

## REGISTRATION

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade & Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies or health issues we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is authorized to pick up your child: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had previous Mandarin instruction? If so, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Fee: \$950/school year or 10 monthly payments of \$95 Payable to: MEEANS**  
**Materials Fee: \$30**

**Please indicate which school your child attends by marking with an X:**

Ecole Grosvenor Wentworth Park School \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues. & Thurs. 2:45 - 5:30  
Bedford Community Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Bedford Library location \_\_\_\_\_  
Fridays 3:00 - 5:00  
St. Stephen Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_  
Mon. & Wed. 2:40 - 5:30

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO REGISTER OR MAIL TO:**

**MEEANS 23 WEDGEWOOD AVENUE  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA B3M 2B2  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 15TH, 2010**



## Why Mandarin

- The Chinese language is spoken by more people than any other single language in the world.
- The 2006 Census reaffirmed the position of the Chinese languages as Canada's third most common mother tongue group, behind English and French.
- English and Chinese are the two most commonly spoken languages in the world. The ability to communicate in more than one language is a valuable asset for future career development, especially in education, business, commerce, foreign and governmental affairs.

“ One piece of advice to parents who want to prepare their kids for the world they inherit: Enroll them in Mandarin immersion.”

(Globe and Mail, October 2004).

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# MANDARIN

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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## LANGUAGE & CULTURE

An exciting foreign language program for elementary school children within the Halifax Regional School Board. 一项专门为哈市教育局所属小学校儿童提供的新外语学习计划



# Mandarin After School Program

## GLOBAL CITIZENS

The MEEANS Mandarin After School Program is designed to serve as an enrichment foreign language program for **elementary school children Primary to Grade 6 within the Halifax Regional School Board**. Instruction covers spoken and written Mandarin for basic core topics of daily life, as well as, discussions of Chinese culture, history, geography, and folklore.

The goal of the program is to teach basic conversational ability and Chinese characters, and to encourage an interest and appreciation of Chinese language and culture. **No prior knowledge of the Chinese language is required for the Mandarin program**

The program is designed to teach modern Chinese phonetic system (Hanyupinyin), simplified Chinese and Putonghua (Standard Mandarin), which is the official spoken language in Mainland China.

Creative and interactive teaching methods are used to ensure the learning experiences are memorable and the skills are transferable to other contexts. Each class time would involve a review of past material, introduction to new material/vocabulary, and interactive games, songs, rhymes, story-telling, role playing, and discussions. On occasion music, art, dance and cultural experiences will be provided by visiting artists, family members or friends.

Join us as we prepare students for the demands of global citizenship by providing the knowledge, language and experiences necessary to move fluidly across two very diverse cultures.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011

The program will be hosted in three Halifax Regional School Board schools beginning **September 6th, 2010**

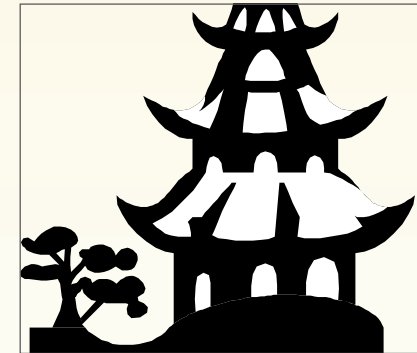
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## MANDARIN ENGLISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NS

MEEANS is a non-profit association comprised of parents, educators and interested community members wishing to promote opportunities for Mandarin education in our local school communities. **The Association is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and is run through volunteer Program Coordinators located in each host school. More volunteers are always welcome!**



### PROJECT CONTACTS

For more information and to register please contact

Ecole Grosvenor  
Wentworth Park  
School

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Bedford Community  
Program

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St. Stephen  
Elementary School

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Students who receive quality second language instruction, when compared to their monolingual counterparts, show:

- increased levels of verbal and non-verbal intelligence (Carroll)
- greater flexibility in thought and divergent thinking skills (Kessler & Quinn)
- enhanced memory and listening skills capacity (Ratté)
- increased verbal fluency and originality (Albanese)
- enhanced development of learning strategies and metalinguistic ability (Bialystock)
- superior problem solving skills (Cummings)
- improved Math and English results (Trites & Tallowitz)
- development of cross-cultural skills and awareness (Genesee and Cloud)

