

Mun Lun School Newsletter

Mun Lun School will pursue excellence in sustaining and preserving the Chinese language and culture in Hawaii

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MUN LUN SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND HERITAGE



Los Angeles General Council Consul Tang Chang'an visited MLS on 3 Feb 2018 and presented the school with a check for \$15,000+. He also had the opportunity to visit MLS classes and talked with our students. General Consul Tang was very happy to come to our school and accepted our gifts.



S2A homeroom teacher Ms Zhao Liwei with her class

Fun traditional Chinese New Year activities were taught on Chinese New Year's Day. We combined Chinese classes with a broad range of cultural activities, so that our students got new knowledge of the Chinese language and culture on our traditional Chinese New Year Day.



General Consul Tang presented Principal Tan a check

Class of 2018--ANOTHER BIG GRADUATING CLASS

At the end of May 2018, Mun Lun School held its 89th commencement. Class 2018 from both daily and Saturday classes received diplomas and a variety of awards to recognize their academic achievement. Most of them have passed the high level of standard Chinese proficiency exam HSK. Half of our students have won first, second and third awards in the International Students Composition Competition. Two students have won second and third awards in the Speech and Word Dictation Competition held in University of Hawaii. To celebrate their graduation, Mr. Wilbert Chee, Immediate Past President of MHKLB and Mrs. Queenie Chee, together with Abbot Ven. Yi Hung Shifu awarded a scholarship gift to each graduate. Abbot Ven. Yi Hung Shifu gave the commencement speech. Ven. Yi Hung Shifu used stories to tell our graduates the importance of learning Chinese and wished them the best for their future!

Mr. Howard Lau, President of MHKLB hoped that students would continue their enthusiasm for learning the Chinese language and culture in the future. After the welcoming and greeting remarks, salutatory from graduates, commencement, the ceremony came to its high point, the award section. This year two students received Jonathon Y.C. Ching Scholarships, honor graduates Cherise Yan from daily class and Zhaohua Ou from Saturday class. Student performances were interspersed in the graduation ceremony and lit up the enthusiasm of the audience. The students, teachers ML friends and parents enjoyed the performances a lot.

The closing ceremony was a success. Congratulations to all the graduating students for their nine years of hard work.



Abbot Ven. Yi Hung Shifu from Hawaii Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple



Our distinguished guests



MHKLB President's Message

Howard Lau



As many of you already know, this past year has been a rather tumultuous one for Mun Lun School. Having enrollment drop from 350 to 300 students brought extra financial challenges in terms of trying to balance our finances for the year. Couple that with the extra expenses of needing to replace the entire length of the canopy awning over our ground floor tenant spaces, then losing one of our long-time tenants, not being able to collect the last month's rent, needing to pay a realtor agent's commission to find the next tenant and then also not receiving rent payments for 2 months. All told, we were facing a shortfall in excess of \$50K.

However, with the help of our resourceful Treasurer Tina Tin and Principal Mengling Tan, we were able to tighten our collective budgets and it appears this financial turmoil may be behind us. I know that many of you were disappointed that we didn't have our usual Annual Installation Banquet. However, unfortunately as part of our fiscal austerity program for the year, this was just one of the many line items in our budget that had to be axed for the year. For those who may be interested, some of the other ways we

were able to cut expenses in order to manage the huge loss in revenues this year included.....the services of the security guard was eliminated, the office assistant's position was eliminated and the Vice Principal doubled up on her duties to make up for the shortfall, the school semester reverted back to 20 weeks (from 21 weeks), textbook purchases were reduced, specialty teacher classes were reduced and limited to just 2 maximum per week and finally, our teachers pay raises and bonuses were all minimized. It became a collective effort by all

And then the good news came as enrollment trickled back up and we were able to recover 20 of those students and enrollment jumped back to 320. In addition, we were also blessed with a \$15,365 donation from Consult Chang'An Tang of the PR of China, \$1,000 from the Fo Guang Shan Hawaii Buddhist Temple and another \$500 from the Lung Doo Society.

