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A Message from Olivia Onest, President, CAGT

2017 was another great year for CAGT. There were lots of highlights that are worth writing about. I would like to focus on our fundraising event for the Houston victims.

As we all have watched in the news, Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath have caused devastating



damages in the Houston area. We know it's going to take months and years to rebuild and revitalize the communities. Some of our members asked the question on how we could help. Is there something we can do as a group and as a community to show our caring and support? And is there something CAGT can do to help and organize?

A fundraising email was drafted and sent out to our CAGT members and supporters. This fundraising email was forwarded to our Chinese School and the Chinese Alliance Church. A message for donation was posted in our we-chat group. Amazingly, our community responded and responded quickly. Donation checks were brought in to our Chinese School and the Chinese Alliance Church. Checks were also collected during the Fall Picnic in the Wildwood

Park. Within a month, \$8,011 was donated. Thank you for all your generosity and your caring to those who were in need in Houston!

On October 17, Rui Shao, Secretary of CAGT, Yuan Southworth, Treasurer, Weixin Li, Vice President and myself met with Rachel Hepner-Zawodny, Executive Director at American Red Cross of Northwest Ohio, at the Toledo office, and presented a donation check of \$8,011, designated to the Houston relief efforts.

As usual, I always want to close by thanking our volunteers serving CAGT and the community with their precious time in all our events, our donors who provide financial support, our members, and the Board members who provide leadership and vision to ensure CAGT is meeting the needs of our members and community.

Wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous 2018.



(From Left to right - Rui Shao, Yuan Southworth, Rachel Hepner-Zawodny, Olivia Onest, & Weixin Li)

Happy Holidays!



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross
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Washington, DC 20006

Chinese Association of Greater Toledo
Red Cross Supporter
14834 Lake Meadows Dr
Perrysburg, OH 43551-8855



Dear Red Cross Supporter,

Thank you. The American Red Cross is very grateful for your generous gift of \$8,011.00 on October 19, 2017 to Hurricane Harvey.

A copy of your tax receipt information is below.

The humanitarian efforts of the Red Cross provide comfort and hope to so many during their times of need. Thank you for your commitment to this critically important work. Our mission depends on the support and compassion of donors like you.

Your questions and feedback are very important to us. Please feel free to contact us at redcross.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,

Gail McGovern
President and CEO, American Red Cross

P.S. Did you know that many employers match gifts from their employees? You can visit redcross.org/matching to view a list of participating companies.

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Chinese New Year Celebration 2018

You, your family and friends are invited to the Greater Toledo area's 2018 Chinese New Year celebration with delicious food and wonderful performances.

2018 Chinese New Year Celebration is sponsored by:

Chinese Association of Great Toledo (CAGT)
Chinese Center of Toledo / Toledo Chinese School (CCT)
Confucius Institute, University of Toledo

Location: Student Union Auditorium @ University of Toledo, 2801 W. Bancroft St, Toledo, OH 43606

Date & Time: 2/11/2018 (Sunday), 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tickets Information:

Pre-paid tickets are required for admission. There will be no tickets for sale at the door.
Due to the rising food price and other costs, ticket price are higher this year.

CAGT & Chinese School Members: Adult (≥ 13 yrs): \$15/each; Child (< 13 yrs): \$8/each

Non-members: Adult (≥ 13 yrs): \$25/each; Child (< 13 yrs): \$15/each

VIP Donation tickets: \$50/each (Tax deduction available)

There will be a maximum of 520 tickets for sale (480 regular and 40 VIP).

Parking: University parking is free of charge during the weekend.

Tickets will be available for sale soon. Please stay tuned for further details. We will first open up ticket sales to CAGT & Chinese School members and then to general public.

Here are our ticket sales leads:

Lingling Du at dulingling_2006@yahoo.com

Weixin Li at liweixin@gmail.com

You can also contact other CAGT board members or Chinese School board members for ticket information.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the new year celebration.

Wish you all a Happy New Year!

Promoting Tai Chi at the Ohio Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Annual Convention



Invited by the organizers of Ohio Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Annual Convention, on Saturday, May 6, Amy Chen, Jing Meyer, Olivia Onest, and Olive Wu from the CAGT Tai Chi Club gave a 45 minute Tai Chi presentation and demonstration at their annual convention held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, OH. Participants were very interested in Tai Chi. They actively participated in the Tai Chi dialog, joyfully watched the different Tai Chi demonstrations, took many pictures and videos, and happily learned a few simple Tai Chi movements. After the presentation, many people remained and asked questions

and took pictures with the presenters.

