

## **Mandarin Language Arts Program**

The Burnaby Board of Education is committed to providing students with new and exciting programs. The Mandarin Language Program, being offered at Forest Grove Elementary, is an enriching and rewarding opportunity for students to celebrate and appreciate an additional language and culture. Here are some details regarding this program:

### **Mandarin Language Arts Program:**

- Commencing September 2010, optional for families
- Registration to begin at Forest Grove February 2010
- Registration will follow regulations and procedures for district programs (See district website)
- Students will study the regular core curriculum in English including English Language Arts
- Mandarin is delivered through a component of Language Arts
- Will begin at the kindergarten, grade one level and expand one grade level each year
- Kindergarten will be a full day program
- Kindergarten and grade one students will receive approximately 150 minutes per week of instruction in Mandarin
- All BC curriculum requirements are covered

### **The program is designed for students who:**

- Have strong English oral language skills
- Will be entering kindergarten or grade 1 in September 2010

### **The program will develop:**

- Mandarin oral language communication skills, expanding to reading and writing in Simplified Chinese
- An understanding of and appreciation for Mandarin Chinese culture