



Chinese American Abacus Association Introduction

Background Information

Since abacus and mental arithmetic education began in Northern California's Silicon Valley a decade ago, the excellent achievements in math by students of mental arithmetic have aroused attention and interest from public schools. In addition, many Chinese schools in California have added mental arithmetic to their Culture Class curriculum, contributing to the spread of the unique Chinese culture into American society.

Organization

This association is a non-profit organization. As of now, our members mainly consist of abacus and mental arithmetic teachers from various Chinese schools and people alike who have the same kind of experience and enthusiasm. In addition, we are involved in a variety of Chinese school and other cultural activities to educate people and to demonstrate the beauty of Chinese culture.

Objectives

- A) To promote and popularize abacus and mental arithmetic.
- B) To conduct abacus and mental arithmetic assessment tests and award certificates thereof.
- C) To participate in local community culture activities to demonstrate the uses of abacus and mental arithmetic.
- D) To link with and create ties with overseas abacus and mental arithmetic groups, and to exchange experience and knowledge.

The association is also engaged in the following activities:

- A) Conducting teachers' training courses: to ensure that abacus/mental arithmetic education will develop healthily.
- B) Running abacus and mental arithmetic workshops.

Activities

- 04/96 C.A.A.A. began operation.
- 06/96 Third Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test. Parents, and teachers' conference and demonstration
- 07/96 Mental Arithmetic booth @ *A Chinese Summer Festival*
- 09/96 First teachers' training workshop
- 02/97 Demonstration, Chinese New Year's celebration @ Ruskin Elementary School in San Jose, CA.
- 04/97 Second teachers' training workshop
- 05/97 Fourth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 07/97 Mental Arithmetic booth @ *A Chinese Summer Festival*
- 10/97 Noble Elementary School in San Jose, CA. began teaching basic abacus skills
- 02/98 KPST 66 San Francisco "Face-to-Fact" TV interview. Students' demonstration and Introduction to Mental Arithmetic 1998 Parents and Teachers' conference
CAMA's Bay Area visit San Francisco Chinese radio station interview
- 05/98 Fifth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 06/98 Awards ceremony for Fifth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test and Parents' discussion session
- 07/98 Mental Arithmetic booth @ *A Chinese Summer Festival*
- 08/98 Speech @ Northern California Chinese School Association teachers' training camp
- 09/98 San Francisco Cantonese radio station interview
- 10/98 Demonstration @ San Francisco New Melody Art
- 11/98 Third teachers' training workshop
- 02/99 Demonstration, Chinese New Year celebration @ Toyon Elementary School, San Jose, CA.
- 05/99 Demonstration, Multicultural week @ Great Mall of Milpitas, CA.
Sixth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 06/99 Awards ceremony for Sixth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 08/99 C.A.A.A. teachers' conference
- 09/99 Demonstration @ 18th Annual S.F. Bay Area Confucius Memorial Ceremony.
- 12/99 Participation in Kaohsiung, Taiwan 1999 Accuracy Cup Mental Arithmetic and Math Competition.
- 12/99 Participation in Taipei International Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition
- 05/00 Seventh Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test

- 06/00 Awards ceremony for Seventh Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
Skit: A Story of Abacus
- 08/00 Hosted Millennium International Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition and Conference (IAMACC2000)
- 09/00 Demonstration @ 19th Annual S.F. Bay Area Confucius Memorial Ceremony.
- 05/01 Eighth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 05/01 Mental Arithmetic booth @ *Children's Talent Show, Cupertino*
- 06/01 Awards ceremony for Eighth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
Skit: Crunching Numbers, Hidden Abacus
- 07/01 Fourth teachers' training workshop
- 08/01 China trip, visiting abacus associations in Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Shanghai, and Beijing
- 09/01 Demonstration @ 20th Annual S.F. Bay Area Confucius Memorial Ceremony
- 04/02 Attended the preparation meeting of World Association of Abacus and Mental Arithmetic
- 05/02 Ninth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 06/02 Awards ceremony for Ninth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test Skit:
"Something old, something new"
- 08/02 Sponsored the First World City Cup Abacus, Mental Arithmetic, Math Competition and Conference
- 08/02 Abacus Heritage Display/Hands-on Activity @ Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose
- 10/02 Became a founding board member of World Association of Abacus and Mental Arithmetic (WAAMA) as the USA representative. Attended the ceremony in Beijing.
- 12/02 2002 C.A.A.A. Teachers' Conference
- 02/03 Chinese New Year's celebration @ R.A.F.T.
- 03/03 Multi-culture Day @ Cupertino
- 05/03 Tenth Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 06/03 Awards ceremony for Tenth Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 06/03 Fifth teachers' training workshop
- 09/03 Demonstration @ *Asian Heritage Festival* - US Mint, San Francisco.
- 10/03 2003 C.A.A.A. Teachers' Conference
- 03/04 Hosted a conference for guests from Zhejiang Association for Science and Technology

