

# Fast Facts about China

- Chinese New Year is a special time for celebration in the Chinese culture. Celebrations can last up to 15 days. Each year in a 12-year cycle is represented by a different animal from the Chinese zodiac.
- Fourth graders are expected to know 2,000 of the over 40,000 written Chinese characters. By the time they leave college, they will know 4,000 or 5,000 characters. Each character is learned by looking at it and memorizing it. Unlike the 26 letters of our alphabet, words cannot be sounded out letter by letter.
- More than 1 billion people inhabit China, the fourth largest country in the world with over 3 million square miles of land to its claim.
- The Great Wall, actually a series of walls, is the only manmade structure that can be seen from space—all 4000 miles of it!!



The Great Wall of China.



Temple of Heaven, Beijing, China

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# Chinese Culture Club

## Goal:

- ◆ To promote an understanding and appreciation for the traditions and cultures of the Peoples Republic of China through structured discussion and meaningful activities.

## Chinese Culture Club Leadership

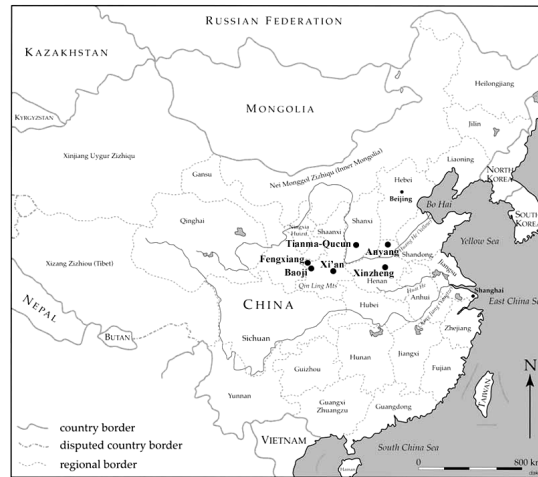
- ◆ Director~ Mr. Bill Runey, Principal
- ◆ Coordinators:

Ms. Charlotte Brusseau, Social Studies Teacher

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Chinese New Year is February 3rd this year. It will be the year of the Rabbit and this traditional paper cutting depicts this years animal.



## Culture Topics

The 12 week program will explore a variety of cultural topics including:

- Geography: Physical and Cultural
- Chinese New Year and Festival of Lights
- Traditional Folklore
- Art Styles of China
- Business in China Today
- Political Structures: Ancient and Contemporary
- Religious Traditions of the Region

## Did You Know?

There are 55 different ethnic groups in China!! Each group has its own language, homeland, and social values. The Han group makes up 92% of the population in China.

## 2011 Chinese Culture Club

### Bishop Feehan High School

#### Program Highlights

- Twelve-week after-school culture club.
- Once a week after school meeting every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 pm.
- Cultural themes include Chinese culture, customs, geography, government, writing and calligraphy, festivals and parades, games, art styles, folklore, music and poetry.
- Students will experience hands-on thematic activities with weekly explorations of traditional art style.
- Curriculum is based on curriculum structures utilized by Confucius Classrooms as part of the Confucius Institute of Bryant University in collaboration with the program moderators.

