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I have Something to Say...

The past May holiday was very special for OTC because OTC started to build its own website. And with Mr. Chris and Peter Torkelson's cooperation, a new OTC logo has been designed, too.



New OTC Logo

It seems OTC is favored by visitors this month. Right after the Alaska team finished their tour in Pingliang, the another group came. The Alaska team taught several OTC students Web Design class during the May holiday. The purpose of teaching it is to make a website for OTC. Everyone who attended the class was excited, and eager to learn how to make a web page. It was very special to experience the process of designing web pages. The other group of visitors, they also dedicated their time to work on the OTC website. They videoed several teachers and students, and it will be put on the school website for recruiting teachers and students

The articles following express the student's feeling of taking the Web Design class, and being videoed.

Web Design Class

By Arleyen Xue



Web page, we are all familiar with it because we visit it almost every day, but we had never tried to make one by ourselves. On this May holiday, I got a fantastic experience of learning how to make web pages, which was taught by Mr. Peter who is a splendid web designer. Even though the time was limited — just four and a half days, we learned a lot of basic things because most successful things are based on the basic steps. And the better we start, the more successful we will be.

By Juliana Zhou



I realized how enthusiastic some of us are from learning Web Design during this May holiday. The weather was hot and the air was dry, but our hearts were enthusiastic. Appreciation for teachers was certain. It is not an easy lesson for us to learn, but we tried our best and

struggled a lot. During the class, I really felt drowsy sometimes, so I used a very hard but powerful way to make me wake up and pay attention to class, which was pinch my hand. I was happy by pinching my hand not because I did not feel pain, but because I woke up and didn't miss anything. This is spirit. Our life is in our hand, if you control it well, you will be successful.

By Jesse Zhu



It is always very boring for me to tide over the monotonous Mayday holiday. I thought it would be boring again before this May holiday starts, so I decided to go to Jon's house instead of stay here. One week before it, Mr. Dennis told me an amazing news which was to train on Dream Weaver (learn how to design a web page) with Mr. Peter and six of my classmates. I was very happy to accept that. We trained on Dream Weaver for five days, and six hours per day; Mr. Peter is an advanced web page designer. I admire him a lot, especially the way he writes codes. I learned a lot from him, and at last we made a web page for our school — Oasis Training Center. Although it was short time training and we didn't finish making our school web page, it was really an enjoyable experience for me.

By Levi Wang



This was such a wonderful time for me this May holiday. I had the chance to learn web design from the teacher who came from Alaska, which is one of the America states located on the west of Canada. Six other of my classmates participated as well. Everyday we started class at nine o'clock. I can say everyone was taking the class enthusiastically. It's new to us. Mr. Peter, our teacher, is so kind. He taught every class patiently. If someone didn't understand, he would explain again and again until it was understood. We started at the very beginning that was to learn the code, and then it became more and more difficult. It was all good stuff. I am proud of myself because I mastered that. I want to say thank you to the teacher. Thank you for coming over and teaching us a useful skill. Because of the skill, I am sure there is a bright future waiting for me.

@ By Kayla Gao



Every May Holiday, I just stay at home and have no special activities. However, this May Holiday, I had a very exciting experience. I got a rare chance to study web design at school. We learned it for four and half days. Mr. Peter was a very great web designer and teacher. In fact, I did not learn many things because I was not good at computer and also the time was short. At least, I knew how a webpage was designed. It was much different from what I thought before. I thought that to design a Webpage is just to put texts and pictures into a document. Another thing I noticed for web design is that you should focus on every detail because even lacking a slash can cause a big problem.

@ By Sharon Li



Dreamweaver is one of the most interesting computer programs. Dreamweaver is a kind of computer program used to design a web page. Before I took Mr. Peter's class during the May Holiday, I had not even known what dreamweaver was. Every time when I go to a website, I just want to find information that I need as much as possible. I have never known how it was made. Since Mr. Peter introduced it to us, I have been understood that it was a complicated process to design a good website. The computer program gave me much space to create more interesting things. Now I can make a webpage, which I like. I love this computer program.

