

West Portal Elementary School Chinese Performance Arts Program

ALL WEST PORTAL STUDENTS (INCLUDING OUR CPAP ALUMNI) ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2011/2012 CHINESE PERFORMANCE ARTS PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN ACTIVE AT OUR SCHOOL FOR 20+ YEARS. ORIGINALLY CREATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SF CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE, IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR SCOPE TO PERFORM IN OTHER VENUES; THE GREEK PARADE, ASIAN ART MUSEUM EVENTS, AND SUNSET AUTUMN FESTIVAL, TO NAME A FEW.

LAST YEAR, WITH THE HELP OF MANY ADULT VOLUNTEERS, OVER 150 WEST PORTAL SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ALUMNAE PARTICIPATED IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS A COMMUNITY, WE HAD A GREAT TIME, MADE NEW FRIENDS, GOT TO SPEND SOME VALUABLE TIME WITH OUR KIDS, AND KEPT ANCIENT CHINESE PERFORMING ARTS ALIVE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
DAWN SILBERSTEIN AT 415-867-7654 OR DAWNAS@PACBELL.NET

PRACTICES FOR THE PARADE WILL BE HANDLED SIMILARLY TO LAST YEAR. THE PERFORMANCE GROUP LIST BELOW SHOWS PRACTICE INFO FOR EACH GROUP (SUBJECT TO CHANGE). ADDITIONALLY, STARTING IN JAN/FEB ALL GROUPS WILL PRACTICE TOGETHER ON THREE SUNDAYS, 2:30-4:30PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE). THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE IS ON FEB.11, 2012.

- **DRAGON RUNNERS:** GRADE K-1
PRACTICES FRI 4:30-5:30PM, STARTING JAN. 6, 2012.
GROUP COORDINATOR: BUFF HARDING, BJHARDING@AOL.COM
- **BANNER HOLDER:** GRADES K-1 (**GROUP PENDING LOCATION OF A COORDINATOR**)
PRACTICES, FRI. 4:30-5:30PM, WILL START JAN. 6, 2012 IF A COORDINATOR IS FOUND.
- **DRUMMERS:** GRADES 2 & UP
PRACTICES FRI, 5-6PM, STARTING ON OCT. 27, 2011.
GROUP COORDINATOR: TONY MOIR, TONY.MOIR@GMAIL.COM AND
GWENN LEI, GWENNLEI@PACBELL.NET)
ALL DRUMMERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR OWN BLACK TURTLENECK AND BLACK SHOES.
- **FAN DANCERS:** GRADES 1 & UP
PRACTICES FRI, 4:30-5:30PM, STARTING ON SEP 2, 2011 IF A COORDINATOR IS FOUND.
GROUP COORDINATOR: PHUONG CHIN, PHUONGCHIN@GMAIL.COM
- **RIBBON DANCERS:** GRADES 3 & UP
PRACTICES FRI, 4:30-6:00PM, STARTING ON SEP 2, 2011.
Group Coordinator: Linda Jung, JUNGLINDA@HOTMAIL.COM
- **LION DANCERS:** GRADES 3 & UP ON IF PARENT VOLUNTEERS (**GROUP NEEDS PARENT(S) COORDINATOR**)
PRACTICES FRIDAYS, 4:30-5:30PM. STARTING ON OCT. 27, 2011.
GROUP REGISTRAR:
ALL LION DANCERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR OWN BLACK SHOES.
- **STILT WALKERS:** GRADES 4 & UP (NEW WALKERS 4TH & 5TH GRADES ONLY)
PRACTICES 4:30-6PM FRIDAYS. NEW WALKERS START SEP 23, 2011. RETURNING WALKERS START NOV. 11, 2011.
VETERANS IN 8TH GRADE AND OVER MUST HELP AS SPOTTERS FOR THE FIRST MONTH STARTING SEP. 23, 2011.
ALL STILT WALKERS MUST PROVIDE A PAIR OF LACE UP OR VELCRO SHOES APX 1/2 SIZE LARGER THAN THEIR CURRENT SHOE SIZE. THE SHOES WILL BE BOLTED ON TO A PAIR OF STILTS, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENT. NOT EVERY CHILD WILL BE USING THEIR OWN SHOES. IT DEPENDS ON OUR SIZE NEEDS AND AVAILABILITY.
ALL STILT WALKERS MUST BRING A PAIR OF WRIST GUARDS AND WEAR THEM *EVERY TIME* THEY ARE ON STILTS. PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE. NEW WALKERS MUST BRING A BICYCLE TYPE HELMET TO EACH PRACTICE FOR THE FIRST 2+ MONTHS OF PRACTICE. **No** EXCEPTIONS. WE WILL MEET ON THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE SCHOOL, YARD 2, NEAR ROOM 5 AND 6.
GROUP COORDINATOR: KAREN ROBBINS (KDWR@SBCGLOBAL.NET) AND TIFFANY RAPIER (RAPIER.TIFFANY@YAHOO.COM)

