

畢業生心聲

Words from Graduate

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在一個加拿大出生的中國人，因為環境成長的關係，是很自然地常常講英文，而中文就很少用，在當時來說，我都不理解學中文的重要性，但現在我就知道父母給我做了一個很對的決定，因為時代的轉變，越來越多中國人移民到加拿大，而加拿大亦是一個多元文化的國家，講和寫中文有一定的需要，所以我覺變得不單只我那個年代需要，現在更加需要，因為不祇是可以和家人溝通，在踏足社會中亦用得著，因此我在這裡很多謝中文學校所有老師的教導，他們給我們的耐性，時間，我才可以認識中文，在工作和社交上的方便，亦改變我的生命，變得更充實和滿足，可能你曾試過在電話中，因言語不通，而感覺很不方便，而我因學了中文就少了這個煩惱，所以我再一次多謝中文學校所有的老師悉心的教導，希望中文學校持有的宗旨和老師們繼續的努力，為我們繼續教導下一代，我就是以往其中的受惠者，謝謝！

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Chinese School Student 1985-1989

For any person born in Canada but of Chinese descent, it seems easy for a predisposition towards embracing the English language as the sole means for communication. Unsurprisingly, it results in the neglect of the native tongue familiar to our parents. Had you asked me during my years of Chinese school attendance, I never would have acknowledged the relevance of maintaining language skills outside of English - it seemed so extraneous. In hindsight, it was a decision (from my parents) that I do not regret having been through. Times are changing - and with it, Canadian culture. We are now at a crossroads where Canadian culture is heading towards a true multi-lingual future - not just the French language. Statistics of Chinese people immigrating to Canada are soaring and the inevitable truth is eventually, the use of Mandarin or Cantonese in written and verbal means will be unavoidable. This is why I feel Chinese school was important to me, and even more important to the children of our current generation. It's no longer simply a way of communicating with grandma or grandpa, but an essential tool to advance in today's society. That being said, I'm indebted to the wonderful skill and kindness of which the ECAC Chinese School teachers have exhibited throughout my time there. I am able to recognize Chinese characters and communicate in ways that have resulted in a more fulfilling life. The complication of being unable to communicate is a frustration that anyone who has ever tried to talk to a telephone operator from another country can attest to. EAAC Chinese School has effectively removed one particular language obstacle that I can certainly do without. I'd like to thank my teachers for their time and patience in investing into my life with this wonderful education. Keep up the good work and know that you had made an indelible impact on my life from the moment I wrote my first Chinese character.

