

# Weekly News

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Dear Parents,

It was a great start of new semester last Sunday! We are very grateful to each of the volunteers and parents for making our first day smooth! As always, we commit to provide better learning environments and make our school outstanding.

**1) All elective classes and CSL will start from this week.** Please continue to register online if you haven't do so yet (<http://memphischinese.com/register/login.php>). We will accept payment (check payable to: MCLS-Riverdale) around 1:30 pm at admin table located at Cafeteria.

**2) Classroom Assignments.** Last weekend some parents had trouble finding classroom since some of the room numbers were changed because of their recent renovation. We had created a new [map](#) to help you find right location. Please print out and bring it with you for this coming Sunday. Please note Chinese 2 Class, teacher Xueping Liu, will be changed from B115 to B130.

### 3) Descriptions of Featured Teachers and Classes :

- 著名美术家、雕塑家黄谨（Jin Powell）女士将在大孟菲斯中文学校（Riverdale）开设 3D 艺术设计和雕塑班。黄谨女士毕业于中央美术学院雕塑系，并于 Memphis College of Art 获研究生学位，曾出任 Regional Scholastic Art 的裁判，她自己的作品多次参展，设计的非凡雕塑作品为中美各地增彩，并获得多项艺术大奖。她的作品可见于：<https://www.jinpowellart.com/>; 本课程将面向有一定绘画基础的 7 年级以上学生，作品将会送出参加一年一度的 Scholastic Art 比赛。课时：2:45pm-4:15pm
- 黄文君老师，毕业于原中央工艺美院现清华美术学院装潢系，（学习标志设计包装广告设计书籍装帧设计）设计了北京市朝阳区区徽，曾在北京市汇佳动画学院任教。启蒙系统性课程，一年制，从 8 月到 5 月，上学期学习，基本形体归纳和各种线条的情感和运用。下学期是复杂形体的拆解归纳组合，构图的基本要素以及色彩的基本原理和运用。工具是绘图本和 48 色以上的 washable mark 笔。课时：1:30pm-2:30pm
- 阎燕老师，复旦大学数学系研究生毕业，她执教的 Scratch programming 的课寓教于乐，深受孩子们的喜爱。Scratch Class Fall 2017 @MCSL, Riverdale

2017 秋季主题：Draw Like a Robot. (Spring 2018 will focus on game programming using Scratch).

时间：4:30pm - 5:30pm

内容：We'll use the famous visual programming tool Scratch from MIT to learn some real coding techniques like repetitions, conditionals, functions, recursion, and object oriented programming.

We'll learn Scratch by working on different projects, instead of blocks by blocks. It is more effective and fun.

The class will also help the kids to build up some mathematical understanding on angles, geometric shapes, coordinates, modular operation, fractals through a very intuitive and interactive way.

要求： The kid should be able to read and know how to do long divisions. A good solid laptop (iPad doesn't work). No textbook is required.

The class is for both beginner and intermediate levels. Beginners will be provided with detailed instructions. Intermediate students will be guided and challenged.

人数限制： 15

- **Middle school Debate Course Description (4:30-5:30pm)**

Bradley Harris BA JD MFA has served as an educator for industry, government, the military, and higher education since 1974. Since 2013, he has ably served the students of Greater Memphis Chinese School with classroom teaching and individual instruction in subjects as diverse as SAT preparation, creative writing, public speaking, and debate.

His SAT prep experience includes ten years teaching three-day seminars in test preparation for such tests as the LSAT, GMAT, GRE, and SAT for Spectrum Seminars in several Canadian cities. As to debate, Brad was one of the founding board members of the Memphis Urban Debate League, serving as its secretary for ten years and judging many student debates.

Brad is an adjunct instructor at Rhodes College, teaching public speaking. He has also taught at The University of Memphis, LeMoyne Own College, MidSouth Community College, and The University of Calgary. An avid member of Toastmasters International, Brad is the only member in the Arkansas-Tennessee-Mississippi District 43 to have earned the Distinguished Toastmaster award five times. He has twice served as District Governor and once as a Region Advisor.

Brad is the author of two prizewinning short novels: Ruby Ruby (1999) and Thorazine Beach (2013), both from Vancouver's Anvil Press and both detective fiction set in Memphis. His full-length play Incoming has been performed in Memphis and Los Angeles.

Bradley Harris believes strongly that young people can perform—even like to perform—to high standards. He's an old army officer, and that means he likes discipline. He's also a creative writer, and that means he insists on having fun while he works, and helping others have fun, too, as an important aid to learning serious skills.

Debate skills are important later in school, at university, and in a host of occupations. In few occupations do people actually conduct formal debates. But every one of the debate skills, from speech rate to diction, articulation to cross-examination, rhetoric to question technique, stands as a practical professional skill anyone can use. In this course, we'll borrow learning content from two instructional realms—PUBLIC SPEAKING and POLICY DEBATE—to expose learners to a solid basic range of debate-related skills. The focus will be on developing the individual's skills. Learners should expect to work hard...have fun...and perform aloud in every class. There's no skating through this one!

Class limited to twelve dedicated learners.

- **兒童歌唱班: 4:30-5:30pm**

指導教師: Sean (潘邦鄰)

學經歷: 美國茱麗亞音樂學院 聲樂主修

NTUA 音樂教授

伊莉莎白皇家貴族教育機構 教授百老匯音樂劇

流行歌手 音樂指導

各式歌唱比賽評審

校內外音樂劇導演

課程介紹:

- 1) 訓練兒童使用正確的呼吸法來唱歌
- 2) 教授中英文流行歌, 百老匯音樂劇, 中國民歌...等等膾炙人口的歌曲
- 3) 融合戲劇合唱團的多種表演方式
- 4) 安排春節晚會成果發表演出

- **樊登读书会。**樊登读书会由央视节目主持人、MBA 资深讲师樊登博士于 2013 年末发起, 旨在运用微信、微博等社交新媒体的力量, 同时结合线下读书分享活动, 做一个帮中国人重新养成阅读习惯的书籍精华分享社区。樊登读书会的核心产品为樊登读书会 app 以视频、音频、图文等形式多样的精华解读。精华解读是对一本书籍核心内容的精华提炼, 帮助大家用 40-50 分钟时间快速理解一本书的精华内容, 从而达到快速学习和快速成长的目的。

目前全国范围内拥有 500 余家分会, 11 家海外分会, 200 多万正式付费会员, 还在以平均每天 5000 人的速度递增。“影响 3 亿中国人养成阅读习惯”是我们共同的目标, 阅读, 让生活更美好!

2017 年 7 月, 大孟联正式加盟樊登读书会! 大孟联主席 Xinhua Yu 和大孟菲斯中文学校副校长 Lijing Xu 共同担任樊登读书会孟菲斯分会会长。让我们共同学习一起成长! 欢迎大家积极参与樊登读书会孟菲斯分会!

#### 4) Code of Conduct for Students and Parents - Please Strictly Follow.

- Absolutely no food in the classroom;
- No running in the hallway;
- No chatting in the hallway;
- Smoking is strictly prohibited on the entire campus;
- Keep the restroom clean;

#### 5) You could find our class schedule and calendar via these links.

Class Schedule: <http://memphischinese.com/classschedule.php>

School Calendar: <http://memphischinese.com/schoolcalendar.html>

Thanks for your continued support! And please let us know should you have any questions.

Thank you!

GMCS School Admin