

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Monday, February 22, 2016**

**1. Lunar New Year**

The Mandarin Language Arts Program at Forest Grove is into its 6<sup>th</sup> year with students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 5. The core curriculum is taught in English, with Mandarin Language learning threaded through song, stories and play. Students are acquiring skills in Mandarin oral communication and basic reading and writing in Simplified Chinese. Students in the program have the opportunity to celebrate and appreciate an additional language and the cultural benefits.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Forest Grove Elementary hosted an assembly to celebrate Lunar New Year. Guests, parents and students were invited to see students in the Mandarin program share a traditional performance.

This evening, Al Post, Principal, Forest Grove Elementary, will provide a summary of the event. Deborah Tang, Jaimie Li, Jin Sheng and Jane Ma, teachers from the Mandarin program, along with a group of their students, will perform in celebration of Lunar New Year, the Year of the Monkey.