

Man Li Kuo Lin



Man-Li, our instructor, friend and a self-professed “forever learner” has graciously led our program lessons since its founding in 1999. She has a BA in Chinese Literature from National Taiwan University, MS in Management Engineering and MS in Teaching English as Second Language from Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus. She is the first Asian Business Development Specialist at the U.S. Small Business Administration. She served as a board member of East Coast Association of Chinese Schools, Long Island Institute of Technology, N.Y. State board of Acupuncture, and Queens Council on the Arts. She conducted Chinese teacher training when she was the chair of N.Y. Chinese School Association, and is the author of “Chinese 214 Radicals”, “Chinese Textbook for Adults I, II, and III”, “Chinese Textbook for Children I, II, and III”, and “Resume Writing and Interview Skills”. In addition, she has taught ESL and Chinese in various programs across the country for more than twenty years. Her devotion to FCC families began in 1997 when she first began teaching our adoptive families at Hastings High School in Westchester. Man-Li’s passion for our children, and her willingness to act as a bridge between two worlds of diverse culture, history, arts and language are evidenced in the countless programs that she continues to dedicate herself to, throughout Queens and Long Island. Her generous spirit, innovative instruction methods, and diverse ability to teach both language and traditional dance, as well as her enthusiasm to share her many musical and artistic talents with our families is to give the gift of exposure to Chinese culture in a forum unlike any other. The ripple effects of each droplet we glean from her will resonate with our children throughout their lifetime, and for that we are grateful.

About Our Program

Since 1999, this group of dedicated adoptive families has gathered on Saturdays to help encourage an appreciation of Chinese Language, Heritage and Dance and Culture for their adopted, (and biological) children.

The program is unique in that it is geared specifically for the needs of our community of families - families who do not speak Mandarin at home, nor have extensive knowledge of Chinese culture and language. Another distinctive feature exclusive to our meetings is that children and their parents attend and participate together. As a result, our program fosters an environment that also functions as a support group for both parents and children alike.

Language skills are quickly acquired through songs, dance and games, and then as children gain experience, we progress to character recognition, reading, and writing. Stroke order is soon understood through an innovative approach of cutting and piecing together characters; a technique developed by our mentor, Ms. Man-Li Lin (which has since been implemented in programs and schools across the US and in China.)

Our program also provides an exposure to many cultural elements as well. Among these are Tai Chi, Shaolin Kung Fu and various styles of traditional dance. Our families are occasionally exposed to a variety of Chinese foods, and traditions not often found on Long Island. We encourage a positive connection to the Flushing Chinese-American Community and schedule seasonal visits to the many cultural opportunities available in the area. In short, our program provides a very unique and important opportunity for enrichment for our very unique and important families.

We currently meet Saturdays at the Academy at St. Joseph’s in Brentwood, N.Y. For more information please read this year’s registration form or e-mail questions to us at heritageprogram@fcli.org.



長島領養華童家庭 Chinese Heritage & Language Program 中國文化及語言學習營

2008 - 2009

Program Registration



www.fcli.org/heritageprogram

e-mail: heritageprogram@fcli.org

Current Schedule

(subject to change, based on enrollment)

- 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Beginners – Elementary Level
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Advanced
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Beginners – Toddler to Pre-K
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Intermediate Level 1
- 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Intermediate Level 2

** In the event our class schedule changes, and you cannot attend at the new time slot, we will refund your deposit. **

Every Family makes a Difference

About Our Lessons Calendar, Schedule, and Location

All groups will continue to meet on Saturdays, Please note that there have been some changes to the schedule. Classes will be held at the Academy of St. Joseph's located in Brentwood at 1725 Brentwood Road, (north of Southern State Pkwy and South of the LIE).

Directions from the LIE

From the East take Exit 55. , From the West take Exit 53. Stay on the service road to Washington Ave. Head South on Washington Ave. which will become Brentwood Rd after Suffolk Avenue. The campus is 3 traffic lights after the railroad crossing.

