



November 18, 2017

A. There will be no classes between the dates of 11/20-11/25 for Thanksgiving. There will also be no classes between the dates of 12/18-1/1/2018 for Christmas and New year. The class will resume on 1/2/2018.

B. The 2018 Global Cup Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Championship will be held on January 28, 2018 (Sunday) in the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, CA. Registration has already begun. If you are interested in participating in the competition please submit all registration form to Ms. Hsieh **no later than November 20, 2017**. Please see the attached files for the registration form and competition details. I encourage my students to participate and obtain international competition experience.



C. On 10/15 the **Orion Abacus Youth Organization** hosted a Teacher's Assistance Training Program. New TA's and experienced TA's all gathered together to improve on leadership and social skills. This event would not have been possible if not for the dedicated members who helped lead this event. Huge thank you to the following students:

President: Kristin Lee 李恬妮(12 grade) /Julia Tu 塗婉琳 (12 grade)

Vice President: Athan Chang 鄭奕勁(11 grade)

Public Relations: Vincent Liu 劉仰宸(11 grade)

Treasurer: Aristaeus Chang 鄭奕巽(10 grade)

This year the OAA Youth Organization designed their own T-shirt. Thank you for our former student Ariana Bernal

Please link: Photos (Special thank you to Aristaeus' mom, Tan, for taking photos!)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wCIvfKGtbhyYmjn92>



Orion Abacus Youth Organization Officer

Teacher Aide Certificate Distribution

OAYO t-shirt design with designer Ariana

- D. **Congratulations to Flora Huang for making it as a Semifinalist to the 2017 Siemens Competition.** Flora, who attends Lynbrook High School, was one of the few and youngest students to be selected. Please join me in congratulating Flora! Flora is an abacus student, and to date, she has been learning the abacus for over ten years. She loves the abacus, especially metal arithmetic. Additionally, she enjoys attending OAA events and abacus competitions, as well as other math competitions. Furthermore, she was also the founder and president of the Miller Abacus Education Service Club. Flora also encourages students to expand their learning through the abacus and through STEM.

Picture is of Flora Huang and the other semifinalists of Lynbrook High Schools



- F. Our A Plus Abacus students Vincent Liu and Roy Chen participated in the Taichung Cupertino Friendship for Education Video Conference with Taichung City high school students on 10/20. Vincent and Roy helped present to the Taichung students all about the City of Cupertino. They held discussions and exchanged views on culture, news, and more. As an advisor to the Taichung Cupertino Friendship advisor, I am happy that my students are able to have this inter-cultural experience.



- G. I am pleased to announce that student Aidan Cao won the math contest.

