

TIDEWATER CHINESE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION
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The Longtaitou Festival happens on the 2nd day of the 2nd month of the Lunar calendar. This year, it occurred on Monday, March 11 of the Gregorian Calendar.

ORIGIN

This has been a celebrated festival since the Tang Dynasty, marking the beginning of a rainy season in parts of China. Chinese people believe the dragon is an auspicious creature responsible for the clouds and rain. "February 2nd" of the lunar calendar is the day when the dragon wants to ascend to heaven, which is why it's the day the dragon raises its head.

SHAVING THE HEAD

During this holiday, it's customary for men to trim their hair. Across various regions in China, there's a belief that cutting hair during the first month of the lunar new year brings bad luck. Therefore, trimming hair during this auspicious time is not only deemed necessary but also believed to bring good fortune: children may grow up healthy and successful, and adults may attract good luck. Barber shops and hair salons typically experience a surge in business during this festive period.

PICK UP YOUR DAUGHTER

This day is also the day when a daughter-in-law returns to her parents' home. According to old customs, a wife must live in her husband's house for the first month of the year and is not allowed to return to her parents' home until the month is over.

FESTIVE FOOD

On this day, it's common to eat dumplings served upside down, also known as "dragon ears". These dumplings usually contain meat, symbolizing wealth in the new year. In Northern China, it's also a tradition to enjoy baked yellow soybeans and drink tea made from roasted flour, sesame seeds, crushed walnuts, sugar, and other ingredients. Across China, there's also a tradition to enjoy a bowl of very thin "dragon beard" noodles on this day, symbolizing a smooth journey in life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31:

- Music Performance at Bickford Senior Living

April:

- Beach Clean-Up at Beach Garden Park (TBD)

May:

- Asian Festival (May 4)
- SCA Election (TBD)
- Presidential Volunteer Award hours due (May 15)
- Angela-Allison Youth Award application due (May 15)

Other News

On the evening of March 16, TCS SCA organized a movie night featuring the film "Strange World." Students immersed themselves in the magical world depicted in the movie.



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未来活动预告

3月31日:

- Bickford 养老院-音乐表演

4月:

- 清理 Beach Garden Park
(日期待定)

5月:

- 亚洲节(5/4)
- SCA 选举 (待定)
- 总统义工奖申请截止(5/15)
- 许妍菁-许琛珂优秀青年奖
申请截止(5/15)

农历二月二又称春耕节、农事节、青龙节、春龙节等，是中国民间的重要传统节日。今年的龙抬头发生在3月11日。

节日由来

自唐朝以来，龙抬头就是一个备受欢迎的节日，标志着中国部分地区雨季的开始。中国人认为龙是一种吉祥物，负责云雨。农历的“二月二”是龙欲升天之日，这也是龙抬头的日子。

剃龙头

在这个节日里，很多人都去理发（剃头）。在很多地方，有男子正月里理发不吉利的说法。在吉祥的时刻这样做，孩子们可以健康成长，成功，而成年人则可以带来好运。一般来说，在这一天剃头被认为会带来好运。理发店和美发沙龙在这个节日通常生意兴隆。

接姑娘

这一天也是儿媳妇回到父母家的日子。根据旧习俗，妻子必须在新年的第一个月住在丈夫家，直到这个月结束才能回到父母家。

节日美食：龙耳、炒金豆、面茶、龙须面

在龙抬头这一天，很多人家会吃饺子。饺子倒着摆放，被称为“龙耳”。习惯上，饺子里面要有肉，因为肉象征着新年的财富。北方人还会吃炒黄豆，喝面茶。面茶里面放有黑芝麻，核桃仁，白糖等，味道像藕粉。在很多地方，人们也会在这一天吃一碗非常细的“龙须”面条，代表“一帆风顺”。

近期新闻

3月16日晚上，TCS SCA组织同学们观看了电影《奇异世界》。学生们被电影展现的魔幻世界深深吸引。

