

## Dual Language Program at 163Q

In September 2007, PS 163, located in Flushing Heights, started the first Chinese (Mandarin)/English dual language program in the borough of Queens. Principal Lucius Young welcomed guests to a celebration that took place at the school on November 2, 2007. The celebration included many parents, school leaders, community leaders and city and state representatives that included City Council Member John Liu, Assembly Member Rory Lancman, Pao-ling Chu and Pat Lo, Director of the Asian Languages BETAC.



This year, the program continues to flourish. Close to 90 students applied for the 48 seats. The parents and the administration hope that in becoming Chinese/English bilinguals, the students will become more marketable in their future careers. Principal Lucius Young echoed the parents' voices when he said, "We chose Mandarin because that's a critical language. Kids in China are learning English, so competition for jobs will be very high."

In learning about and honoring the Chinese culture, the students performed traditional dances, sang songs, and recited poems for the Lunar New Year. After the performance, invited guests, teachers, parents and students enjoyed the traditional New Year foods together. These foods included sticky rice cakes and dumplings special and represent significant meanings that wish for prosperity during the year. In addition, the school was decorated with hand crafted art pieces made by the students. These which are very beautifully the students.



To learn more about this dual language program you may visit:

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PS 163 Dual Language Activity Pictures:

