

**Bei Dou Xing Member Meeting
October 15, 2012**

Welcome

Volunteer Needs: There are many opportunities available for parents to pitch in. Volunteers are needed so that BDX events can continue in future years. A volunteer sign up was circulated at the meeting and will also be available on line.

Laoshi fund update The first Laoshi Fund grant was given to Li Laoshi (Kindergarten) to help defray tuition costs necessary for licensure. The Laoshi fund helps cover teacher education and licensure costs with the goal of supporting and retaining XinXing teachers.

Reminder for Chinese Immersion Fair The fair will be held at Eisenhower in early December. It will be the primary information source for families considering applying to XinXing for the 2013-2014 school year. Please spread word of the event to anyone you know that has a Kindergarten-aged child and that is considering immersion education.

Speaker- **Joan A. Brzezinski**
 Executive Director
 China Center
 Confucius Institute

- An overview of the US vs. Chinese school system and classrooms
- US vs. Chinese teacher/parent interface
- An overview of some basic cultural differences
- Q and A

Announce December topics Next BDX parent meeting is December 10, 2012. Guest speaker Diane Schimelpfenig, Hopkins School District Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, will share updates about Chinese Immersion secondary education in Hopkins.

Board available for questions