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## Cave Creek Schools Celebrate Chinese New Year

It is time to celebrate a new year! The lunar calendar started on February 12 this year, making it a day of celebrations across the four Cave Creek Schools with Mandarin Chinese programs. According to the Chinese zodiac, 2021 is the Year of the Ox, which is a perfect fit, as the ox is an animal with strong, resilient and confident personality traits. Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19, over 1,200 PK-12 grade students continued their learning about Chinese New Year through research poster competitions, school wide parades with Chinese dragons and lions, calligraphy art lessons, ping pong games and traditional dress fashions. While students wished each other “新年快乐” or “Happy New Year,” we want to extend even greater health and happiness wishes to our Cave Creek community, as well as to our Chinese sister schools and friends across the world.

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Editorial Note. To honor the invention of paper by the Chinese, The Peak has posted Ms. Ladas’ article as an electronic “scroll.” Excuse the pun, please scroll down to view pictures of students enjoying and learning from this year’s celebration.

The photographs below show students at Lone Mountain Elementary School who led the school-wide Chinese New Year parade.







The images below show the students at Horseshoe Trails Elementary School who got to try on traditional dress.



Students at Horseshoe Trails Elementary School led the school-wide Chinese New Year parade.

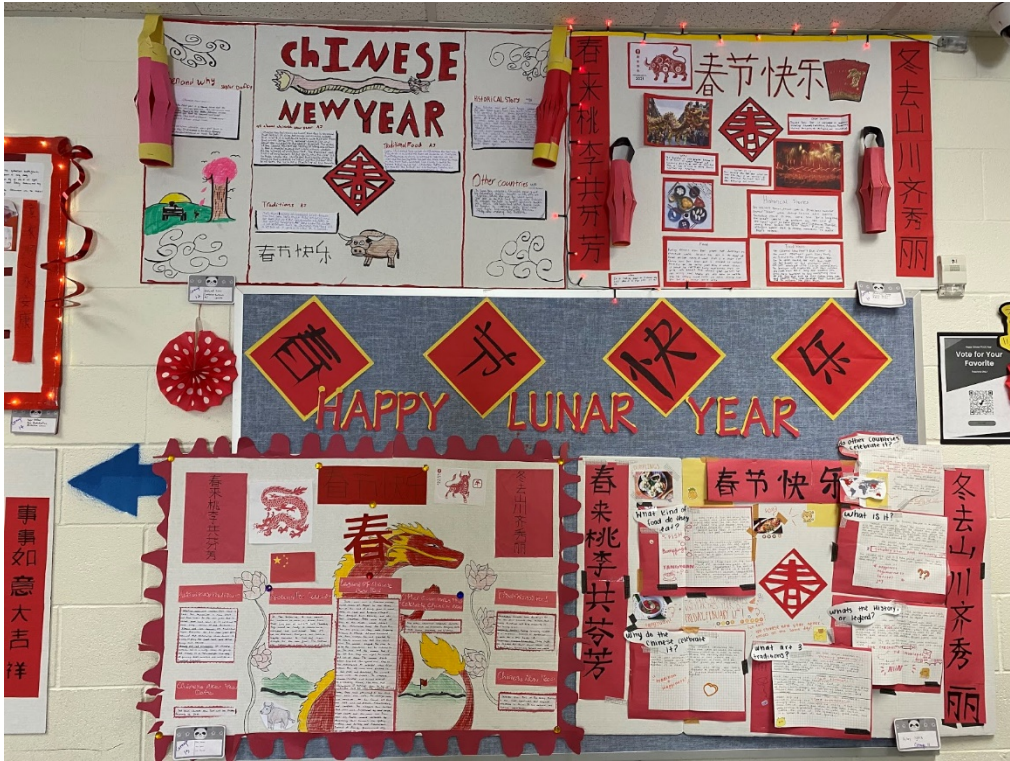




Chinese teachers at Horseshoe Trails Elementary School show off traditional outfits during the school-wide parade.



