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Let our hearts fly high!

Having enjoyed our happy and harmonious traditional holiday--the Spring Festival, we meet each other again in our beautiful schoolyard. With the coming of spring, the happiness we've felt during the festival has continued here, which makes our campus feel more vigorous and energetic. I hope we can hold on to the unforgettable feelings of the festival during our new school term. In this way, we will make much more progress than ever expected. I wish you a continued success in the new semester! Wait for your good news!

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CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome our German Gests

Last Friday, our second-round German guests from Willy Brandt School came to visit our great new campus. Some of them came here for the first time but several of them were returning for the second time. They were not only interested in our wonderful Chinese history but also in our polite and friendly students. After the tiring travel and a good rest, they started their communication with us. First, they went to the old campus to receive a grand and warm welcome. During the ceremony, they demonstrated their talents, which was definitely mixture of eastern and western culture. In the afternoon, they came and joined our junior students' Chinese calligraphy class. Look! They were trying to hold the Chinese brushes and imitate the teacher! How particular the calligraphy was and

how hard they were learning! After their first day of travel in China, they knew that they had made the correct decision; that is to come here to Shuangliu Middle School.

(Zeng Yan)



TEACHERS TELL

IDIOMS OF THE WEEK

1. bat an eye (show surprise, fear, or interest) 眨一下眼睛 (表示惊讶、恐惧等)
[注] 也作 bat an eyelash。该成语通常用于否定句中, 表示不露声色。
例: Bill told his story without batting an eye, although not a word of it was true.
虽然没有一句话是真的, 比尔编造故事却面不改色。
2. be all fingers and thumbs (be very awkward and clumsy in handling things) 做事笨手笨脚
例: She could not undo the string of the parcel ---- she was all fingers and thumbs.
她怎么也解不开包袱上的绳子 ---- 真是笨手笨脚。
3. be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth (born with inherited privilege or wealth) 门第高贵; 出生富豪
[注] 银匙是富裕人家身份的象征之一, 生在富贵人家的孩子多用银匙 (silver spoon) 喂食。同义语有 be born in (或 to) the purple; be raddled in purple.
例: When does he know about hardship ---- he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.
他根本就不知道什么叫艰难 ---- 他出生在富贵人家。
4. be in sth. up to one's neck (be very much and very seriously involved in) 深陷于.....中
例: She said she knew nothing about the robbery, but I'm sure she's in it up to her neck.
她说她对这起抢劫案一无所知, 不过我敢肯定她深深卷入其中。
5. bite the hand that feeds one (be very ungrateful) 忘恩负义; 以怨报德
例: She felt that her protégé had bitten the hand that fed him by making unkind remarks about her in public.
她觉得她的被保护人在公开场合讲有损她的话是忘恩负义。
6. bite off sb's nose (scold sb. severely; disagree with sb. in a bad manner) 气势汹汹地回答某人; 声色俱厉地训斥某人
[注] 也作 snap off sb's head。该成语最早出现于 16 世纪。到了 18 世纪, 有人用动词 snap 替换该成语中的 bite 一词。
例: She bites off his nose on the faintest provocation.
不管有事无事, 她动不动就声色俱厉地训斥他。
7. break the back of sth. (complete the heaviest or most difficult part of sth. hurt the most important part)
同义语有 be born in (或 to) the purple; be raddled in purple.
例: Now that you've broken the back of the job, have a rest.
你既然已经完成了这项工作的主要部分, 那就休息一下吧。

(Jojo Dai)

CAMPUS LIFE



The students and teachers of Willy Brandt School and our school in Tanghu Park



Taking a closer look at Chinese calligraphy



Enjoy family life in China



The tour of Huanglongxi

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Ms. Lu Huilan

Ms. Lu Huilan was born in May of 1968. She is a Party member of the CPC and senior teacher. She graduated from the Chinese Language Department of Sichuan Normal University. She has been engaged in Chinese teaching for 18 years. Before working in Shuangliu Experimental Middle School, she taught in Haiyun middle school and took the post as the Youth League committee secretary and trade union president in Muchuan from July of 1985



to August of 1992. She then worked in Muchuan middle school and took the same post as before from September of 1992 to August of 1998. The educational teaching Ms Lu has conducted makes an outstanding achievement, and as a result, she obtained first prize in the third Chinese teaching competition of Leshan. She was chosen as the outstanding young teacher

in Leshan. Her researching work was outstanding in 2002, so she was chosen as the outstanding experimentalist of teaching. As well, she was chosen as the reserve person of young key teacher and outstanding young teacher of Shuangliu County of Chengdu in 2003. Finally, in 2004, she was named the outstanding form master of the county. (Yuan Fan)

Learning by Reading

International Women's Day

(For Grade 8)

International Women's Day is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. This date is also commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday. When women on all continents, often divided by national



boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to

celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development.

