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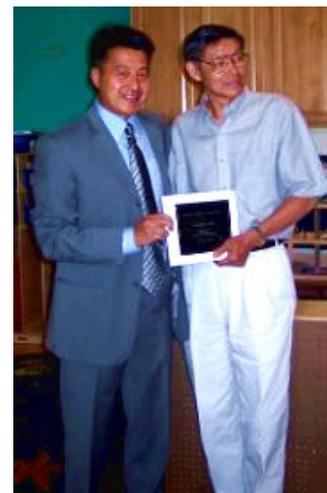
CCCC HONORS EDUCATION PIONEER AND COMMUNITY LEADER NORMAN SUI

CCCC presented Norman Sui, a longtime Bay Area educator, with a leadership award at our September 21st Open House, for his dedication to youth and public service. Norman, who recently retired as a principal for the San Francisco Unified School District, was among the first Chinese-American principals in northern California. His leadership opened doors for other Asian-American public school teachers, while inspiring a generation of young people to seek new opportunities.

To commemorate Norman's success, his son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Kelly, generously donated backpacks filled with crayons, coloring books, flashcards and other school supplies to each of our students. The Sui family also donated a collection of Chinese and English books for our library. Their contribution means that our children are fully equipped for the school year.

For Norman and his wife, attending the award ceremony also brought back fond memories, since their wedding reception was held in the CCCC classroom (then a YWCA ballroom) over 50 years ago!

We wish the Sui family the best, and we appreciate their extensive work in the community.



Norman Sui (right) accepting award from CCCC Executive Director Lawland Long

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WALTER!

Longtime CCCC supporter and business consultant Walter Wong celebrated his birthday with CCCC's children on October 20th. Our students sang in both English and Chinese before settling down to lunch with birthday cake.

Board members Linda Ng and Mervyn Han also joined the celebration. Happy Birthday, Walter!



VIP APPRECIATION DINNER

CCCC thanked its core supporters with a 2nd annual appreciation dinner at the Slanted Door Restaurant on October 3rd. Our VIP supporters play a major role in ensuring CCCC's ability to provide

high quality and affordable services to an at-risk population.

MaryAnn Laurente and Peter Chen shared their experiences as CCCC parents with the audience, thanking CCCC for its hardworking teachers, bilingual curriculum and convenient location. Their son Connor is currently a second-year student at CCCC.

We also thank Slanted Door executive chef Charles Phan and his staff for hosting us and preparing a great meal and wine selection that evening. Since it can be difficult to secure a reservation at the acclaimed Slanted Door, those interested in attending the 3rd annual appreciation dinner should contact Board President Linda Ng right now. Hope to see you next year!

CLASSROOM UPDATE

Raising the quality of our early education programs is a key CCCC initiative this year. CCCC aims to be designated as a Preschool for All (PFA) site, which requires a rigorous review on 41 metrics of quality. We are finalizing our efforts to meet and exceed these expectations, and will request a formal PFA assessment in January 2007. The PFA designation will bring us new resources that will help CCCC achieve best practices in bilingual and bicultural early education.

October was an exciting month in the classroom -- not only did we learn about Halloween, but firefighters from the San Francisco Fire Department also joined us to teach fire safety to our children. As we enter November, students will learn about seasons and upcoming holiday such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.



Firefighters for a day: CCCC students learn fire safety from SFFD volunteers

CCCC HOLIDAY EVENTS

Save the date! CCCC invites you to join us at the following events:

- Thursday, Nov 16 at noon: Thanksgiving lunch at CCCC
- Sunday, Dec 3 at 6PM: SAWL Holiday Cocktails & CCCC Toy Drive Benefit at Azul Bar and Lounge (1 Tillman Place)
- Tuesday, Dec 5 at 6PM: CCCC Staff Appreciation Dinner at Senses Restaurant (1152 Valencia Street)
- Tuesday, Dec 12 at 5:30PM: CCCC Families' Holiday Celebration Dinner at CCCC
- Friday, Dec 29 at 6PM: United Way Chinatown New Year's Banquet and Dance at Far East Restaurant (631 Grant Avenue)
- Thursday, Mar 22 or 29 at 5PM: CCCC 9th Annual Spring Gala at Yank Sing Restaurant (Rincon Center)

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