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Dear XinXing Parent and Bei Dou Xing Member,

Bei Dou Xing welcomes you to the school year. As we send our 7th grade class to XinXing@West Junior High, it means Bei Dou Xing is in its 8th year. During that time, our organization has demonstrated the power of community involvement. We have been able to support our schools through generous volunteerism and donations and last year was no exception. Here is a list of the amazing ways our community was able to support our schools, students and teachers in the 2013-14 school year:

- We awarded four \$1000 Laoshi grants to our teachers to help support their ongoing education and additional licensure.
- Our general fund supported six Chinese field trips at a cost of \$4200.
- The 6th grade overnight at Concordia was supported by a \$1500 grant from the Cultural fund.
- We purchased three iPads that augmented a district purchase of iPads to support Chinese reading.
- A grant for \$1000 was awarded to West Junior High to support the setup of the Chinese immersion program and media center.

The 2014-2015 school year will see the return of many favorite events that have strengthened our community. The very popular Chinese bingo night will be in October, Chinese New Year's festival in February and the China Sprout book fair will be held on conference days. We will also continue to schedule several food and fun dates at Pizza Luce, Air Maxx and a few others. A preliminary calendar is attached.

Our Longevity event in April 2014 was an extremely successful event supporting our Cultural and Laoshi funds. Longevity takes a significant amount of parent resources and time to create such an amazing night. Due to the significant personal investment, the board has decided to forgo the event this year. Instead, we will be focusing on GiveMN.org to meet our Cultural and Laoshi fund goals. GiveMN.org is an online giving website that takes donations year round with an emphasis on Give to the Max day November 13. We feel this campaign can be far reaching and support the same goals as Longevity. More information about our campaign will be coming after school starts.

Bei Dou Xing is successful because of parents like you and we thank each of you for your support. However you are able to participate, your contribution benefits our children and the XinXing program.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

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