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President's Message



Dear Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends: 危機 (WEI JI) Danger/Crisis Opportunity. This defines the past three years of the Pandemic at Mun Lun School. The Board of Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School took the opportunity of this crisis to reflect, refurbish and renew our commitment to our school.

With a completely refurbished interior thanks to our immediate Past President Baldwin Au and Will Chee and committee, our school celebrated the graduation of its 91st class and 50th graduating class from this Maunakea location. Graduation ceremonies extended over two days, on May 20th for five weekday students, and May 21st for eight weekend students. These students have made us proud with their participation and winning certificates in national Chinese Writing Composition and Calligraphy contests. Graduation ceremonies and their fine work can be found on our MLS website <<u>www.munlunschool.org</u>>

Following this, our Principal initiated our first weekend Summer Language and Culture Camp on six Saturdays in June and July. Fourteen students took part in Pin Yin classes, Chinese Games, Arts and Crafts, Digital Art, and Chinese Painting. A Coding class was also offered. The program culminated in a Saturday afternoon Closing ceremony on July 23, 2022, that showcased their artwork to their parents and a short Program where students read a story of the Chinese Zodiac and performed a group Dragon Boat Song.

Fall Classes started on August 5, 2022 where our Principal continued in-person, online, and hybrid classes. Her Message in this Newsletter will go more in detail of this Fall's curriculum.

We are so grateful to our Director Tom Lai and his son-in-law Chris Kataoka, who provided new cameras and video equipment and labor to improve and enhance our security system at MLS. Buildings and Ground Chair and Past President, Howard Lau, has contracted Affordable Construction, to replace the old wooden louver windows above our parking lot. We are committed to maintain our 50-year-old building for our students and faculty.

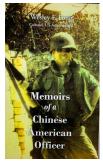


In support of this initiative, various organizations have given us yearly donations to this effort. Most recently, Principal Lily Shan and I were invited to speak at the General Meeting of OCAW (Organization of

Chinese American Women). I gave a brief History of MLS and Principal Shan reported on the on goings at MLS. OCAW President Edwina Lee in turn gifted MLS with a check for \$1000.

In memory of former Director Emeritus, Wah Jip Chang, and Contractor of our present building, son Carlton Chang and family gifted MLS \$50,000 in memory of his parents. We in turn named the Assembly Hall in their name.

It is through the generosity of our faithful Alumni and Friends that we are able to survive the present Crisis. Past President, Dr. Kin Ching is initiating an Endowment Fund to further assist us in this endeavor. We invite all to join us in this new Initiative.



In the news recently is our former President Wesley Fong, who is the author of a new book, *Memoirs of a Chinese American Officer*. It recounts his service

in the military during the Vietnam War. This book is available on <u>amazon.com</u>, as well as in Chinese via <www.hawaiichinesedaily.com>

On a sad note, our Director Barry Wong informed us of the passing of his Dad, former Director Joseph Wong. Many of our Directors remember him fondly in personal notes to his family.



He led an exceptional life of service to our country, "serving as an interpreter for the American Forces during World War II in the China-Burma-India theater, including the famed 14th Air Force known as the 'Flying Tigers' operating out of Kunming." We are also so grateful for his service to MLS as our go-to Emcee for our past dinners and events, besides his dedicated

association to the Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club and the Wong Kong Har Tong organizations.

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As November approaches, we are planning to gather our Alumni and Friends together for our first in person dinner in three years. Please save Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022 to attend this dinner to be held at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant, with our famous Bake Sale at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservation form in this Newsletter.

Our Mo Hock Ke Lok Bo Board is constantly looking for new members who have the passion and willingness to assist us in our continually changing environment. We look to turn "Crisis" into "Opportunity" for the betterment of Mun Lun School. Contact me if you are interested.

謝謝大家 Xie Xie Da Jia!

With my deepest gratitude to you all, Maylani Chang, President Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School

Principal's Message



We always say graduation is far away, but it is just around the corner again. It took our graduates nine years from being strangers to becoming close friends. May 20 and 21, 2022 were the big days for all MLS graduates. First and foremost, we would like to congratulate our class of 2022 on their graduation. During that day, students gave their best wishes to

their fellow classmates through gift exchange. Students also shared some fond memories of their nine years at the school and the ceremony ended with a performance by the students. Although it was a bittersweet moment to bid goodbye to such a wonderful class, we wish them the best in a new chapter of their lives.

We were so excited summer was here and there was no doubt Mun Lun School had a Chinese summer program. The difference was that we started a Saturday full-day summer program. In the morning, teachers focused on teaching students Chinese culture and language through activities like reading, writing, singing, dancing, storytelling, and role-playing. While students were taking a break, they were very entertained with Chinese culture games like Badminton, Chinese chess, kicking a shuttlecock, and many more. In the afternoon, students will end the day with an art lesson where they can experiment with different types of media like acrylic, watercolor, ink painting, and also clay and paper cutting. On July 23, a small ceremony was held to end our summer program and students thanked their parents through some performance. It is shown that students have enjoyed the program as all the new students who participated during the summer have continued to register for the fall semester.

