

**ST. JUDE SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
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Beginning with the 2008/2009 School year, St. Jude School is excited to announce the addition of *ChinaLink* © to our Enrichment Program for students in grades 3 through 6. *ChinaLink* © is a program developed by PSI, Partners for Success and Innovation, an educational services provider.

This educational program is bringing China into our classrooms and is a unique pilot project for Lorain County schools. St. Jude School is one of only a handful of schools in the Cleveland area that has implemented this amazing program.

***Why ChinaLink* ©???**

Mandarin is the number one language spoken in the world, extending beyond the People's Republic of China and Taiwan to Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, the Phillipines, Mongolia and the United States.

The Chinese culture is one of the oldest in the world....as the most enduring world civilization, China has a major international cultural presence, in literature and cuisine, in music and film, dance and art, religion and philosophy, drawing on its tremendous heritage to enrich our present.

China is a major player in the business world and will continue to play a major role in world affairs in the future. The rise of China presents new economic, political and social realities that demand greater U.S. engagement at every level. As the foundation of that engagement, we urgently need to raise the number of Americans who can demonstrate a functional proficiency in Chinese.

St. Jude School's ChinaLink © Program Specifics:

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, the pull-out enrichment students from grades 3 through 6 meet for two 45 minute small group enrichment periods. These students were identified for participation in this phase of the program based on a combination of their standardized test scores, teacher recommendation and classroom performance. The classes that the students in grades 3 through 5 are pulled out of vary both days. These students are responsible for making up any missed assignments.

Every Thursday, all students in grades 3 through 5 participate in the ChinaLink © program. This allows all of the students with the opportunity for enrichment.

Students study the Mandarin language, both in the written and spoken form. In addition, students are also studying Chinese culture as well as history throughout the year.

St. Jude Students Shine on Newsdepth!!!

St. Jude School was recently highlighted on the PBS kid-friendly news program, Newsdepth. The producer and news anchor of Newsdepth visited St. Jude on November 21st to film our school's ChinaLink © students for a feature that aired on WVIZ on December 4th and 5th. The Newsdepth personnel were very impressed with our school and especially with the enthusiasm of all of our students. Our fourth and fifth grade students were very excited to participate in this program and were especially eager to meet Newsdepth host, Rick Jackson. To view this program, go to www.wviz.org/newsdepth and click on previous episodes - December 4, 2008.

St. Jude students were also recently interviewed for an upcoming edition of the Universe Bulletin. Stay tuned!