



Welcoming Spring & Celebrating Our Scholars

TZU CHI TAIWAN EXCHANGE Student Testimonies

One of the most memorable things we did in Hua Lien was going fishing the ecological way. Instead of using equipment harmful to the environment, the Amis people use sticks and logs to catch the fish. Learning to fish the native way was extremely exciting. We caught fish and shrimp, and even got to taste them afterwards! Through the process, I learned many new things, such as the fact that the Amis people use certain rocks to heat water, which cooks the fish. Instead of using iron and steel pots, this native group fashions pots out of hardened plants, a very good use of the environment. I truly loved the experience. —Kensie 赵紫君

慈济和建基在学校的生活有很多不同。其中一些我觉得是最明显的区别是：1.慈济学生需要清理他们自己的教室。2.慈济学生回到不同的教室上课。3.学校会做饭给学生，学生不会带自己的食物。4.每天的课都不一样。5.每个人需要吃完全部的食物，或者把没吃完的带回家。6.每堂课时间更短，休息时间也很短。7.学生每天上课到五点才会回家。这些区别让我感受到的感受是：慈济的学生会更独立的做事情，也会做出自己的贡献。—Tyler 李泰来

住在慈济的大家庭的感受既奇特又好玩。—Dashiell 许天擎

我听不懂国语课。我觉得这节课很难因为我明白课上讲的内容。我觉得如果我可以是在上课前明白课上讲的内容，那么我就能更明白国语课在讲什么。—Lily 潘莉喆

来到慈小上学我很惊讶地发现这里的同学要收拾、清洗他们自己的午餐和餐具。我觉得他们现在做的这些事在未来的时候帮助他们。我体验这一个活动之后，我学到了怎么照顾自己。我在这里非常的开心。I love it here! Hopefully, one day you guys get to come to Tzu Chi Taiwan! —Scarlett 何文骏

在台湾的学习中，我觉得最困难的地方是学习使用繁体字。因为我不太能看懂，也不太会写繁体字。我印象最深刻的经历是体验传统捕鱼法。我也觉得在寄宿家庭的生活充满新鲜感！—Colin Chuang 庄立哲

My favorite part of this trip is when I lived in my host family's house because I had a whole new perspective of life. For instance, I viewed the quality of more and more things. Overall, this trip has infinitely changed my life, from the way I viewed life to the way I live. —Alex Huang 黄郭英

第一天到慈济学校时我们受到了很多人的欢迎。学校非常大。我们被领到一个大会议室里。在那里我们和慈济小天使、老师一起吃午饭。我觉得这次聚餐的目的是帮我和寄宿家长面对面的聊天，帮助我们住到寄宿家庭里。吃完饭，我们就到教室里上课。这是我们第一次在慈济上课。我上的第一堂课是电脑课。我觉得走班上课有点特别。这次课上的内容是怎么让电脑发出声音，让灯亮起来。我不知道为什么要学习这个。未来我们不太可能用到。虽然每天我们都会学一些挺奇怪的内容，但是我觉得到慈济的学习经验是非常值得的。因为我们可以体验到和建基完全不一样的学习感受。—Heidi 李明媚

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMO by Lily Gossain

The student council is being inducted by the fourth graders for two weeks while the fifth graders travel across the world to Taiwan!

The fourth graders will try to run the student council so that they can feel what it is going to be like if they, one day, become student council president and vice president.

WRITING PROMPTS by Audrey Ying The Clerk and the Poet

You are a clerk who works in the local supermarket, but your dream job is to be a puzzle master. You are very lonely and everyone takes you for granted, except one customer. He always stops to talk to you every time. He visits every other day, and writes you poems. One day, you are restocking shelves until you find a mysterious note with familiar handwriting, and it takes you on the adventure of your dreams!

Submit your entries to Ms. M and they will be in the next chronicle. Title it, 'The Clerk and the Poet'.

by Aurelia Kem-Wolchok A Week of Mystery

You wake up on Sunday and find out that your best friend is babysitting you for the week. The first day, you play happily, but on Monday, you catch your friend doing something peculiar. What are they doing? Do you find out? Is it magic?

Averie Mak writes Haikus

LIVING NATURE
Antelope gather,
a tiger comes—birds scatter
as the flowers bloom.

THE GALAXY
While cosmic winds blow,
a satellite approaches,
the jade moon glowing.

Mackinnon Inglis writes
Haiku
PANDA
Pandas are so cute!
They love to eat bamboo!
They are the best ever!

Jayden Xu shares Endangered Species

An endangered animal is an animal who might go extinct in the future.

The rainbow trout's population has started dropping fast since the 1800s because of overfishing.



The Tasmanian tiger was one of the most endangered animals between 1900 and 1987. With the last of the species remaining in 1985, this tiger species officially became extinct in 1987.