@ By Summer Jiang



During this May holiday, I got a bonus to learn website design which opened another space of computer for me. I felt I was standing in the backstage of the websites, and I got the idea about how the websites worked. However, I just slightly learned it, and I only got the main concepts about the basic pattern of designing a webpage. I desire to get familiar with it. Also, I should know how to match the different colors in one webpage. When I write the code, I should be attentive because small differences in the code make big problem in the webpage.

My First Interview

@ By Allen Jiao

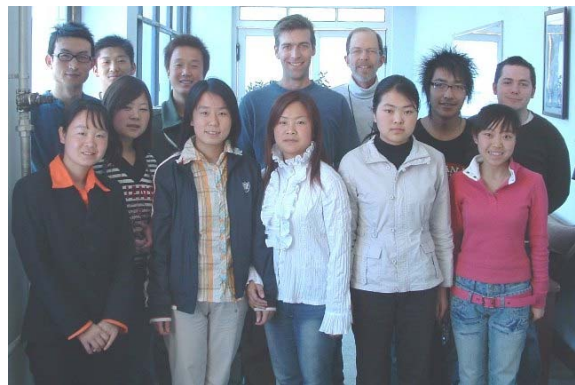


It's was a helpful opportunity for me to practice my English this week. There were several Americans who came to visit our school. I love them who were talkative and kind to me and my classmates. I think they put their whole hearts to care about us; I was touched by their action. I talked with them a lot, but I was always shy to speak with strangers. I think everyone has the same feeling as me. I will graduate from school in a few days, and go to a challenging world to get a job I enjoy. I always think that I don't have courage to get interviewed. Even when I meet a stranger who is talkative to me, I often keep silent, so I am afraid I will lose the chance during interview time. Also, I was videoed with my classmates, Mrs. Heather asked us questions, and we answered them fluently. Only two days, but I think it's a great chance for me and my classmates to practice our English. The visitors encouraged me to be confident, and believe in myself to do everything.

@ By Melissa Du



It was very exciting to see another group of visitors come here. They joined classes and talked with us. They also offered me a great chance to speak in front of a video camera. I was very nervous before getting started, but they encouraged me not to be nervous with their angel smiling. I relaxed a lot. They asked me several questions while I was being videoed. One of the questions was how OTC has changed my life. Without any beautified words, I answered this question with my true heart.



Teachers and students who attended Web Design class.

Trees and the Life

By Summer Jiang



In Character class, we learned enthusiasm which made me think of trees. Actually, I often think about what makes the trees grow even though they don't catch other animals to eat. They just stand there and grow enthusiastically by sucking the air under sunshine or rain. Especially, the trees in the Forbidden City have grown for thousand years. All of the Chinese emperors died, but the trees are still there to witness the rise and decline of China. I

think they are the real emperors, and they are history.

I've heard of some trees which have indomitable life in the desert because the worst climate and environ-

ment bring up their unique spirit. It is said that they don't die beyond three thousand years, and don't fall beyond three thousand years after dying, also, don't wither beyond three thousand years after falling. So they are called "the warriors in the desert". They live with their energy and contend with the adverse weather day after day. I am ashamed to compare myself with the trees. I don't have enough confidence to overwhelm the difficulties when the life gets harder than I can imagine. I felt powerless to face the hurdles which are beyond my ability to overcome it. I want to live like the trees which are steady and strong.

Dare to Try

By Teresa Shi

I love Speech class because I can learn how to be a more professional speaker and writer of speeches. The most important thing that I learned is I could do everything if I have a try. In this class, we not only have speech presentations, but also write speech drafts. We spent almost two weeks on writing the first speech called Graduation Speech, and we are going to present this speech soon. With Ms. Barbara and Ms. Heather's help and correction, our graduation speech looks professional and perfect. At the beginning, when my teacher asked me to write a speech which is more than 500 words, I was scared by that number because I was not sure if I could do it. When I attempted to commence my speech

draft, I found I had many heart words to say. I wrote my personal study experience, wishes, and thanks in it. I am pleased with it. I found I could do it if I give it a try. In our life, sometimes something is impossible in your eyes, but you can get success if you try to do it. Everything is possible!