Tai Chi is often described as "meditation in motion," but it might well be called "medication in motion." Tai Chi's health benefits led to the popularity of Tai Chi today in the whole world. There is an annual World Tai Chi and Qigong Day, which is the last Saturday of April. The CAGT Tai Chi Club would like to encourage people to come to join our weekly Tai Chi/Qigong class and practice.





CAGT Tai Chi Club

Fall Picnic

- 刘松涛

9月23日，一个炎热胜似酷夏的艳阳天，2017年秋季野餐会在托莱多中国华人宣道会 (TCAC)，大托莱多中华协会 (CAGT) 和托莱多中文学校 (CCT) 的赞助下顺利举行。在 Wildwood Preserve Metropark 的 Trailside Shelter 的庇荫下，来自不同家庭的约 150 位中外同胞欢聚一堂，共享美食。

野餐拉开序幕之前，华人宣道会的赵善正牧师，中华协会的欧阳越会长，和中文学校的杜玲玲校长发表了真挚的讲话和良好祝愿，并感谢所有志愿者为野餐会的辛勤付出和参与野餐会的朋友对此次聚会的支持。

为了鼓励大家参加聚餐会的热情和提高菜品的制作水平，组委会还安排了美食评奖活动。在 50 多道菜品中有近 41 个美食佳肴参加了评选。为了丰富食物品种和满足朋友们不同的口味和饮食习惯，主办方还购买了热狗，汉堡包，比萨饼，西瓜，土豆片，点心和饮品。聚会场所熙熙攘攘，欢声笑语，新老朋友三三两两，欢聚一堂，边聊边享用着中西有别，荤素兼顾，色香美味俱佳的各种美食，人们欢乐和兴奋的心情溢于言表，使聚餐会的气氛达到了高潮。

为了使野餐会更加丰富多彩，组委会还安排了餐后活动，大人小孩在美美地享用了他们喜欢的美食后，参加了各种运动，有足球，排球，太极，拔河，和徒步。

衷心感谢来自华人宣道会，中华协会，和中文学校的志愿者和所有参与野餐会的朋友为此次野餐会所作的不懈努力和热情帮助。愿我们共同努力，使我们来年的野餐会水平更上一层楼。

2017 年秋季野餐会获奖菜品:

一等奖：盐水鸡（提供者一方起）；二等奖：越南春卷（提供者 - 刘薇），肉月饼（提供者 - 李松）；三等奖：夫妻肺片（提供者 - 孙凡），爆炒鸡胗（提供者 - 刘艳红），竹香糯米鸡（提供者 - 戴孟潇）；四等奖：酸辣土豆丝（提供者 - 刘丽娇）

2017 年秋季野餐会志愿者名单（以首字发音为序）：

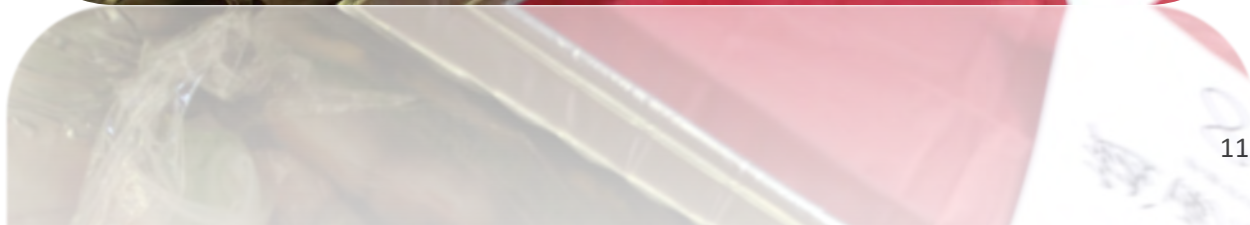
陈一唯，程龙，邓京华，邓苑，邓月鹏，孔庆娟，李飞，李伟新，刘松涛，欧阳越，王红霞，吴芳雲，余俊，张曼，赵善正

FALL PICNIC DISH COMPETITION

First prize: 盐水鸭 (Salt Water duck)
Second Prize: 越南春卷 (Vietnamese spring rolls), 肉月饼 (Meat Moon Cake)
Third Prize: 糯米鸡 (glutinous rice chicken), 爆炒鸡胗 (stir-fried chicken gizzards), 夫妻肺片 (husband and wife lung tablets)
Fourth Prize: 酸辣土豆丝 (chili and sour potato shreds)











THE PICNIC DISH WINNERS!

