



Each year our fifth grade students study the Chinese language of Mandarin. In the past few years, Mrs. Robles and Mrs. Maikowski have celebrated Chinese New Year with the students. We have read books, watched Lion Dances and sampled some foods. This year we are going on a field trip to celebrate Chinese New Year.



Our fifth grade students will be attending a New Year celebration at Tampa Tai-ko. They are a professional drumming ensemble. We will follow up with a traditional Chinese New Year meal at Fushia Asian Bistro in Tampa. Mrs. Umoh will be joining us to share her experiences visiting China.

Chinese New Year starts on Friday Feb. 23 and lasts approximately 15 days. It is celebrated across Asia in accordance to the lunar calendar. It is the most important traditional festival in China. This year is the Year of the Dog. Submitted

by: Kelly Maikowski 5th Grade Teacher

**Please join us for  
Bingo  
Thursday,  
February 8th  
In the FLC  
Doors open at 6:00**



**St. Stephen is currently hiring  
Substitute Teachers. Please  
contact Mr. Siffermann at  
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by the school office**



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