Directions from Sunrise Hwy.

The Academy is easily accessible from Sunrise Hwy (east or west). Take Exit 44 North (Brentwood Road) The campus is approximately 2 miles north of the South Shore Mall, Bay Shore.

Entering the Campus

Turn right into the entrance gate opposite S. 5th Ave. The Cabana Grill Restaurant will be on the west side of Brentwood Rd. just opposite the entrance gate. (Look for sign reading 1725 Brentwood Road).

Once on Campus

Once you make the turn onto the campus look for the building with the large rounded cupola on the roof. (It will be straight ahead, but passed the first few buildings.) There are signs along the roadway directing you to Academy Building "B". The area where you will park is all the way around the LEFT side of the building - the driveway will bring you in between the BACK of the main academy building and a smaller building labeled GYMNASIUM. Pass the gym and you will see cars parked to your right.

The entrance door is on the side of the academy building - a brown steel door. Go in and up the first few steps. The meeting room is immediately to your left.

http://www.fccli.org/files/1725_Brentwood_Rd.ptm

<http://www.asjli.org/directions.htm>

The success of our program relies heavily on parental participation. We have several special events throughout the year, such as our Orientation, our Chinese New Year Celebration, a Spring and Fall Field Trip to Flushing, Stage Performances, and our Summer Picnic. This year we hope to add one or two cultural events to our agenda as well. Some of these events function with a dual purpose. The first, and most obvious reason is to provide an enriching exposure to various elements of Chinese Culture and the building of relationships with other families created through international adoption. In addition, these events provide fundraising opportunities necessary to the success of our program. All student families are expected to contribute their time, talents, and cooperation in assisting with these events. Your enthusiasm and participation is vital to our success.

Program Fees

For Early Bird's who Pre-register and pay \$50 deposit by July 15th, 2008

\$ 350 /year for 1st Child*

*\$ 294 */ year for each additional Child (%15 off)*

\$ 300 /year – 1hr Toddler Class*

After July 15th, 2008 – Regular Prices

\$ 375 /year for Child #1*

\$ 319 /year each additional Child (%15 off)*

\$ 325 /year – 1 hr Toddler Class*

Final Balance of Tuition for all students is due no later than September 2nd, 2008. (Cost includes 1 or both parents. One parent is REQUIRED, both are welcome.)

** Materials such as books & video tapes can be purchased on site. Costs range between \$10 - \$20 per item. – More info will be available at our orientation. **

Payments can be made by credit card online at www.fccli.org – (follow prompts for event registration)

– OR- by check made payable to "FCCLI CH & LP" and submitted by mail to:

FCCLI –CH & LP

c/o Tobi Scherpich, Treasurer

2270 Elm Ave.

Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

FCC-LI Chinese Heritage & Language Program 2008 - 2009 Registration Form

New Participants Returning Family

Child #1

Name _____

Birth date _____

Grade in Sept 08 _____

Lesson Time _____

Child #2

Name _____

Birth date _____

Grade in Sept 08 _____

Lesson Time _____

If you are registering more than 2 children, please attach a separate sheet, or print additional copies.

Parents' name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ / _____

Email _____

Alt. Email _____

- Pre-Reg (\$50 check enclosed)
 Annual Tuition enclosed (paid by check)
 Annual Program Fee Paid online at www.fccli.org

- Registration Form must be completed and mailed even if you opt to pay via credit card online.
- Class times are subject to change based on actual enrollment. Our final schedule and calendar will be posted before Sept 2nd.
- Please remember, bio siblings are always welcome to register as well.
- Regardless of payment method, please mail completed registration forms to: FCC-LI CH & LP, c/o Tobi Scherpich, 2270 Elm Ave., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Any questions? Please inquire at heritageprogram@fccli.org, if you do not have access to e-mail call Danielle Gallagher 631-661-3492