欢迎您参加今年的
美食大赛！

Ping Pong Tournament and Contest Winners

The Ping Pong Tournament was a huge success. We had record attendance with over 40 Ping Pong players competing in 4 divisions. Overall, we noticed players competing at a higher level of competition this year.

The winners are (please see attached photos):

Children Division (<12 year old): 1. Nathan Li; 2. Kevin Chou; 3. Michael Lin

Youth Division (12-16 year old): 1. Sydney Onest; 2. Roger Xie; 3. Albert Zhu

Adult Women's Division: 1. Yanqing Xu; 2. Jing Deng Meyer; 3. Ying-bei Eldridge

Adult Men's Division: 1. Liuhui Shen; 2. Nathan Eldridge; 3. Fei Li & Yulong Zhu

Thanks to all the Ping Pong players and their families for their support!

Thanks to the Ping Pong Committee for their planning and hard work: Fei Li, Yulong Zhu, Cong Fu, Yuan Southworth, Songtao Liu, Weixin Li & Qingjuan Kong.

Thanks to Mr. Liguao Zhao for providing his gym for the event!



Children's Division: (from left to right) Michael Lin, Nathan Li, & Kevin Chou



Youth Division: (from left to right) Albert Zhu, Roger Xie & Sydney Onest



Women's Division: (from left to right) Jing Deng Meyer, Yanqing Xu, & Ying-bei Aldridge



Men's Division: (from left to right) Nathan Aldridge, Liuhui Shen, Yulong Zhu, & Fei Li

希望下次见到你的身影!

Children's Stories

Julia Xi, 12 years old, 6th grade

Hull Prairie Intermediate

New School-New Learning Environment

Just last year, there were only 4 elementary schools, a junior high, and a high school in the Perrysburg school district. However, a new 5th and 6th grade school was built just in time for the 2017-2018 school year. Hull Prairie Intermediate, also known as HPI, was built to accommodate the growing population of students in the school district.

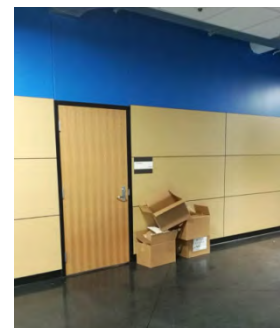


As the newest school in Perrysburg, HPI demonstrates countless aspects of contemporary technology. Glass windows decorate the walls in every direction and the technology tools are more geared toward a laboratory than an intermediate school. Laser cutters and 3D printers can be found in the STEM classrooms. There are also many small details that really light up the school day. Although I'll only be here for one year, it'll definitely be a year to remember.



There are many additions to the school building that stand out. There are four different academic wings: green, blue, red and orange. The wings are colored coordinated. Inside each wing are colored walls, floors, carpets, and chairs that match the corresponding wing. Also, there are classes that we can take that let us use new technology. In STEM, we get to use the 3D printers to print our names and the laser cut to make a wooden name tag. This machine makes our own designs come to life. Also, all the textbooks that we use are online. Although

the school isn't part of Perrysburg Junior High anymore, we still have many of the activities that the 6th graders at the Perrysburg Jr. High used to do, such as the spelling bee and geography bee.



P.B.L, an acronym that stands for problem-based learning, is also implemented into our school teaching tactics. This is an effective learning strategy because it allows us to research and answer questions on our own. For example, in the 6th-grade red wing, we had a fish tank that our teacher would clean and maintained. But, soon after we got some fish, they rapidly began to die. Almost every morning, kids in homeroom science had to dispose of dead fish. Some kids were thinking that it was all planned, but no, it was real. Not even the teachers knew why the fish were dying. Many weeks passed, and every Friday all the 6th graders in the red wing would gather and talk about possible reasons why the fish could have died. We contacted Petsmart with questions as well as one of our teacher's sister, who is a marine biologist. The manager from Petsmart came, and all of us discussed the possible reasons and ruled out many of the theories. Next, we wrote questions to the marine biologist, and a few weeks later, our teacher read the answers to the questions. This ruled out even more "maybe possible" reasons. In the end, there weren't many reasonable possibilities about our fish problem. Now, we are working to test out the three remaining theories: aggression (fish bullying), plants in the tank, and greedy fish (if some fish were eating all the food). Along the way, everyone has learned quite a bit about fish, from disease to fish care. Using P.B.L. is an overall great way to learn. While we researched fish, we discovered lots of cool information.