Have you enjoyed your Mid-Autumn festival? Eating mooncakes, and drinking tea while admiring the moon. Another event that we participated in was the Honolulu Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. We would like to thank the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii for hosting this event and giving our students the opportunity to participate in the lantern-making and fan decorating competitions. We are proud to announce that out of our 15 students, 13 of them won an award for their creativity.

To continue the Honolulu Mid-Autumn Festival spirit, we also participated in the live streams hosted by Huaqiao University and Peking University. The first live stream consisted of 35 countries and 32 different languages wishing everyone a Happy Mid-Autumn Festival. The second live stream consisted of students from abroad sending live blessings to their loved ones.

Last but not least, we are also proud to announce that we have a few exciting updates to our school. Since the pandemic, we have been continually updating and improving our school and our system. The first exciting news is that we will be resuming our extracurricular activities. Next, we now have an Instagram account to provide updates on our school and students and for better communication with our parents and alumni. Finally, we are excited to announce that we will soon be publishing a new school website. We have been working hard in revamping our school website since earlier this summer and are in the final stages of publishing. We have also invited our digital arts teacher to draw the designs for our new site. Our new website consists of new features like registering for classes online, a slideshow of student artwork, blog posts, and many more. Please follow us on social media and move your finger to press the like.

Thank you, Lily Shan, Principal



Mun Lun School 2022 Weekday Graduates: (left to right) President Maylani Chang, Andrey Xie, Sophia Xue, Jessica Lau, Si Yan Zhu, Jia Yi Xu, Principal Lily Shan



Mun Lun School 2022 Weekend Graduates: (left to right) Reina Chia, Johana Zhen, Andy Cao, Andy Ou, President Maylani Chang, Principal Lily Shan, Daniel Zheng, Alex Zhen, Jia Wen Nie, Qian Chen

Board of Directors

Officers:

Maylani Chang '62, President Tina Tin '00, 1st Vice President Cy Feng, 2nd Vice President Lily Chu '74, English Secretary Dr. Rosalind Mau '61, Assistant English Secretary Baldwin Au, Treasurer Luane Lau '58, Assistant Treasurer Donna Chang, Chinese Secretary Dr. Kin Ming Ching '61, Auditor

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Donor List

Thank you to all who donated (April–August 2022) to a grateful Mun Lun School and Mun Lun Alumni Association. Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, ID #99-0075245.

\$1,000 and above:

Ala Moana Center/Brookfield Properties Organization of Chinese American Women, HI Chapter The Frederic & Ruby Chun Charitable Trust Wah Duck & Grace K.S. Young Memorial Fund

\$500–\$999: Baldwin & Florence Au Luane Lau Fong

\$100–\$499: Maylani Chang Wilbert & Queenie Chee Howard & Diane Lau

\$99 and below: Jeanne M. Lum George & Ann Chun

MLS Endowments

Throughout our 112-year history, the school relied on donations to help provide an affordable way for students to learn the Chinese language as tuition alone cannot cover the salaries and facilities to conduct the best education possible. We are so thankful to the alumni and friends who have contributed through the years and continue to do so each year.

But do you know that Mun Lun School has a tax status of 501(c)(3) which allows it to accept endowments? Yes, for those individuals and organizations that would like to leave a living legacy to ensure our organization continues teaching for the next hundred years, you can create an endowment fund in your honor for the school as part of your estate or business planning.

Please contact <u>munlunschool@gmail.com</u>, ATTN: Dr. Kin Ming Ching to set up an endowment.

Give Aloha

Remember to stop by any Foodland store to donate to Mun Lun School through September 30, 2022. When you donate, Foodland Stores and Western Union will also donate to Mun Lun School. It's a Win! Win! Win! All you need to do is tell the cashier you want to donate to Mun Lun School, Code #78580. Donate any amount up to \$249 and give Mun Lun School 1 of the 2 receipts you get with your name and your child's name on it or email it to <u>munlunschool@gmail.com</u>. Your donation is tax deductible.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile Foundation's program permits Registered Organizations like Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School to receive a 0.5% purchase donation from AmazonSmile Foundation whenever customers make qualifying purchases on smile.amazon.com. Share this link with your friends and family!

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0075245

AmazonSmile Foundation automatically donates 0.5% of every eligible purchase you make to Mun Lun School. Every eligible purchase is marked "eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on its product detail page.

Xie Xie!

Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School

Alumni & Friends Dinner

Hello Alumni and Friends!