****THERE WILL BE NO
FRIDAY PRACTICE ON
NOV. 27, DEC. 23,
DEC. 30**

**THERE WILL BE NO
PRACTICE ON DAYS
SCHOOL IS NOT IN
SESSION.**

Performance Schedules and Costume Information

Below is a list of some of the major events you child may be asked to participate in as part of the CPAP Program. Please make a note of these dates. All performers must attend the parade.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date (All dates 2011/2012)</u>
SF Mini Parade	Sat, Jan. 14, 2011 (by invitation only)
Fort Mason	Thurs., Feb. *TBD (by invitation only)
SF Chinese NY Parade	Sat, February 11, 2011 approx. noon-8pm
WP Spring Arts Festival	TBD. A Sat. or Sun. in Spring

Important Costume Note: A costume deposit will be required for all participants. We have a substantial amount of money invested in our costumes, ranging from \$50 to \$500 per costume. In the past we have had some trouble getting costumes returned, and much trouble getting them returned cleaned and in good condition. The deposit will cover the cost of cleaning, and offset replacement costs. Deposits will be refunded when the costume is returned cleaned and in good condition. The deposit amount will be detailed in a costume info letter later on in the year. The average deposit will be \$40 or more.

We Need Your Help!

This West Portal School program is a huge undertaking ... and we need your help to make it happen. Volunteers chair each performance group, help children at practice, make and track costumes, and provide transportation for our equipment to and from events. Volunteers need not be in the same group as their child. In fact, it often works out better if you're not in the same group!

While many adults are needed at practices (especially in the beginning), the number of adults who can walk with us in the parades is very limited. Most groups need only 2-4 adults walking in the parade, with the stilt group needing 10-12 adults.

Only adult volunteers who assist at practices regularly will be considered for walking in the parade.

**** Please note, non-participant adults are not allowed to follow our group on the parade route (a parade regulation). If you want to walk the parade with us you must sign up as a volunteer, and be asked by your group coordinator to be a parade route adult.****

***We have lost many experienced volunteers.
We need you to volunteer or the program may no longer exist.***

If you would like to volunteer to coordinate the Banner, Drum, Ribbon Dance, Fan Dance, Lion Dance, Stilt Walking group, or Overall Parade coordinator,

please contact:

Dawn Silberstein at dawnas@pacbell.net or 415-867-7654

We may not be able to have any groups in the parade if there are no coordinators found.

You need not do it by yourself; a few volunteers can split the duties.

Please fill out the attached form (front & back) and return it in your message folder by Sept. 3rd, or bring it to your first practice.

Please return only the attached form keeping this page for your records.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR EACH PARADE PARTICIPANT.
Additional copies can be obtained in the School Office, CPAP mailbox.**

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____
(List school if not at West Portal)

Parent's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ (**Required for contact purposes only)

Does your child attend GLO? Yes No

**You must contact GLO and give permission to release your child for all on-site practices.

YES. My child would like to participate in the 2011/2012 Chinese Performance Arts Program. Please check the group your child would like to perform with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drumming* (Grades 2+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lion Dancing* (Grades 3+) (only if coordinator found) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fan Dancing* (Grades 1+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Walkers (Grades 4 & 5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbon Dancing (Grades 3+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Holder* (Grades K-1) (only if coordinator found) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon Runners (Grades K-1) | * You will be notified if no coordinator is found |

YES. I would like to help with the 2010/2011 Chinese Performance Arts Program. Please check how you would like to help. You do not need to be in the same group as your child.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Coordinator | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drumming Coordinator | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fan Dance Coordinator | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lion Dance Coordinator | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbon Dance Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Database Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Walker Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Parade Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Celebration Dinner Coordinator |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banner Helper (s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon Running Helper(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fan Costume Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drumming Helper (s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbon Costume Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fan Dance Helper(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Costume Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lion Dance Helper(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbon Dance Helper(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Walker Helper(s) | |

Performance Availability

Please indicate which performances in which your child will probably participate. This is not a commitment, but will give us information for planning. No events are confirmed, and not all performers will be invited to every event. All performers are invited to the parade.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date (All dates 2010/2011)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Autumn Moon Festival	Sat, Sept. 3, 2011 (by invitation only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SF Mini Parade	Sat, Jan. 14, 2012 (by invitation only)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greek Parade	TBD. Sat. in Spring (by invitation only)

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