To promote more reading, HPI is connected to the Way Public Library. Every student has their own account, so when a book is on "hold", the library delivers the books that are on hold every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Almost every time that books are delivered, there is a rather large list of students that have one or more books. This is implemented because HPI doesn't have its own library. I have checked out more than 20 books by now.



The outside appearance of the school is mostly windows and bricks that give it a nice touch of something other than just glass. My school day is always filled with excitement (except days with more than two tests) and I get to hang out with friends. But, most of all I learn from everything that HPI has to offer. From the beginning of the year to now, I already feel that my 6th-grade year will be special. There are so many things to look forward to this year!

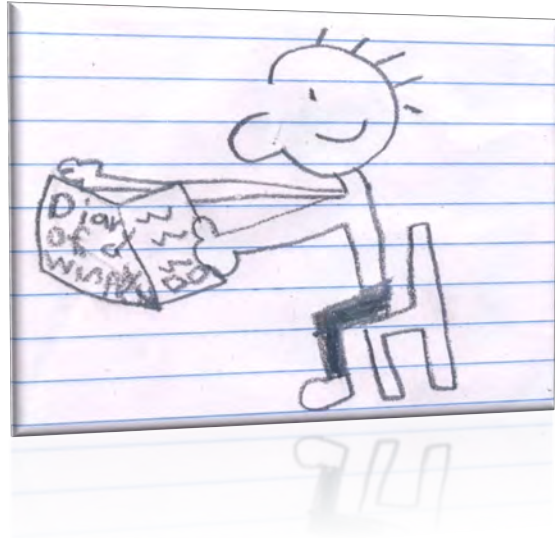
Book Review - Diary of A Wimpy Kid

Christopher Thompson

Diary of A Wimpy Kid is about Gregory Heffley. Greg is very wimpy, funny, and sometimes happy. But he is sad most of the time. His favorite pastime is videogames. He spends his summer playing videogames with the curtains drawn instead of having fun outside.

The books involve something that cannot happen. For example, in the *Third Wheel*, Greg Heffley said that he could remember being inside his Mom's belly. As science and technology became so advanced, it was discovered that it is not possible to remember what you did when you were in your mom's belly.

Among the 12 books in the series of *Diary of A Wimpy Kid*, my favorite is the last one, *The Getaway*. The word Getaway means a "vacation". Greg and his family are going out of town to celebrate Christmas. The Heffleys decide to go near the equator for some paradise. As they find out more, they learn that that the "paradise" part means sun poisoning, seeing spiders and all sorts of other unpleasant things.



The books are realistic and funny at the same time. Once you read one, you cannot STOP. In my opinion, the books are much better than the movies. I like Zachary Gordon who played Greg in the movies. In fact, I love the books so much that I have been taking at least one of the books wherever I go. I want to become an author one day. I have come up with my first book called *Diary of A Lazy Kid*.

I found that it was translated into Chinese. It is called 小屁孩日记. The name sounds like Diary of a Poopy Kid in Chinese. I have asked my mom to buy the books in Chinese next summer when we visit China. I want to read it in Chinese.

Some interesting facts

- Author: Jeff Kinney
- Title: Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Last book published: November 7, 2017
- Publisher: Amulet Books. An imprint of ABRAMS.
- Main Character: Greg Heffley

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way

Arthur Chen, Grade 8, Perrysburg Junior High

The CAGT Youth Music Program brings Christmas music performance to the elderly in a local nursing home every year. This is the 5th year. The entire music performance is done by young Chinese musicians who play the piano, violin, cello, flute, and other music instruments. When I first heard that my Mom signed me up, I wasn't surprised because I did it last year as well. I chose "What Child Is This" and started to practice. It was two weeks before the performance and nearing the end of the school year. I practiced an extra hour almost every day for the performance.

