



Words from the Principal

Belong & Succeed

Dear All Current and Future Students and Families:

Nothing is more exciting than seeing our next generation surpassing ourselves. This is one of the most critical stepping stones to the success of our community. It was such a great feeling to see that this year several children from our Fenghua families were admitted to the most prestigious universities, such as Harvard, Princeton, Yale, UC, Northwestern, U Penn, and Wash U. For example, this year there were four Stevenson students admitted to Harvard University. Three of them are from our Fenghua families. What impressed me more was the openness and generosity of these students, who shared their experience and success story with so many of our parents with multiple sessions. Their valuable insights were greatly appreciated, and I'd like to thank **Michelle Ran, Keli Liu, Tony Zhang, Jerry Luo, Qiu Zhihong, Diana Chen** for their contribution to our school in the past years! I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the families of 2009 graduates for reaching this new milestone!

This is exactly the goal we want to achieve – success for our children. The focus of our school is to build upon our success for a stronger next generation in academics, social skills and responsibilities, in addition to unity for our community. Over the past five years, Fenghua has been continuously striving for this goal and our programs become stronger and more comprehensive.

Our school provides a crosslink ground for all students in Lake Zurich District 95, Killdeer District 96, Lincolnshire District 103 and Stevenson125, as well as students from other neighboring communities such as Palatine, Mundelein and Libertyville. The benefits our students receive are not only our strong programs, but also the positive learning atmosphere that the student body brings together from the diversity of these excellent school districts. The meaning of going to Fenghua is no longer just for Chinese language, it is for learning to be a better student in a much boarder sense. It is to belong, to be exposed to positive influences, and to succeed!

While Chinese language and cultural classes continue to serve as the foundations of our school, we also put equal emphasis on mathematics to help students do better in their school and provide them with increased opportunities for placement in honor classes. We achieve this by using common math textbooks as used in local schools, conducting

classes in English, and following a rigorous curriculum. The end goal is to complete all learning materials for students to be placed in high school honor classes.

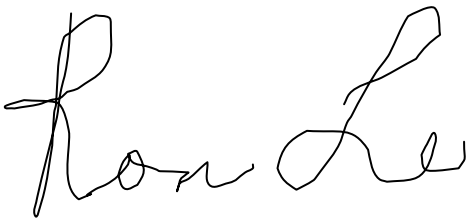
In line with our focus on successful children, we have Youth Leadership Development Program (YLDP) each summer with our partners in China. It has been widely received and extremely successful; in fact, this summer will be our fourth year. The YLDP program helps them public speaking, presentation organization, dealing with people and all levels of leadership and social skills. Every one of the participants appreciated this unique opportunity. Many have found the experience even helped their college application. Our YLDP program also encompasses volunteer opportunities for high school students here for teaching and administrative positions. We realized that our offering does not meet the increasing demands for participation, and we are currently taking steps to expand the program.

Recently, we changed our registered name to Fenghua Academy. This name change will better reflect our diversified and balanced programs. Our Chinese name will remain as 风华中文学校。

I'd like to say my sincere thanks to all volunteers, supportive parents, dedicated teachers and my devoted school committee staff. With all of your support, our school has not just become a strong place for learning; more importantly, it has become the core of our neighboring Chinese community. We will continue to serve the Route 22 corridor east to Lincolnshire, west to Barrington, covering the greater community of Vernon and Ela areas. Our goal is for the success of our children in elementary school, middle school, high school.

Please join us for the picnic on August 9th for “送老生去名校深造，迎新生来风华学习”. You can find out more details about the picnic on line at www.fenghuaschool.org. Have a great, fun, and safe summer and we will see you soon!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Li". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and the last name "Li" clearly distinguishable.

Ron Li