



## 2012 FCC-Austin Chinese New Year Celebration

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**Date and Time:** Mark Saturday, February 4, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on your calendar, as our community will celebrate the Year of the Dragon at Covington Middle School in south Austin. Please then join us afterwards for dinner at the Buffet Palace (Westgate location).

**Online Tickets:** Online registration begins on Sunday, January 8, 2012. You may click on the appropriate registration link above to preregister and pay for your tickets. This is also an excellent time to renew your membership and get a price break to this, and all of our 2012 events. **Please Note:** Anyone opting to pay at the door on the day of the event will be charged non-member prices. **Only checks or cash will be accepted at the door.**

**T-Shirts:** Denise Davolt, along with Jeff & Brett at RiverCity Sportswear worked hard and came up with a fabulous tee this year: <http://www.fccaustin.org/2012cnytee.jpg>. These are Limited Edition tees, so we will print them only once, in order to not have leftovers at the end of the year, as in the past. So carpe diem, if you love this tee as much as we do!

**Silent Auction Contributions:** For those wishing to contribute materials to the Silent Auction, please contact [Dianne Harwood](#). She will be accepting items until Saturday, January 21, 2012. **Only checks or cash will be accepted for auction purchases.**

**Slideshow:** A Then and Now slideshow of 2 to 4 pics per kiddo from around Gotcha Day to present will be shown. If you would like to contribute some photographs to this slide show, please email those images to Denise Davolt at: [ddavolt@aol.com](mailto:ddavolt@aol.com). These are for this specific slideshow and will not appear on the internet or anywhere else.

**Crafts:** Volunteers from the University of Texas' China Care organization, lead by playgroup president Shan He, will be in the cafeteria hosting four crafting stations. Coordinated by Cheryl Dragel and Robin Davis, they will have: Legend of the Dragon Craft Kit, Dress-A-Panda Stickers, Color Your Own Chinese Dragon Fan, and Beaded Chinese New Year Bracelets. There will also be free snacks available in the cafeteria.

When you arrive at Covington Middle School, you will see strings of prayer flags decorating the inside and outside of the building inscribed with symbols, prayers, good wishes, uplifting thoughts, and drawings created by adults and children from our community. Based on the Tibetan monk tradition, these decorated fabrics offer a wish for harmony in the universe. We have had children and adults from the UT China Care playgroups contribute to these strings of flags, as well as students from Ms. Robyn Stringfellow's Mandarin classes at Murchison Middle School.

**Family Portrait Opportunity:** Award-winning amateur photographer Justin Lai will be on hand from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for those wishing to have their family's portrait taken. The digital images will then be available online at: [portfolio.teenagephotographer.com](http://portfolio.teenagephotographer.com) for a nominal fee soon after the event.

**Entertainment:** We have confirmed performances by the Summitt Elementary Dragon Dancers, Singer Selma Lan of Marvelous Mandarin Chinese School, Ehru Player Xiaowen Zhang, Austin Taiko Drum, For the Love of China Dance School, April Rain Chinese Dance School, and a finale performance by the Texas Dragon Dance/Lion Dance Team in the courtyard. The Lantern Parade will take place in the dimly lit auditorium. The Dragon Dancers will lead young audience members up and down the aisles, and ending onstage for a photo opp.

### **Time Schedule**

**2 p.m.-3 p.m.:** Registration, Silent Auction, the FCC Loaner Library, Family Portrait opportunity, Sun Travel USA, Taiko drumming in the courtyard (outside, weather permitting), Year of the Dragon t-shirts available for pickup in the main building's lobby, children's crafts & free snacks in the cafeteria

**3 p.m.-4 p.m.:** Entertainment & Lantern Parade in the auditorium of the Fine Arts building

**4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.:** Faux Firecracker Countdown/Party (bubble wrap) in the courtyard, crafts, snacks, and mingling, followed later on by the Texas Dragon Dance/Lion Dance Team (outside, weather permitting)

**5:30 p.m.:** Please join us afterwards for dinner a short distance away at The Buffet Palace (Westgate location)