About one week before the performance, I was selected as the Master Conductor (MC) for the show, along with a girl. As the Master Conductors, we needed to introduce each player and the musical piece. I was nervous because I had never been a MC before. I was worried that I would mess up when speaking in front of the audience. But my mother encouraged me and said: "Everyone has a first time. You don't know what you can do until you do it."

The day finally came. The dining hall of the Heartland Nursing Home in Perrysburg was decorated with a Christmas tree, lights, and tables covered with red tablecloths. The older residents came and sat down in chairs. I dressed up and wore a Christmas hat. Actually, all the 13 young performers (8-16 years old) wore Christmas hats. My heart was pounding fast and my mouth felt dry. But as I introduced the first player, Haoying Li, to play "Jingle Bells", my nervousness went away. The familiar music filled the hall and some older adults sang with the music:

*"Dashing through the snow,
On a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight..."*



I looked at these older adults. Their faces began to brighten up with smiles. Some were singing along and others were clapping their hands. I wondered how long it may have been since the last time they had seen, or heard, young people playing the piano, violin, or cello. I felt happy that we could bring the Christmas music to them today.

The music performance was a success! My MC duties went relatively smoothly, without any major hiccups. More importantly, I learned the value of giving. Your happiness doubles when you can bring happiness to others!



窗户打破了怎么办？

陈紫欣

一天下午，小明和他的弟弟在家无聊着。他们作业不多，所以早已完成了。小明说：“弟弟，今天天气不错，我们出去打篮球吧。”弟弟觉得这是一个好主意所以就毫不犹豫地同意了。他们边打球边说笑，可开心了。小明的弟弟投球的时候，一不小心没投准。他哥哥想阻拦都来不及。“乓”一声，篮球就射进了隔壁的家的窗户。

小明和他弟弟失望地走向那破的窗户。他们看到窗户下面的地板满是玻璃的碎片。小明和他弟弟都不知道该怎么办。小明叹了口气说：“我们回家看看有什么办法吧。希望这家的主人回来之前我们能够解决这个问题。”小明和他弟弟低着头边想着办法边走回家。

到家之前，小明的弟弟终于想到了一个好办法：“前两天妈妈给我的零花钱我还没用掉。我们可以打电话请一位施工员来帮我们修好窗户。希望我的零花钱足够付修房费。”

小明回答：“好主意，我这就去打电话请施工员。没关系，如果你的钱不够，可以向我这里借。”他们快速地走进了家门，然后小明就去打电话。小明着急地和施工人说

了一下他们的情况，叫他们来帮忙，然后就走回了被他们打破窗户的那个家等施工员来到。

施工员是一位上年纪的伯伯。他看了一眼窗户说：“你们这些小孩玩的时候总是不小心。不过这一点小事难不倒我，你们等一等，我很快就会修好的。”小明和他弟弟说了声：“谢谢。”然后安静地看着那位伯伯帮他们修好窗户。修好的时候，小明的弟弟给了施工员修房费，然后再谢谢了他。施工员刚刚拿了钱走了之后，那家的老婆婆就回到了自己的家，她看到小明和他弟弟说：“你们好。今天我的窗户怎么这么清洁透亮。一定是你们帮我洗的吧。真是谢谢你们啦。”

遗憾的巧克力

陈紫琳

“妈妈我想吃巧克力嘛！”披波哭着喊着对妈妈说。

“披波，吃太多巧克力会蛀牙的。”妈妈回答披波。

“不行我一定要吃！”披波生气地反抗后就走出家门，准备去糖果店。

披波走着走着不知道为什么突然间有一道闪光，披波睁开眼睛的时候---哇！他来到了一个他无法想象到的地方，糖果世界！他快速地跑去吃所有他爱吃的糖，他先吃巧克力，然后去吃棒棒糖。当他在吃棒棒糖的时候看见了一位老人家用关爱的眼神看着他。

“这里的糖果都好美味，我不想离开这里。”披波对这位老人说。

“我是这里的糖果老人，你妈妈知道你在这里偷吃糖果吗？”糖果老人笑着对披波说。

“不知道，她总是不让我吃。但是现在我总算可以吃个够了！”他笑嘻嘻地说。

“孩子，跟我来吧我有一样东西要给你。”说着他就带披波到他的家。

糖果老人从柜子里拿出一个盒子上面写着“美味的巧克力”，他把盒子递给了披波。

“这是我送给你的礼物。记得不要吃太多甜食。”