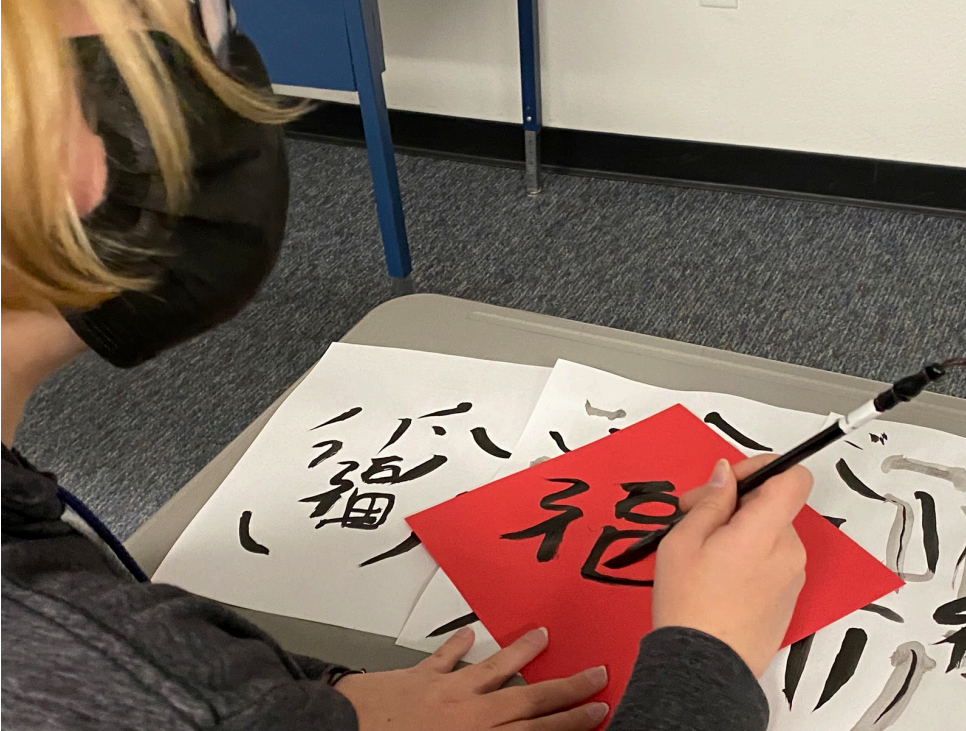
Students at Sonoran Trails Middle School presented their research on Chinese New Year in a poster competition.



A proud Chinese teacher at Sonoran Trails Middle School sets up her students' poster projects about Chinese New Year for staff to come vote for their favorite.



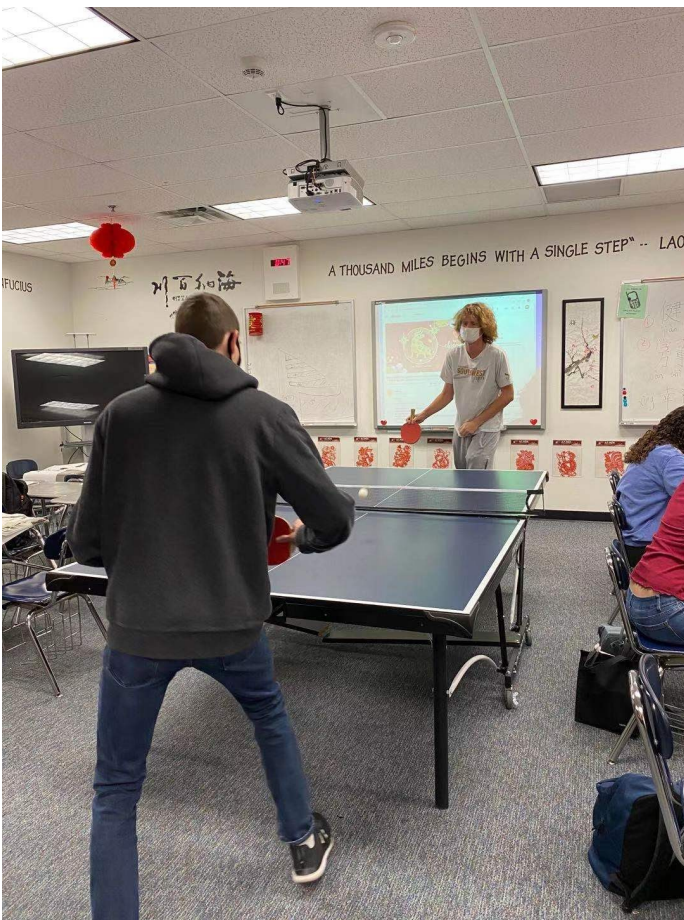
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Students at Cactus Shadows High School played one of the favorite sports in China during their Chinese New Year celebration.



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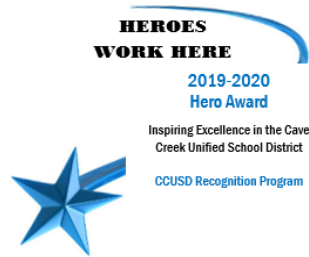
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