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# American West Vancouver Chinese School

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### LOCAL VANCOUVER CHINESE SCHOOL EXPANDS LANGUAGE PROGRAM NEW CHINESE CLASSES AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY

*Vancouver, Wash.* – Beginning Sunday, September 12, 2010, the American West Vancouver Chinese School (AWVCS) will formally add new classes to its current formal curriculum from Phonics to Level 7/SAT Preparation, increasing the number of Chinese language classes available to the local community. The new classes will include a Preschool class and an Adult Conversation class, which were very successful during their trial period last school year.

#### FALL SEMESTER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

**TIME:** Sundays, 1:30 – 4:20 pm *[Three classes with two 10-min recesses]*

**LOCATION:** Hanna Hall at Clark College, Vancouver, Washington

**COST:** \$150 per semester (1<sup>st</sup> Semester – September to mid-January; 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester – mid-January to June)

AWVCS has been dedicated to educating students in speaking, reading, and writing the Chinese language since 1998. The school was formed as a result of the expansion and relocation of new industries in Southwest Washington. Parents came together to form a school to educate their children in the Chinese language and to expose them to their heritage. Today, AWVCS offers Chinese language and cultural education to students from 4 years old to Adult on Sundays at Hanna Hall, Clark College.

AWVCS typically offers 8 years of formal progressive Chinese education from Phonics up to Level 7. There are 3 classes each week consisting of two formal Language classes, followed by an optional 3<sup>rd</sup> class of Chinese Cultural Activity (e.g., Chinese Calligraphy and Painting, Arts and Crafts, Folk Dancing, Chinese Chess, Chinese Yo-Yo, and more). Special performances and celebrations are also held during the 3<sup>rd</sup> class for Chinese Teachers Day, Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival, Chinese New Year, and Mother's Day. These celebrations display traditional songs, skits, poetry/literature, and dance performed by the students.

AWVCS teachers are professional native Chinese teachers from Taiwan and China. AWVCS curriculum is a combination of *zhuyin* phonics and *hanyupinyin*. Instruction in both methodologies assists students in their reading and pronunciation. Classes are categorized by the individual student's ability and mastery of the Chinese language, not necessarily by age. Written/verbal exams are held twice per semester.

Each year, AWVCS invites children in the community to learn more about the Chinese culture and heritage at a Chinese Cultural Summer Camp. This annual summer camp often features overseas native Chinese guest teachers who bring a wealth of cultural knowledge to our local students.

AWVCS is a non-profit educational organization under tax code 501(c)(3). AWVCS operates primarily from tuition, grants, sponsorships and fundraisers with the leadership and assistance of parent volunteers. Active participation from the parents is integral in ensuring each student's language proficiency and in enriching each student's cultural experience.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** 如需中文翻譯,請與洽:

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AWVCS offers 8 years of formal progressive Chinese education from Phonics to Level 7/SAT prep every Sunday from 1:30 pm -4:20 pm in Hanna Hall at Clark College campus. Pre-Kindergarten and Adult Conversation classes are also available.

**Enrollment is open for the Fall semester which starts September 12, 2010.**  
SPACE IS LIMITED. Register online at [www.AWVChineseSchool.us](http://www.AWVChineseSchool.us)

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