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THE SMIC MIDDLESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL DAY

*WRITTEN BY GEORGE HAN**PHOTOS BY ELIAH YANG*

After weeks of preparing, the International Day of SMIC English Track finally happened... not in the school. For multiple reasons, the school decided to set this year's International Day outside of school, in zhaolin songyuan hotel. Students set their boards, with their class's countries' informations, in the hotel's fifth floor. This filled the entire floor, which is originally planned for wedding ceremonies, with boards and the tables beneath them. Before 9 in the morning, the students have arrived at the hotel and prepared for the presentations. Each class's (Which is



"each country's") informations are divided into science, math, history, culture, and culinary. The presentations lasted for the entire morning, until it finally ended at 11:30. Students had a lot of fun during the presenting, no matter it's because they received food or they learned new knowledge. However, it is time for them to clean up. In 12:00, the students left the hotel happily, carrying their new knowledges (and foods) along their way.





CHARITY CONCERT

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On December 31st there will be an amazing event happening here at the Middle school. The SMIC High school was held also in Middle school on December 18, the whole concert went out great, many said that it was fun and exciting. After the High school concert, many anticipates the Middle school concert, there will be singing, there will be dancing, and there will be dragons. Teachers and students alike have been practicing for the past month on their dazzling performances. Make sure to be there and bring someone from your family for 100 yuan. A 7th grader wrote her own song that you can be the first to listen to. Many students are practiced and now are skilled in dancing like a dragon and drumming with the rhythm. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and make sure you there. There will be refreshments and overall it will be enjoyable and fun. Remember it's December 31st. Mark your calendars and don't miss them.





CHARITY DRIVE

WRITTEN BY TIM WU

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Anyone remember the Charity drive we did a few weeks ago? The people that received them sure did. SMIC got a total of 55 packed boxes packed and sent to Guizhou. They were opened on November 19th and were passed out on December 2-8th. Many kids who received it must have thought it was an early Christmas present. The purpose of this

activity is to raise awareness of how other students in China just like us live extremely difficult lives, and how we are in a position to love them and care for them. Our goal is to light a fire inside our students once they leave our school, to go out into the world searching for those whom they themselves can protect, aid, serve, and love. We CAN and WILL make a difference in this world with our daily actions. You can still give to others in different ways. There are support groups and different other ways. Make sure you are looking out for others and caring and loving for everyone in the world. Nice job everyone for the 55 boxes!

KAIWEN BASKETBALL GAME

WRITTEN BY TIM WU

This past Saturday after International Day our boys basketball team went to Kaiwen International School to challenge their team. They woke up bright and early and got to the school at 6. They started warming up and they looked like they were all high schoolers. Our basketball team were strong and brave however and powered through. They started the game with the tip off. They got the ball and the game began. At half time they got an inspirational quote from the coaches. Quote, " Pain is weakness leaving the body." He yelled it out loud and all the players said it back. They were inspired and used the energy to destroy the Kaiwen team. No matter how many obstacles stood in their way they won with a score of 24-19. SMIC came back victorious and they're prepared to do it again!



THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT TEACHER FAIRY TALE

WRITTEN BY TIM WU

Once upon a time in a faraway land lived a beautiful princess named Matea. She was famous for her skills on the piano and her athletic skill in soccer. She held banquets for performances and was a household name. Many kids loved the princess and were deeply inspired by her. Matea loved her cats almost as much as anything in the world. She had 7 bundles of joy and their names were, Ashes, Biscuit, Boots, Caramel, Daisy, Mocha, and Sushi. She loved all of them equally except Sushi. Matea had a love hate relationship with him. Sushi loved leaving behind surprises for Matea but she was also the one who would cuddle up against her when it gets a bit chilly up in her room.

Yesterday however, her beloved Sushi was missing. Matea was heart-broken and wanted him back with all her living soul. She played piano to ease her pain and played many sad songs like Moonlight Sonata, Crying Alone, and even Falling to Pieces. She mourned for him and tried to think of different ideas where or how to save her beloved kitten. Then she ran upstairs up to the attic and grabbed a book with dust almost an inch thick. Matea's heart raced, could this really be the answer. She flipped open the book, the smell of roses and dirt filled the air. She frantically flicked through the pages and sure enough she was there. Her family had a long lineage of writing and ELA. The pages were elegant and the hand writing in dark black cursive. Along the writing was a picture of a gruesome absolutely guile evil witch. She had long horns and a scaly cloak. With a look it just gives you the shivers. Matea knew that if anyone did this it had to of been her. Hecate's family had been a generation long rival of her family. Ironically enough, they were the only ones left of the lineage. She promised herself that she wouldn't rest until the day she brought back her beloved Sushi.

Thanks for reading this week's fairytale teacher combo. Stay tuned for next week when Sushi might or might not get saved. Remember tell all your friends!



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