# Cross Culture Communication of International Pen-pals Be Friends, Be Happy

Kao, Li-Feng Taipei Municipal WanFang Elementary School





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### Academic system in Taiwan

- University : 4 years
- Senior High School : 3 years
- Junior High School : 3 years
- Elementary School : 6 years
- Kindergarten : 4 years (for 2-5year old, Parents decided admission by themselves)

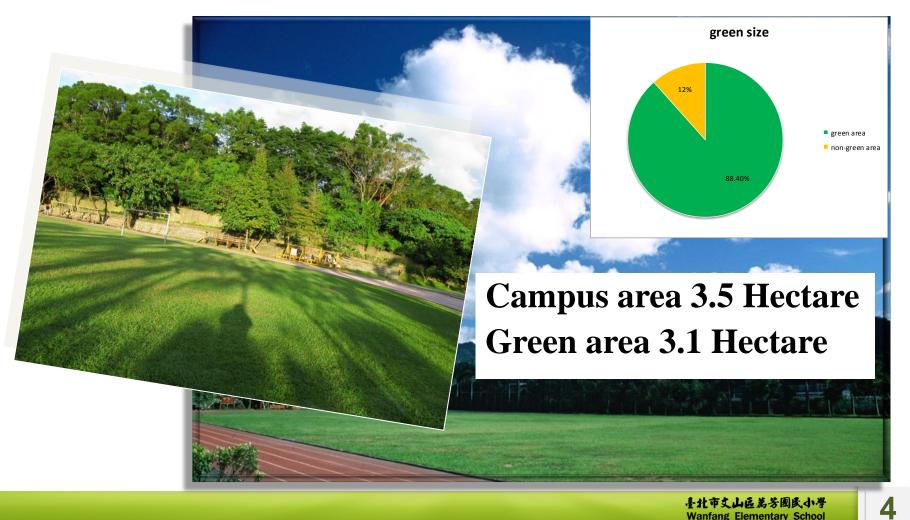
#### Taipei Municipal WanFang Elementary School



**Elementary School :** 22 classes Kindergarten: 6 classes Community **Features** : Cultural & educational area **Curriculum: Innovative English** courses International **School Award by British Council** 



### School size The third biggest size of Taipei school



















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# What are the courses to teach in Elementary School in Taipei?

- Mandarin Chinese Language & Literature
- English Language
- Dialects Language
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science and Technology(Information Technology)
- Arts and Humanities (fine arts, music)
- Health and Physical courses
- Integrative Activities



# How many learning periods in a learning area every week?

Learning Area	Grate 1-Grate 2	Grate 3-Grate 4	Grate 5-Grate 6
Mandarin Chinese	6	7	7
English Language	2	3	3
Dialects Language	1	1	1
Mathematics	3	4	4
Social Studies	2	3	3
Science and Technology	2	4	4
Arts and Humanities	3	3	4
Health and Physical	2	3	3
Integrative Activities	2	3	3
Total classes	23	31	34



### The Schedule of Study

- The First semester
- The period : Aug 30-Jan 21, 100 study-days
- Test : Twice, Middle & Final test
- winter vacation : 21 days
- Important activity : school day, Sports Show, out-door activity

- The second semester
- The period : Feb 13-Jun 30, 100 study-days
- Test : Twice, Middle & Final test
- winter vacation : 60 days
- Important activity : school day, Children's Day, School Fair , out-door activity



What language they speak in school, and what language they study? We speak Chinese in school, we study Chinese, English, and Dialects Language.

### **Social Club & Field Trip**

After school, there are at least 25 social clubs in 4:10-5:40pm every semester including sports, arts & crafts, puzzle game, dance, second language and so on.



### **Sport clubs**



#### running



#### Le baseball



#### football





#### basketball



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### **Art clubs**



#### Orchestra



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#### **Performance art**



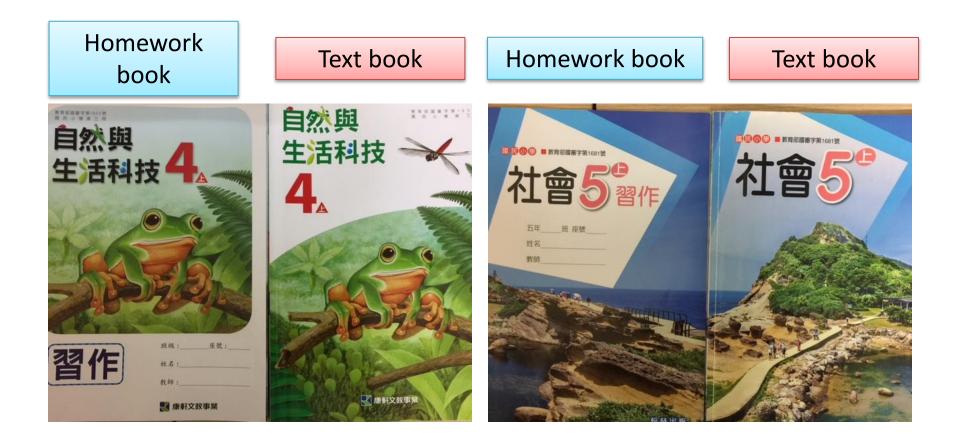
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# Study homework

- There are at least one homework every day.
- Every teacher will assign homework about the courses of Mandarin Chinese, English Language, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science & Technology, these study areas have text books and homework books. The teacher will assign other homework for kids.
- Every kids must do homework every day and the parents will urge the kids to finish homework and check it and sign it.

### Text book & Homework





# WanFang Elementary School

- Primary school:
- There are 22 classes, and 500 students
- There are 19-28 students and one teacher in a class.
- G1: 4 classes, G2: 3 classes, G3: 4 classes, G4: 4 classes, G5: 3 classes, G6: 4 classes
- Kindergarten : 6 classes, 180 students
- There are 30 students and 2 teachers in a class.



# WanFang Uniform & After class time

- There are no uniform in our school, but every grade homeroom teacher will design grade uniform for students. When they hold out-door activity, they will wear the grade uniform.
- After class time is the free time for kids and teachers. Every day has six times. But 3:30-4:00pm is the class cleaning time. The 10:10-10:30am is the sport time on Tuesday and the story time on Thursday.



## WanFang Teachers

- The only one teacher in class, the homeroom teacher has to teach Mandarin Chinese, Mathematics, Integrative Activities. Every homeroom teacher has 15 lessons every week.
- Every subject teacher has 19 lessons in a week.
- Some subject teacher only teach one subject, but some teacher teach 2-3 subjects.



### **Teaching Equipment**





# **School Lunch**

- There are 2 chefs in our school. They prepared the lunch and dessert for 180 students of kindergarten every day.
- But the chefs don't cook for 500 students of elementary school. Their lunch was supplied another elementary school. The school has Central Kitchen.
- There are three dishes, one staple food and one soup in every lunch menu.





# **School celebration & activities**

- Our school celebrations are School Anniversary, Parent-Teacher Association, Sports show, School Fair, Theme book Fair, Interschool Exchange, Commencement.
- There are many sports competition and Multilingual competition and art activities.



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### **School celebration**



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## Thanks for listening

# Welcome to Taipei



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