Be Responsible

By Sabrina Song



Because of being late for class many times, I was asked for clean the bathroom for two weeks. Honestly, this is the first time to clean the bathroom in my whole life. My job is to empty the trash can and mop the floor in the bathroom twice per day. For the first time when I cleaned it with one of the grade one students, there was dirt all over the room. Some of the commodes were really awful and dirty, but I still needed to clean it. I wore a pair of rubber gloves and emptied every trash can that full of paper. Some of the

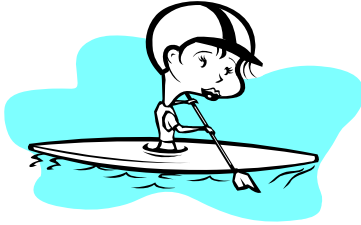
paper stuck to the bottom of the trash can, so I must use my hands to pull it out. It looked very neat and tidy after we mopped the floor in bathroom. At that moment I felt proud of myself. I had deep feeling of what Ms. Heather said: if there are people who use the bathroom, then there must be some people who willing to clean it. The school is just like a big family; it needs every family member's involvement. If every one of us can be responsible for each of the school tasks, the school will be a wonderful world.



First Born Articles

Since this quarter began, Grade one has some new classes. And one of the classes is Intro to Writing. In this class, the students will get some fundamental skill of writing. And this will enable them to write essays when they have Writing class next year. The article following are the short essays that the students wrote during the class. Let's have a tour at their first born article.

By Melissa Yang & Robin Yang



Today is warm. Today is a splendid Tuesday. We switched Vocabulary Building class to PE class. Then, the teachers lead us for a walk in Liu Hu Park. They said: "Today we are going to boating."

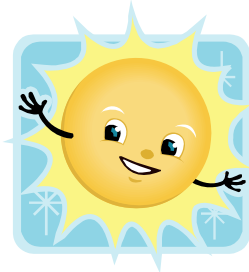
Everybody was excited about it. They divided us into six teams. Something unexpected happened when we were boating in the middle of the lake. Robin fell into the water because she was overexcited. Then all the heroes jumped into the water. The teachers were wondering and said: "What were you doing?" After a while, Robin was saved and there are two fishes in her hand. Everyone was laughing. How exciting it was!

By Sandra Dong & Tina Tang



Today is warm. It is sunny and windy. I go to fly the kite. The kite looks like a big bird, and it flies very high. Suddenly a strong wind blows the kite higher and higher, so I run faster and faster after the kite. I can't feel the ground. What's wrong with my feet? I look down. Wow, I'm flying! I'm flying in the sky.

By Angela Zhu & Belinda Li



Everywhere is warm! We can not stand this kind of dry weather any more. We will try to talk to the sun if "he" can change it to cool. So we decided to wear our special clothes and fly to the sun. By talking with him, the sun said he will help the earth to get some rain, so the earth will become wet so that it will make the crops grow better. He not only has a good relationship with the earth, but also the sun does not want the earth to be lonely without life.

Crystal's Corner



There are some new classes have been added in this quarter, such as: Intro to Writing, Walk to Beijing, and Speech. It seems the students are enjoying the new classes, and they adapt to them quickly. I got feedback from some of the students while they were having conversations. Some of the Grade one students said that the Intro to Writing class is very helpful for them because they are not only learning writing skill, but also grammar rules. You may find similarities between Walk to Beijing class and PE class. But there are also some differences. Throughout the Walk to Beijing class, you can see that the distance between Pingliang and Beijing is reducing gradually. The students' confidence is being build up. Their friendship is developing by working

together. Their final target is smiling to them and trying to tell them "You can do it", "Believe in yourself, be confident", "You will reach your goal at the end of this quarter".

Most of the Grade two students mentioned graduation in their journals. Yeah, there is no doubt that graduation is approaching. And there are no more than thirty days that you can spend at school. That is true, you will be nervous, graduates all over the world face the same situation before their graduation. It's the path that everyone needs to pass. Surely, it is a hard time for you, you are struggling because you are not sure what you are going to encounter once you step into society. There are too much questions, uncertainty in your brain, which are trying to confuse you. However, do not be discouraged by it. They are there just to attempt to fool you. Don't let it win this competition; try your best to find a solution to overcome it. Then, you will see the blue sky again.