

3rd GRADER FROM YINGHUA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL EARNs TOP PRIZE AT ASSOCIATION OF NJ CHINESE SCHOOLS CONTEST



Melanie Tan from YingHua International School: Chinese-English Immersion School of Princeton hold the first prize trophy. Also pictured, from left: Jack Huang (TECO-NY), Yvonne Wang (TECO-NY), Evelyn Zheng (YHIS), and Michelle Tan (YHIS).

PRINCETON, NJ: Melanie Tan from the 3rd grade class of YingHua International School: English-Chinese Immersion School of Princeton competed and won the top award at the Association of New Jersey Chinese Schools (ANJCS) Karaoke Contest in Edison, New Jersey, on March 11, 2017. The contest drew competitors from all parts of New Jersey. Melanie Tan, 8 years old from Metuchen, New Jersey, took home the 1st place trophy in the 9 and under division for her rendition of the song “The Invisible Wings” sung in Mandarin Chinese.

Ms Tan, who does not speak Chinese at home, has attended YHIS Chinese Immersion school since she was 2 years old and is fluent in both English and Mandarin Chinese. This competition was her first karaoke contest.

For vocal coaching, she is under the direction of Ms. Evelyn Zheng, head

music instructor of YingHua International School: English-Chinese Immersion School of Princeton. Ms Tan delivered her song in perfectly accented Chinese in front of a panel of 5 judges and honored guests, including the Director and Deputy Director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York, Mr. Jack Huang and Ms Yvonne Wang, respectively.

The ANJCS has 20 Chinese Schools from all over New Jersey as members. The ANJCS sponsors and produces several educational seminars and academic contests throughout the year. They celebrate teachers through awards and recognitions, as well. Each contestant for the March 11 Karaoke contest was recommended by the school they attend.

YingHua International School: English-Chinese Immersion School of Princeton, established in 2007, is

central New Jersey’s only Mandarin Immersion early years, elementary, and middle school (ages 2.5 years through 8th grade). Students at YingHua study all of their regular school subjects in the language of Mandarin, taught by native Chinese speakers. In this way, the students, who may or may not come from Chinese heritage families, learn Mandarin very quickly and become highly proficient in reading, writing, and speaking Mandarin. YingHua is accredited by the MSA-CESs and is a candidate world school with the respected International Baccalaureate Organization.

YingHua is located at 25 Laurel Ave, Kingston, New Jersey. In addition to full-time school, YHIS also offers summer camp, after school programs, and Saturday classes. Contact Kristin Epstein, Director of Admissions, at info@yhiss.org or (609) 375-8015 for information or tours.