However, what I am most proud to report is that when Past President Kin Ming Ching and his wife Carolyn issued a challenge for donations to our Board (they said they would donate an amount equal to 50% of whatever we collectively donated), 19 of our Directors responded for a total of

\$22,150. Adding Kin and Carolyn's 50%, the total comes to a whopping \$33,225. This money has been earmarked specifically for improvements to the school and Dr. Kin Ming Ching and Past president Will Chee will be heading a committee to discuss and decide where this money will eventually be wisely spent. As security has been one of the key issues we have had difficulty with over the years, a small amount will likely already be allocated to increase security measures. Students, teachers and parents can all rest assured that we continue to have their safety in mind first and foremost.

So as you can see, what started as a dismal initial start to my term as your President ended up okay after all. I truly look forward to restoring the Annual Installation Banquet in my "second" term and celebrating the successes of this past year with all of you who were instrumental in this miraculous turnaround. And we can all also look forward to Mun Lun School continuing to be the "Shining Star" for the Chinese community as we further our goals to educate the children who will eventually become our future generation of leaders in the community.

"Great Achievement"

SUMMER SCHOOL

This year around 30 students enjoyed MLS regular summer school program. They learned both Chinese language and Chinese culture. Our students interacted with native speaking teacher, Mr Ma every day through academic learning and interesting activities such as games, singing, crafts, and many other fun cultural practices. Besides a rapid development of oral and listening skills, the MLS summer school students efficiently expanded their vocabulary, sentence patterns, and grammar knowledge through our MLS teaching method.

CHINESE SUMMER FUN CAMP-daily 17-28 July LED BY THE FAMOUS HUNAN TEACHING TOUR OF CHINESE EDUCATION TRAINING

The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the PRC State Council approved Mun Lun

School's 2018 summer fun. Around 50 students enjoyed 2018 July Summer Fun. PRC sent a group of 5 teachers to teach Kung Fu, calligraphy, brush painting, Chinese folk dancing and sculpturing. This is the first time MLS students learned sculpture. Our 2018 Summer Fun Chinese immersion program brought Kongfu, Chinese folk dance, Chinese calligraphy and sculpture inside the classroom. This summer camp was a unique Chinese immersion educational program that built competency in Mandarin Chinese language, and cultivated appreciation of the Chinese culture. Participating students enjoyed wholesome fun from MLS immersion summer camp! During the closing ceremony, Ms Tang Xiuli, Headmaster of the Hunan Normal

University, affirmed the teaching results sufficiently and spoke highly of the Hunan teachers' professional competence and dedication

spirit. In addition, she thanked Mun Lun School for its efforts to spread Chinese culture. She also appreciated that teachers and students from Mun Lun School did their best for this activity in such a short time. 2018 CHINESE SUMMER FUN CAMP was a success and had a positive and profound effect on Chinese teaching at Mun Lun School.

Mengling Tan



Mun Lun School Alumni & Friends Annual Reunion Luncheon

For: Mun Lun Alumni, Former Students, Friends
Date: Sunday, November 4, 2018
Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 11:00am Bake Sale/Country Store
 (Bring donated goods to Mandalay by 10:30am)
 11:30am Lunch
 Student Program
Place: The Mandalay Restaurant
 1055 Alakea St. (validated parking across the street)
Cost: \$25.00 per person

-----✂-----**Cut form here and return by October 25, 2018**-----✂-----

Name _____ Class (Friends of) _____

(Write names of your guests on the bottom of this form if you know them.)

Telephone number: _____ e-mail address: _____

_____ attendee(s) x \$25.00 = _____ Donations are welcome \$ _____

No verbal reservations accepted.

Make luncheon reservation/donation check payable to: **Mun Lun School**
 Mail check and this form to: Mrs. Lana Au, 2715 Liliha St., Honolulu, HI 96817. Your check will be your receipt. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Kong @ 955-6553 after 7 p.m. or send email to: cherylkong@gmail.com

If you received this flyer via regular mail and are unable to attend, we'd like to update our contact list and ask if you could you please email your email address to munlunschool@gmail.com. Otherwise, would you be able to obtain permission to use a relative's email address for the Mun Lun Newsletter sent out during the year & our annual luncheon form? This will help us save time, money and our precious resources.

Guest Name(s)

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 25, 2018



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CNY picture taking



Traditional Chinese kids' Flying Chess



Summer School--Students are having singing class.



Summer School Happy time—teachers, parents and students



UCH Chairman Mr Ted Lee, secretary Ms Janet Wong, MLS BOD Mr. Cy Feng and teachers met Hunan Teachers at the airport.



