



HUSD Mandarin Programs Newsletter February 2023



Librarian's Visit

Librarian Wenny from the downtown Hayward Library visited our kinder classes on Friday, February 17th, and read story books to our bilingual learners. We are very grateful for this unique learning opportunity and we appreciate the long-term partnership with the Hayward Public Library.

HUSD student work is on constant display in the children's section. Make sure you check it out next time you visit!

Pen Pals from China

Ms. You and Ms. Guo's second and third grade classes paired up with two classes in Kaifeng, China, to exchange letters overseas! Although it takes an excruciating month to mail the letters one way, the wait was worth it. The Huskies were so excited to be making friends internationally and putting the language they learned into an authentic use.



Expert Testimonies



Experts in the field speak highly of our Mandarin programs at HUSD. Jiaxin Xie, emeritus staff and former director of the Confucius Institute at SFSU, comments, "Stonebrae is one of the first schools in the Bay Area to have a Mandarin DLI program. **Their instruction and management are both first-rate**, with a supportive district and community."

Elizabeth Weise, author of *A Parent's Guide to Mandarin Immersion*, pointed out that "California has a remarkable 100 Mandarin immersion schools in 41 different school districts, but of all those districts, only seven offer a fully built-out K-12 Mandarin Immersion program. Hayward Unified is one of those rare districts. ... **It's a fantastic program that gives students something few other districts in the state, or the country, can boast of.**"



Mandarin Parent Information Meeting

In January's meeting, we invited Ms. Junjie Tian from Bret Harte Middle School to show interested families Mandarin courses on middle school level. We also shared information about the Seal of Biliteracy and the Bilingual pathway which, in our district, goes from Kindergarten all the way to high school AP courses. Another reason to be proudly Made in Hayward! Our next virtual meeting will be on March 2nd. We will talk about the topic: DLI and Standardized Testing. [Click to register](#)



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