

TEACHERS OF CRITICAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM
January Highlights



Tao Wang helped coordinate a Chinese Cabaret in which her students performed Chinese songs Chinese traditional dances, including the Lion Dance to the right

- Shawnee Mission South High School offers AP Chinese, and Tao Wang worked with her mentor teacher to develop lesson plans on specialized vocabulary so their students could be better prepared for the Advanced Placement Test.
- She also conducted outreach to the eighth grade to build interest in the Chinese program for next year's student.



Yongmin Zhang with his principal Joan Romano and FLAP Director Rosemary Claire at the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles

- Yongmin Zhang continues to participate in the USC seminar "East Asia New Media in My Classroom" seminar that provides 40 hours of professional development. Through this, funding has become available for all forty teachers participating in the seminar to travel to China for two weeks in April. If travel is approved by the school board, Yongmin will conduct cultural and professional tours, including a visit to his high school in Shanghai.
- He also began team-teaching twice weekly at Palos Verdes High School. This has been very important for him as it provides him with experience and professional credibility upon his return to China.
- Yongmin also wrote a letter to the PTA that will be included in the school's February letter to parents



International Night at Roosevelt High School at which Yousef Al-Naimat teaches

- Yousef Al-Naimat continues his role within the Global Voices Initiative that links elementary and secondary schools in Casablanca and Amman with his school in Chicago in a playwriting and production program. He is the lead facilitator in helping Chicago, Moroccan, and Jordanian students write plays about English, Arabic, and cross-cultural learning to be presented via webcam at the end of the semester
- He also attended a Best Practices Fair at which classroom management and American literature were discussed



Ping Liang continues her strong work teaching in Atlanta

- Ping Liang was sent as her school's representative to the Chinese IB Conference in Los Angeles, California.
- She researched, developed, and electronically shared the attached Origami Lesson
- She continues to collaborate with her mentor teacher in developing computer based worksheets, lessons, quizzes, and tests for the Chinese curriculum
- She participated in the annual Martin Luther King Commemorative Service, and she visited Martin Luther King's Home and The King Center



Haiyan Song adapts her lessons so that student interest is tapped. Their involvement, interest, and participation in Chinese language and culture have increased dramatically since August.

- Haiyan Song continues to play a lead role in designing the expansion of the Chinese curriculum from an enrichment course to a full course next year
- She is also a mentor teacher for a man working to become certified in Chinese, and she is a counterpart for a visiting Chinese teacher who is placed at her school's Middle School branch