

The Sixth Midwest Chinese Speech Contest

Dear Disney community:

The Sixth Midwest Chinese Speech Contest was hosted by Midwest Chinese Teachers Alliance (MCTA) and sponsored by Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Chicago and the Confucius Institute in Chicago. The contest took place from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on March 22nd 2014, at Northside College Preparatory High School.

The contest is for 1st through 12th grade students who enrolled in a Chinese program taught by an MCTA member. Candidates were from suburbs and CPS schools. This is the only Chinese speech competition held annually in the Chicago area. Students were recommended by their teachers and placed in one of the categories in three divisions according to their length of study and background. Only two students per category could be recommended by each teacher.

Ms. Hennek has four of her students won medals in this competition. None of them speaks Chinese at home or have any other exposures to Chinese language except at school.

Jonathan Mui, a third grade gifted student won a bronze medal in category I-B.

Amie Kitjasateanphun, another third grade gifted student won a gold medal in category I-B.

Thien Le, a six grade gifted student who started learning Chinese at the beginning of this school year, won a silver medal in category II-A.

Siobhan Leavy, another six grade gifted student won a gold medal in category II-B.

We would like to thank Dr. Hagstrom and Ms. Velez for offering this wonderful program to our children and their tremendous support to their learning. Congratulations to all of them!

Sincerely,

Participant's parents