- 05/04 Demonstration @ Castro Valley School District and Berryessa School District
- 05/04 Eleventh Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
- 06/04 Awards ceremony for Eleventh Annual Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
Skit: “Abacus, Abacus Revival, Abacus Revolution”
- 07/04 Attended 2nd World City Cup Abacus, Mental Arithmetic, Math Competition and Conference @ Miaoli. Awarded Grand Champion of Group-B
- 08/04 Attended Abacus Day activities @ Taipei
- 08/04 Attended the First Mental Arithmetic Competition sponsored by WAAMA @ Shanghai. Awarded Grand Champion of Group-B
- 01/05 The establishment of CAAA-SC (L.A.) and CAAA-MW(Midwest-Michigan).
By undertaking this challenging step, we are planting the seeds to promote the culture of abacus in different areas in the US. We hope all of our members will work together with enthusiasm to reach this goal.
- 01/05 CAAA 2005 Teacher's Conference
- 02/05 Demo: Abacus and Mental Arithmetic – San Jose Discovery Museum, Hwa Shin and Berryessa Chinese School.
- 05/05 The 12th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test –NC, SC, MW
- 06/05 Awards Ceremonies for the 12th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test and the 2005 CAAA & Tina Wu Scholarship in NC, SC, MW
Celebration for CAAA 10th anniversary
Participated in “Relay for Life”
The 6th Teacher Training Program
- 07/05 CAAA team participating in the 3rd World Cup Competition on July 31 in Malaysia
- 09/05 Cupertino Moon Festival Celebration - income donated to Tzu Chi for hurricane relief
- 10/05 San Jose Berryessa School District & Berryessa Chinese School Youth Center Grand Opening - Demo : Northern California Chinese School Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Education and Nobel Elementary School Abacus/Mental Math Promotion Program
Second World Abacus Mental Arithmetic Association Annual & Board Meeting
- 11/05 2006 4th World Cup Competition Preparation Meeting
- 12/05 Introducing the teaching and culture of Abacus and Mental Arithmetic at ANCCS
- 05/06 The 13th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test –NC, SC, MW
- 06/06 Awards Ceremonies for the 13th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment

- Test and the 2006 CAAA & Tina Wu Scholarship in NC, SC, MW
- 08/06 CAAA team participating in the 4th World Cup Competition in Taiwan
International Mental Arithmetic Invitational Competition in Taiwan
CAAA International Youth Abacus Summer Camp in China
- 10/06 CAAA 2006 Teacher's Conference
- 01/07 FCSN weekly teaching session
- 01/07 RAFT mini abacus making session
- 01/07 CAAA 2007 Annual Meeting, Board Meeting
- 02/07 Chinese New Year Community School Activities
- 02/07 RAFT abacus class
- 04/07 Bay area Chinese Education Materials Exhibition
- 05/07 The 14th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test –NC, SC, MW
- 06/07 Awards Ceremonies for the 14th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test
and the 2007 CAAA & Tina Wu Scholarship in NC, SC, MW
- 06/07 CAAA Board Meeting
- 07/07 2007 World City Cup - Abacus, Mental Arithmetic & Mathematics Competition-Japan
- 08/07 2007_TCOC_ International Mental Arithmetic Invitational Competition_Taiwan
- 08/07 Carnival hosted by Bay Area Chinese women organizations
- 08/07 2007 World Abacus Mental Arithmetic Association Mental Arithmetic Competition
- 08/07 2007 World Abacus Mental Arithmetic Association Board Meeting -ShenZhen, China
- 09/07 Cupertino Moon Festival Celebration - mini abacus booth
- 10/07 Heritage Day activity in Williams Elementary School
- 10/07 CAAA Board Meeting
- 10/07 San Leandro Community School Activity
- 11/07 Berryessa School Community Activity
- 11/07 Berryessa Library-Demo & introduction of Abacus Culture
- 2008 FCSN weekly teaching session
- 1/08 RAFT abacus session
- 1/08 CAAA 2008 Annual Meeting, Board Meeting

- Preparation meeting of U.S.A. 7th Teachers training camp, World City Cup Competition and International Cultural Exchange and Language Summer Camp.
- 2/08 Berryessa Library abacus session-Drama and hand-on activities
- 5/08 The 15th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test –NC, SC, MW
- 6/08 Awards Ceremonies for the 15th Annual Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Assessment Test and the 2008 CAAA & Tina Wu Scholarship in NC, SC, MW
CAAA Board Meeting
- 6/08 2008 Global Sunnyvale, A Celebration of Cultures
- 7/08 2008 Cultural Exchange and Language Summer Camp- CA, U.S.A.
World City Cup - Abacus, Mental Arithmetic &
- 7/08 Mathematics Competition and Awards Ceremony- CA, U.S.A.
- 10/08 2008 World Abacus Mental Arithmetic Association Board Meeting
- 10/08 CAAA 2008 Teacher's Workshop