

## FOR THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY

May 14, 2014

Dear 2014 Summer Program Applicants:

As we shared The Asian Center (AC) has begun accepting applications for our Summer Program. Working with the Chinese School of Andover we are announcing that the program has an optional afternoon component allowing children to stay all day. The deadline for returning completed forms with payment is **Monday**, **June 2**, **2014**. Returning students to the AC program will have first preference and there is no guarantee of a space for your child. We must have a minimum of 55 students enrolled in the morning to proceed with this year's morning program, and 25 students enrolled in the afternoon to proceed with the afternoon program.

The Summer Program will run from **Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 1, mornings** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon. **For those students enrolled in the afternoon, pick up is at 5:30 PM.** On Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., children entering grades 1 through 7 will go on field trips. For preschool children, who will be age 4 by July 1<sup>st</sup> and those entering kindergarten, there will be no program on Wednesdays. If parents wish, they may drive their own cars and transport their children on our field trips.

The morning program follows the AC tradition and focuses on science, math, reading/writing and art, while afternoons will introduce students to Chinese, Yoga, Dance, Kung FU, Arts and Crafts, Computers, Chess and more. Preschoolers and kindergarteners will learn reading and writing readiness and social skills. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided free of charge.

**Morning Program \$ 290.00 /month** and includes breakfast and lunch. (Average fees in the community for half day programs are \$ 125.00 A WEEK)

All day Program \$ 680.00 /month (\$178/week) and includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks.

Additionally, our program will be licensed by the City of Lawrence by July 1, 2014. To meet their requirements, we are required by the Department of Health to have a copy of every child's IMMUNIZATION RECORD. A form is enclosed. Please contact your CHILD'S PRIMARY CARE to complete, return to the AC by June 25<sup>th</sup>. Children cannot attend without this form. Please review and return the completed application packet (application, emergency contact and immunization record) and the fee of \$290 (morning), \$680 (all day) or \$178 (All day by weekly) by June 6th. Be sure to include your email address if you have one. Families will receive email confirmation of program status and registration by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Checks should be made out to **the Asian Center of Merrimack Valley, Inc.** (ACMV) You may mail or drop off your application packet and fee at the Asian Center. One more note: If you cancel your child's registration after Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>, fees will not be returned.

For questions on morning program, please contact Karen or Betsy at the AC, 978-683-7316, or email: karensheridan@asiancentermv.org or betsyleeman@asiancentermv.org or Ying Shen at the CSA, at 978-684-2163, or email: <a href="mailto:aap@csandover.org">aap@csandover.org</a>. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you and your children in July.

Sincerely,

Karen Sheridan, Ying Shen and Betsy Leeman