(from China Daily)

New words and expressions:

commemorate vt. 纪念 **designate v.** 指定
boundary n. 边界 **justice n.** 公正

Jamie Foxx wins Oscar as best actor (For Grade 9)

Jamie Foxx won the Academy Award as best actor on Sunday for his celebrated performance as legendary soul singer Ray Charles in the biographical film "Ray."

Jamie Foxx, who played Ray Charles in "Ray," accepts the Oscar for best actor



The Oscar victory, though widely expected, is likely to propel Foxx, 37, to the ranks of Hollywood's most sought-after stars after a career dominated by television comedy and roles in such films as "Booty Call" and "Any

Given Sunday." In a rare Oscar twist, Foxx also was nominated as best supporting actor for his role opposite Tom Cruise in "Collateral," becoming the first black to garner two Oscar bids in a single year. The prize for supporting actor went to Morgan Freeman for his work in "Million Dollar Baby."

(Agencies)

New words and expressions:

the Academy Award as best actor 最佳男主角奖 **legendary adj.** 传说中的 **soul n.** 灵魂, 心灵 **biographical adj.** 传记的 **Oscar n.** 奥斯卡 **propel vt.** 推进, 驱使 **sought-after adj.** 很吃香的; 广受欢迎的 **dominate v.** 支配, 占优势 **nominate vt.** 提名 **garner v.** 储存

STUDENTS SPEAK

The Palace Museum

Standing on the top of the middle peak of Jingshan Hills and looking far into the south, one can see many ancient buildings which look extraordinarily magnificent in the sunshine. That is the famous Palace Museum. It was the royal palace of both the Ming and Qin Dynasties, which is also called the Forbidden City. It has a total area of 720,000 square meters. The buildings cover 150,000 square meters, which are regarded as the largest groups of ancient architectures in the world.

There are lots of historical relics and art treasures in it. The Palace Museum has been attracting innumerable visitors and tourists both at home and abroad for its rich and cultural and artistic treasures and the wonderful art of its ancient architecture.

ChenYang **Class 6,Grade 7**
Tutor: Dai Jun

My Dream

When I was young, I really had many answers to my parents' questions about my ideal. Now I want to tell them: "I want to be a scientist in the future." Although I'm too foolish to be a scientist, I believe that failure is the mother of success. I will be successful. Of course, I am going to study hard from now on. Don't be afraid of your problems. It's up to you how to solve them. In a university, I am going to major in something about science. After that, I will save some money and find a part-time job. Finally, I'm going to be a famous scientist. Believe myself, every dog will have its day. I will be very successful.

Qiu Yuanfeng **Class 7,Grade 8**
Tutor: Zeng Yan

OVERSEAS VOICE

Well, welcome back from the Spring Festival holiday. I hope everyone had a great time and have some interesting stories to tell. The big news in our school is that there is a group of German teachers and students. I hope everyone will give them a warm welcome.

The weather is now much warmer than it was. During the winter, I thought the cold was never going to end. I am certainly happy that spring seems to be here. In Canada, spring is a very special time because the winter is much longer and colder there. When spring finally arrives, everyone has so much energy that they need to go outside and do something. People like to play sports, go to the park, and go walking. We enjoy everything that is outside. Leaves on trees begin to grow and flowers blossom. It is a wonderful time.



I have the same feeling in Shuangliu. I visited Tanghu Park on the weekend and it was very busy with all people playing majiang and families having fun together. I really enjoy this feeling. The park in your town is a really great place. Spring time can also be very difficult for students because it may be difficult to study when it is so beautiful outside. My advice is to study hard, but also try to go outside and play. I think being outside makes you feel better and can also help you study better. Remember you need to save time for your studies as well as your health. Both are very important.

Adrian (Foreign teacher from Canada)



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