Our School Pillars

	Bilingualism & Multicultural Perspective 双语能力和多元文化视角
	Critical Thinking Skills 思辨能力
	Self-Discipline 自律
	Kindness & Empathy 自信自爱 共情关怀

THOMAS EDISON

Aurelia Kem-Wolchok

Thomas Edison made a major impact on the world. Without him, we would not have lightbulbs, movies, phones, batteries, and more. He started inventing when he was just a boy. He should be celebrated for his inventions.

JAL FLIGHT 123

Jayden Xu



Japan Air Lines (JAL) Flight 123 should be a short domestic flight from Tokyo to Osaka airport. However, on that 2 hour flight, it crashed because of a failure in air pressure that caused the tail of the plane to separate from the cabin after 12 minutes following takeoff. Only 4 people survived.

It was the deadliest crash in Boeing 747's history. The crash date was Monday, August 12, 1985.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Julia Paulson

我在二月看冬季奥运会。我看到的是女子花样滑冰项目。我也看到了花样滑冰的表演赛。在这些项目里滑的都特别厉害,也很优雅。代表美国成员有三个,其中我最喜爱的两个花样滑冰运动员。她们是Alyssa Liu 和 Amber Glenn.

**Aurelia Kem-Wolchok
THE RECIPE FOR JOY**

Add your favorite foods, and dump in some feeling flour. Stir hard, and then dump a bucket of Imagination. Don't forget the soda, for whisking up the heart... because then all you have is Joy.

BOOK REC!**FRONT DESK by Kelly Yang**

It is about a courageous Chinese girl named Mia who immigrated from China with her parents, and is struggling because of 'money problems'.

SMALL TV EXPERIMENT

Elara Ring & Lana Lee

你需要:

1. 纸板盒子 2. 卫生卷
3. 彩色笔 4. 纸

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1. 个卫生卷,然后把一半放到盒子上.
2. 然后你可以用另的一半当做树.
3. 最后你可以画你想画的东西



Artwork by Alina Jiang

The Sea of Poison**PARTS 1-2**

Elly Yang

A misty haze wafted around, and the plane was perfectly ordinary. Eleven-year-old Fern was seated in. Through the purple mist, the pilot didn't notice jagged spires of jet black stone jutting out of the steaming ocean, until it was too late.

Fern awoke in something transparent and cushy. When her eyes came to focus, she saw that she was in a bubble. What she saw through the thickness of the bubble made her scream.

Midnight black insects swarmed the carcasses of all kinds of ocean animals. They devoured the decaying bodies by dissolving and melting the bodies. They were emerging endlessly from the spires. And they wore a look of hunger in their eyes.

*To be continued...***THE STORY OF TOAST****PARTS 2-3**

Alina Jiang

Suddenly, a gaping hole emerged under Toast's fuzzy paws and immediately, the darkness dragged Toast into the void. Everything went silent. It was unlike the quiet of the woods, or even the hush of the nighttime. This was different. There was just nothingness that surrounded Toast.

Toast felt like she was falling—but there was no wind, no ground rushing up beneath her. Just darkness stretching in every direction.

In the distance, a faint glow caught her eye. It was a crystal. The glow wasn't as gentle as before. This time, it was cold and sharp.

"You took what was not yours. And now we will take it back," a voice said.

"B-but I only found it in the forest!" Toast stammered. "You shouldn't have come to the woods, Toast." Then, the darkness swallowed her whole.

Toast found herself once again in the dark and dreary forest. But something was wrong. There, standing in front of her, was a shadow. Toast stared in horror. The shadow shifted into a figure. It was herself.

Toast was staring face-to-face with her own shadow. "The crystal is the key. Once a door opens, something goes out and another goes in," the shadow said. "No.. no, this can't be," Toast trembled under her breath.

"Once you touched the crystal, a door opened. Now, I get to stay in your door and you get to stay in mine." Toast seized the crystal in her paw and ran off, into the alternative forest. The shadow didn't run. It stayed still, and vanished into the mist.

Toast ran as fast as she could in her life. She ran so hard that her skin felt tight from the pressure. Suddenly, a gleam of light caught her attention. To her surprise, it was her home. She felt a sigh of relief and opened the door.

Creeeeeeaaaakk....

"Mom! Dad! I'm home!" There was no reply. "MOM!! DAD!! Im baaaaacck!!" Toast yelled, exhausted from all the running. Yet again, there was no reply. Just an eerie silence.

She peered over to the living room, and to her horror, something had happened to her parents. Her parents were turned into lifeless statues. Toast collapsed on the floor. She started to lose all hope. She wished this day had never come, that she never found the crystal. All she wanted was to return home. But... What was home anymore?

*To be continued...***Students Create!**

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Mackinnon 李如煦

什么瓜不能吃?
傻瓜



Mackinnon 李如煦

有一个人在沙漠走, 往后没看看到脚印, 为什么? 因为他再倒走



Mackinnon 李如煦

有一个人不喜欢上课, 但有一堂课他喜欢。那是什么课?

下课

Isabella Kolbinsky

Newborn penguins are unique!



Spring is coming!



Elly Yang

我可以一直向上走

I can always go higher!

