

# VFA SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

## Special Points of Interest:

- Last week of Summer Youth Program 2009
- End-of-the-Program Celebration
- Field trip to the Woodland Park Zoo

## LAST WEEK FOR LEVEL 1 STUDENTS

As the summer program comes to an end, the students of level 1A continued practicing their songs for the cultural performance. They will be performing three Vietnamese songs as well as the alphabet song for the all the students, staff and parents to enjoy. Additionally, they practiced their ABCs and numbers, which definitely paid off since they can now recite the alphabet and count up to 20! Last but not least, they got to read some of Dr. Seuss's awesome stories, including "Green Eggs and Ham." While this week was short, the students of level 1A still learned a lot and had a lot of fun doing it!

During the last week of the program class 1B had a lot of fun! They constructed log houses in science class by rolling paper around pencils and using the cylinders to make the houses. Sadly, one of the instructors for 1B was sick for the entire week and so the students made cards for him thanking him for all of the things he had done for the class and wishing that he would get well soon. During reading time an instructor from 2B came into the class to read an interesting story and discuss. Overall, it was an interesting and educational experience for all of the students and they had a lot of fun throughout the program!

## END-OF-THE-PROGRAM CELEBRATION

The end of the program celebration was a noisy, exciting, and wild affair. From the abc's of the youngest children to skits and Vietnamese songs done by the older classes, there was something to entertain everyone. The food brought in by the student's parents was delicious and everyone got to eat their full. Throughout the picnic there was a pleasant, happy atmosphere of parents meeting other parents and students introducing their younger siblings to their teachers. It was a successful end to this summer's VFA program.



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Top: Level 1A students performing their songs. Middle: Instructors serving the delicious food to the students. Bottom: Parents and students enjoying the food. Left: Level 2B students performing their skit.

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### FIFTH WEEK FOR LEVEL 2 AND LEVEL 3 STUDENTS

The last week of class for level 2A was a blur of sad goodbyes and joyful celebration as the 6 week long program came to an end. Over the six weeks the students in 2A had been collecting stickers on a chart for participation, turning in homework, journal writing, and attendance. The reward for

enough students having over 20 stickers was a popsicle party for the whole class! Of course the kids easily achieved this goal and had a lot of fun eating creamsicles and playing dodgeball on Wednesday. Also, Tuesday morning the students were visited by Martial Arts master Linh, who taught the kids

how to work together and achieve a common goal through outdoor puzzle activities. One instructor from 2A commented on the activities: "The kids really got into the games and learned great communication skills while they competed against another team to complete their tasks!" Thank you Master Linh for improving the student's team working skills! Overall it was an educational and fun filled three days with the festival as the culminating point of the student's adventures and education in level 2A. Thank you for all the instructors and managers that made the 2009 VFA summer program possible!

During the final week of the program, level 2B wrapped up everything they had been learning for the past six weeks. By discussing overall traits present in leaders, performing their cultural presentation skit, taking comprehension tests in science, math and

vocabulary, as well as playing comprehensive games 2B demonstrated their understanding of all that they had learned throughout the program. Although everyone was sad to leave on the final day, they left knowing that they were more prepared for the school year to come.

For level 3, the last week of the program was eventful. The students had their usual math and reading lessons, as well as some interesting and informative ones. Instructor Long taught the students about pressure and how difference in temperature can change the pressure in the air by demonstrating how to suck a boiled egg into a glass bottle. Additionally, the financial literacy speaker for the week taught the students and the instructors about importance of paying your taxes and what that money is used for. Overall, the past 6 weeks have been fun and everyone learned a lot!



Top: Group picture in front of the zoo. Middle: Students gather around to see monkeys interact with each other. Bottom: Instructors Long and Lai with some students inside the Zoomarium.

### A TRIP TO THE WOODLAND PARK ZOO

For the last field trip of the Summer Youth Program of 2009, students, staff and parents visited the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle. Thanks to the zoo's generous donation, everyone received free admissions into the zoo. Students got to see all the different animals the zoo has on display, ranging from the cute and small animals like the penguins, red panda and wallabies; to the big and wild ones like bears,

tigers, elephants and giraffes. In addition to that, some got to visit the Day and Night exhibit where they display all the scary creatures that are active during the night time. Lastly, they visited the Family Farm area and got a chance to get up close to pet the goats and miniature horses. It was another exhausting trip but it was extremely fun and everyone had a great time!