Summer Fun students' sculpture art work show



Summer Fun-- Students are taking sculpture and ceramic class



Chinese Hunan teachers' group leader Ms. Tang Xiuli is giving a speech at the closing ceremony.



Summer Fun students' calligraphy and brush painting



Summer Fun—Students dance Urumqi group dance with their Hunan instructor, Mr Wang Guanghui

GIVE TO MUN LUN SCHOOL

Foodland's GIVE ALOHA Program Helps Mun Lun School



Saturday, September 1st begins Foodland's and Western Union's GIVE ALOHA Matching Gifts Campaign. It is a win-win ... donate to Mun Lun School and get a donation tax credit at the same time. The program is from September 1-30, 2018.

How does this program work? Go to Foodland, show your Maika'I Card to the cashier and give a donation to Mun Lun (#78580)... any amount up to \$249. You will receive 2 receipts. Keep one and give the other receipt to the school office (or email to munlunschool@gmail.com) with your name, address and phone no. written on the receipt and get a donation credit for your taxes. Your donation will be proportionately matched by Foodland and Western Union. With your help, last year we received nearly \$3,000 in donations. Let's double our donations this year! **GIVE WITH ALOHA!**

Xie! Xie!

Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo, dba Mun Lun School


DONOR LIST

Thank you to all who donated (September, 2017 to June, 2018) to a grateful Mun Lun School and Mun Lun Alumni Association. You should have received a thank you letter acknowledging your donation. Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School is a 501c (3) non-profit organization, ID#99-0075245.

Alma Ho	Gordon & Lana Au	Robert & Velma Chong Akinaka
Baldwin Au	Howard Lau	Rosalind Mau
Beverly Wong	Ivan, Eric, & Gary Auyong	See Dai Doo Society
Charles Sakamoto	Jing Yun Wu	Sharlene Chun
Class of 1969	John & Maylani Lum Chang	Stanford Yuen
Consulate General of the PROC	Kin Ming & Carolyn Ching	Thomas Lai
Cy Feng	Kung Sheong Doo Society	Tina Tin
Douglas & Jocelyn Wong	Lawrence & Sandra Siu	Tsung Tsin Association Wah Duck & Grace K.S. Young Memorial Fund
Douglas Chong	Leighton Jong	Wallace & Pauline Tom
Dr. Adrienne Wing Lau	Lily Tang	Walter Chang
Dwayne Wong	Luane Lau	Wesley Fong
Edith Won	Lung Doo Chung Sin Tong Society	Western Union
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Fidelity Charitable	Michael & Lily Ling	Wilbert Chee
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	Richard Lum	

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Mun Lun School Schedule for Fall 2018

		1290 Maunakea Street Honolulu, HI 96817 For Inquiry, please call @ (808) 521 – 5777 (M-F 3:00-5:30pm, Sat 9 am-12:30pm)		
班次 Class	日期 Dates	上课时间 Time	收费 Fees	备注 Remarks
秋季下午班 Fall Daily Chinese classes	8/6/18- 12/21/2018	星期一至五 3:30pm-5:00pm	\$295	5/1/18前有\$20折扣; 同一家庭兄弟姐妹第二位学生起减收 \$10元 Discounts of \$20 before 5/1/18 Second student (sibling) from same family discount by \$10.00
秋季周末班 Fall Saturday Chinese classes	8/11/18- 12/22/2018	星期六 9:30 am-12:30pm	\$295	
国画班 Brush Painting	8/18- 11/17/2018 10节课 Ten Classes this session	星期六 1:30-3:30pm (8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27)	\$210 (\$10 for materials)	7人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 7)
钢琴初级班 Basic Piano	8/18- 11/17/2018 10节课 Ten Classes this session	星期六 1:30-4:30pm (8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27)	\$200	10节课 周六下午 (1-1: 每节30分钟, 1-2, 1-3: 每节60分钟) Ten Classes this session Saturdays (1-1: 30 minutes per class; 1-2,
钢琴中级班 Intermediate Piano				
舞蹈中级班 Intermediate Dancing	8/11/18- 12/22/2018	星期六 1:30-3:30pm	N/A	
舞蹈基础班 Basic Dancing		星期六 3:30-4:30pm		