Please come to the Alumni & Friends Reunion Dinner which will be held at Jade Dynasty, Ala Moana Center, 4th floor Ho'okipa Terrace on Friday, November 11, 2022 from 5:30–8:00pm. This is our first ever dinner and first get together since the pandemic. The cost is \$35 per person. Using the enclosed form, please send in your reservations before the November 3rd deadline.

As we have done in the past, we will have a bake sale prior to dinner starting at 5:30pm. Again, among the baked goods will be Lana's Honey Walnut Bread, Cheryl's Custard Pie and Banana Bread, Wil's Bag of Shrimp Chips, and Flo's Mini Gao and Almond Cookies. There will be a limited supply of baked goods, so get there early to buy these goodies!

Our dinner menu includes: Diced Winter Melon & Crab Meat Soup Golden Fried Chicken Beef with Black Pepper Sauce Steamed Fish Fillets with Green Onion & Soy Sauce Honey Walnut Shrimp Braised Black Mushrooms & Shanghai Pak Choy Steamed Rice Mango Pudding

We look forward to seeing you all there! Tina Tin, President Mun Lun School Alumni & Friends



Weekday students performing a poetry recitation



Weekend graduates having a gift exchange



Students received Best Performance Award



Students winning money awards in recognition of their excellence in 2021 Chinese Essay Competition



Students reciting Chinese poems on stage.



Students looking at their art showcase

	Annual Reunion Dinner				
For:	Mun Lun Alumni, Former Students, & Friends				
Date:	Friday, November 11, 2022				
Time:	5:30pm – 8:00pm				
	5:30pmBake Sale/Country Store (Bring donated goods to Jade Dynasty by 5pm)6:00pmDinner Menu (Diced Winter Melon & Crab Meat Soup, Golden Fried Chicken, Beef w/ Black Pepper Sauce, Steamed Fish Fillet w/Green Onion & Soy Sauce, Honey Walnut Shrimp, Braised Mushrooms & Shanghai Pak Ch Steamed Rice. Dessert: Mango Pudding)				
Place:	Jade Dynasty				
	Ala Moana Center, 4 th Floor Ho'okipa Terrace				
Cost:	\$35.00 per person/ \$350.00 for a table of ten				

Cut form here and return b	t by November 3, 2022
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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 \$35.00 =	Donations are welcome \$						

No verbal reservations accepted.

Make dinner 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: cherylckong@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 <u>munlunschool@gmail.com</u>. 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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Mun Lun School Schedule for August to December 2022 明伦学校2022年8月至12月课程安排

备注 Remarks	05/28/2022 前 注册有510折扣: (每位学生只享受一次折扣) 05/28/2022后、第一位学生按原价, 同 一家陸公主剤 姐妹第二位学生起减收510 元。Register before 05/28/2022 to Freesive a S10 discount	* Only one discount per child.* After 05/28/2022, the first child is registered at the full price. Any additional siblings registered will get a \$10 discount.	New online-class students should follow a new online schedule. *must commit to full semester	5 人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 5	3 - 4人一班 3 - 4 students per class. Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 3 Online learning from home	8 人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 8 *Please bring an lpad/laptop to school for class. 请自带平板电脑/笔记本电脑来校上课。	7 人以上开班 Class may be canceled if enrollment less than 7	一对一: 30分钟 1-on-1: 30 mins
收费 Fees	\$375 (Includes \$25 for book, material, and supply fees)	\$335 (Includes	a∠s ror pook, material, and supply fees)	\$510	\$480 Online 网课	\$528 Hybrid 在校 混合式教学	\$510	\$510
上课时间 Time	星期一 至 星期五 Monday - Friday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	星期六 Saturday 9:30 am -12:30 pm	星期六 Saturday 星期日 Sunday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	星期六 Saturday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Flexible schedule provided per request	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	星期六 Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm
日期 Dates	08/05/2022 - 12/16/2022	08/06/2022 - 12/17/2022	08/06/2022 - 12/18/2022	8/06/-12/3/22 17节课 (17 Classes)	08/06/2022	- 12/03/2022 16节课 (16 Classes)	08/13/2022 - 12/10/2022 17节课 (17 Classes)	8/06/-12/3/22 17节课 (17 Classes)
班次 Class	周一至周五 中文课 Daily Chinese Classes	周六中文课 Saturday Chinese Classes	线上周末中文课 Online Weekend Chinese Classes	线上成人中文课 Online Adult Chinese Classes	少儿编程 人工智能 - 编程 AI - Coding	001 Scratch 002 Scratch+Al 003 Python 005 Java	少儿徐画/絵画 Pencil Drawing Oil Pastels Urastercolor Ink & Vatercolor Ink & Acrylic Fainting Mixed Media Digital Art & Animation	钢琴 Piano

请将支票支付给"Mun Lun School",谢谢! Please make checks payable to "Mun Lun School", Thank you!



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