“好，谢谢糖果老人！”披波说完了就走出糖果老人家，笑哈哈地跳来跳去。

正当他在跳的时候，一转眼就回到了他原来在的地方。他在那里停了一会儿就开始哭了。

在他哭的时候他发现糖果老人给他的巧克力还在他手里。披波慢慢地打开了盒子，一看就一块巧克力，心想，“那个糖果老人果然骗了我！”他把那一块塞到了嘴里---哇！这块巧

克力是我吃过最好吃的巧克力了！他又想，“这位糖果老人也没有那么糟。”他看天快黑了，他得快回家要不然妈妈又得骂他了。到家的时候妈妈正在煮晚饭，今天是煮他最爱吃的红烧肉。他赶紧坐下来开始吃，可是当他把肉塞进嘴里时肉就变成了巧克力。

“啊！妈妈你煮的红烧肉是不是有问题啊？”披波好奇地问妈妈。

“没有啊，我今天刚买的肉，也跟平常一样煮啊，能有什么问题？”妈妈很奇怪地回答。她尝了尝红烧肉，“没问题啊。”

披波每一口尝到的都是巧克力，他觉得很好玩。可是他晚上刷牙洗脸的时候，牙突然开始有一点痛。他想，“是不是蛀牙了？”他一想到这一点就很怕。晚上披波感觉有点渴，所以倒了一杯冰凉凉的水来解渴，可是喝进去的时候却是巧克力！

“啊，为什么不是水？我实在是太渴了，而且牙也越来越痛了。”披波对自己说。

“我好讨厌巧克力了，我不想再要了！”披波大声地喊。

结果他说完后糖果老人就出现了在他的面前。

“披波你现在知道为什么不可以吃太多的糖了吗？”糖果老人问。

“嗯，我知道，因为会对身体不好，还会蛀牙。请您帮帮我吧。”披波求糖果老人。

“那好吧，我帮你。”糖果老人拿出了另外一个盒子，上面写着“遗憾的巧克力。”

Youth Music Program

CAGT Youth Musicians had a great performance at the Heartland of Perrysburg nursing home this past Saturday, 12/23. Our children performed very well and we want to thank them and their parents for taking the time to practice and to participate the performance. What a great way of getting in the holiday spirit of giving and caring!

The 13 young musicians are: Haoying Li, Allen Zhu, Ashley Wang, Tallon Southworth, Yolanda Hu, Arthur Chen, Brian Lum, Alex Xu, Ryan Cui, Evan Yang, Sydney Onest, Albert Zhu & David Liu.

Special thanks to:

- Our event committee - Qingjuan Kong, Jun Yu, Yiwei Chen, & Yuan Southworth.

- Our MC, Yolanda Hu & Arthur Chen, who did a great job keeping our performance moving.
- The parents who took pictures and sent to our we-chat group.

Let's give another round of big applause to the participants and volunteers! We are looking forward to more young musicians to join in our future community service events.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.





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CAGT's mission and goals are supported by our partners such as the Association of Chinese Faculty and Staff at the University of Toledo, the Chinese Center of Toledo, Toledo Sister Cities International and the Families with Children from China. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact any of our board members, committee chairs or event leaders. Thank you for your attention and interest in the CAGT. Please join us to promote diversity in our community, to learn Chinese language and culture, to make new friends and to enrich our life.

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<i>Jingle Bells</i>	<i>Haoying Li</i>
<i>Jolly Old St Nicholas Deck the Hall</i>	<i>Allen Zhu</i>
<i>Waltz Holly Jolly Christmas</i>	<i>Ashley Wang</i>
<i>O'Christmas Tree</i>	<i>Tallon Southworth</i>
<i>Second Arabesque</i>	<i>Yolanda Hu</i>
<i>What Child Is This</i>	<i>Arthur Chen</i>
<i>Sheep May Safely Graze On A Snowy Winters Eve</i>	<i>Brian Lum</i>
<i>Joy to the World</i>	<i>Alex Xu</i>
<i>Humoresque Sonata No. 3</i>	<i>Ryan Cui</i>
<i>Fur Elise Silver Bells</i>	<i>Evan Yang</i>
<i>Away in the Manger Holy Night</i>	<i>Sydney Onest</i>
<i>Grandma Got Ran Over by A Reindeer</i>	<i>Albert Zhu</i>
<i>Nocturne No. 5 Silent Night</i>	<i>David Liu</i>

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