun. The trip was organized by Xu Dan (Daily) from the S.C.H.S Foreign Office. She was helped by Zhu Liye (Julia). They flew from Shanghai to Sydney on Dec. 19 where they spent the next week touring the Gold Coast.

In Sydney the students saw the world famous Opera House, the zoo, and a park close to the Opera House. They also took the time to visit the many interesting shops in Sydney's shopping district. Later they went to an amusement park for many thrills and spills, but they had the most fun at the beach. The group also travelled to Melbourne where one of the places they toured was the University of Melbourne.

Soon it was Dec. 25 and time to leave to go home to Shanghai. Nine very happy and tired students boarded a plane and returned to China. They took with them many good memories. Cheerio, Mate! ●



At the University of Melbourne



A great day at the beach along Australia's famous Gold Coast.



Good thrills at the amusement park

## Canadian Corner



### Valentine's Day

St. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. It is a day for sweethearts. You also can show your friend or loved one that you care by sending them candy. Or you can send roses, the flower of love. However, most people send "valentines," a greeting card.

### Valentine Idioms:

**Learn by heart**- learn something exactly and from memory.  
*You must learn the provinces of Canada by heart.*

**With half a heart** - to do something with not enough effort or enthusiasm

*The student did the extra homework assignment with half a heart.*

**Have your heart in your mouth** - to feel very nervous about something

*His heart was in his mouth as he walked onto the stage to sing.*



<http://www.webweaver.nl>

### St. Patrick's Day!

Celebrated on March 17, this holiday came from Ireland. In Canada, it is a time to have fun. Everyone wears green. Children eat green eggs and pancakes and drink green milk for breakfast. In the evening, there are many parties where people sing Irish songs, dance and drink green beer.



<http://hubpages.com>

### Idioms:

**Give the green light** - Give permission to go ahead with a project.

*The principal gave the girls the green light to start a book club.*

**To have a green thumb** - have a talent for making

things grow.

*Her garden looks so beautiful because she has a green thumb.*

**To be green** - To be inexperienced at something.

*This driver is very green; he has only been driving for 1 week.*

# Art at the Orphanage

January 24, 2010



Art is not something that many of the children at the orphanage get to do very often. So when Mr. Ma, Mr. Abbott and several students showed up with a box filled with art supplies, the smiles of the children stretched across their faces from ear to ear. They had loads of fun creating their artworks and were quite proud of their finished paintings. Who knows...perhaps a new artist was born that day!

# Boys Team Hits the Road



On Thursday, March 24 the boys basketball team travelled to Maodun High School in Jiaxing, Zhejiang. The team played very well and came away with a 50 - 32 win. Congratulations to Mr. Hayes and the boys for a job well done!



## In the Spotlight



George L. has been at SCHS for 3 years and is known for his talent at the piano.

**When did you start playing the piano?**

I started when I was 4 years old.

**Why did you choose the piano to learn?**

It was just my interest.

**Do you play any other instruments?**

No. I don't feel right playing other instruments.

**How often do you practice?**

I practice whenever I have free time for about an hour.

**Do you think other students should learn to play the piano?**

Yes. I can't make decisions for them but it is a way to translate your feelings into something else and to relax.

**Do you like to perform?**

Yes. I get to share my feelings and music with others.

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

I like to listen to symphonies, especially by Chopin.

## Kids in the Hall continued

**What is one thing that has been bothering you a lot recently?**



Alex T.  
Gr. 12.

"I've had a bad fever."



Calvin C.  
Gr. 11

"Where is my life!"



Jacqueline X.  
Gr. 10.

"My weight"



Sherry J.  
Gr. 11.

"I didn't receive a good grade."

# Student Gallery

Poetry by Maggie G.

The green world of Mine  
 will I still be able to sit under it all day  
 Wonder all the imaginations will become fable.  
 The outside world is so big that I don't know where to stay.  
 Only these falling leaves seem to be achievable.  
 Spring brings new life appearing on branches.  
 Sometimes I can hear songs from the chirping birds  
 And here comes my valuable chances.  
 Then I shall realize,  
 Only this green world could fill my emptiness  
 Cause that's the field where it specialize,  
 From then on there's no more emptiness  
 Days by Days I can see my green world grows.  
 Years after years the falling leaves still flows

written by:  
 Maggie  
 type: Sonnet



Maples  
 Red, slim, broad leaves  
 Trembling, whispering  
 When the raughty wind is yelling  
 Hold on

written by:  
 Maggie  
 type: Cinquain



Shape poem by David

Golden, bright, the satellite  
 of children's dreams. Every night,  
 every dream, the moon lady lives in  
 the Palace of the moon, so bright and golden,  
 she flies with the moon rabbits  
 over the tulip bed. Smooth,  
 soft, the moon lady walks in  
 your world, touches your face  
 like spring wind. Golden  
 and bright, the moon lady  
 lives in the Palace of the moon, she  
 flies to children's bedside, rales  
 the love story she missed.  
 she lives in our childhood.

The Moon Lady



14 Lines / The Rainy Night  
 By Terry Hsu  
 The rain blurred my window  
 Remind me of the words you've ever written  
 The day's gone dark but I can't notice at all  
 Like my tears fall but I pretend that not  
 Last week I got your letter happen  
 I was just like a kid who gets a toy  
 The not-long handwriting on the paper  
 It could enough move a far away boy  
 The rain seems to stop and all be quiet  
 I smile at the sketch that you drew for me  
 Bright colour reminds me of the date  
 That the cute quarrel about coffee or tea  
 That rainy day we said goodbye  
 It's sunny now so I believe you'll soon —  
 — come back to my sky

Sonnet by Terry H.



Beautiful Dreams  
 Dreams like a horse running free  
 Dreams like a gull flying by the sea  
 They accompany me every day  
 They are like the lights on my way  
 A lot of beautiful dreams I can see

Limerick by Amy Z.



# "Fools" Hit SCHS

April 1, April Fools Day, is celebrated in many western countries. No one is quite sure where it started but it has been around for several hundred years. On this day people are sent on silly errands, told ridiculous things in the hope that it would be believed, or have pranks played on them.

Take a look at what happened to SCHS!



**Upper Left: Ms. Atkin's classroom was moved into the hallway!  
Lower Left: Student lockers extend across the hallways instead of lining them.**

**Centre: Ms. Davis' room. Ms. Davis, are you still in there?  
Right: Students in Ms. Kende's Physics classes will have to work against gravity to sit in these desks.**

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