

TIDEWATER CHINESE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

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"It's March 3rd of that year again, and kites are flying all over the sky, carrying my thoughts and dreams back to my childhood. I recall that on March 3rd of that year, I couldn't close my eyes all night. I gazed at the newly made kites in the corner of the room, and before I knew it, the day had broken..."

The song "March 3" is known to most Chinese people of my parents' generation. The Lunar Double Third Festival, also called Shangsi Festival, is an important holiday in many parts of China, marked by various celebrations.

Dragon Boat Racing: In the Jiangnan area, especially the Yangtze River Basin, there is a tradition of holding dragon boat races. People row dragon boats to celebrate the harvest and pray for peace.

Kite flying: In the north, there is a tradition of kite flying, especially in Weifang, Shandong. Weifang is my dad's hometown and the birthplace of Chinese kites. It enjoys the title of "Kite Capital of the World". Weifang kites have exquisite craftsmanship and unique style, and are known as one of the representatives of traditional Chinese crafts.

Modern kites: In recent years, the Weifang Kite Festival has continued to innovate and develop, incorporating high-tech elements and enriching the types and expressions of kites. The kites come in a variety of shapes, including animal images such as butterflies and goldfish, and even designs imitating characters and cartoon images. In terms of high-tech applications, some kites have LED lights, and there are also kites with built-in sensors and controllers that can fly automatically or make sounds. Musical kites and robot kites also attracted much attention, adding interest and viewing pleasure to the kite festival.

Weifang kite festival: Every year around March 3rd of the lunar calendar, Weifang holds the World Kite Flying Competition. At the Kite Festival, people will gather in open areas such as parks and squares to fly various exquisite kites, enjoy kite competitions and kite performances, and enjoy the warm sunshine and breeze of spring. This year the 41st festival is on April 19.

This year's Shangsi Festival falls on April 12th, which is a Friday. How will you celebrate with your family?

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

April:

Beach Clean-Up at Beach Garden Park (TDB)

May:

- Asian Festival (May 4)
- Presidential Volunteer Awards hours due (May 15)
- Angela-Allison Youth Award application due (May 15)
- SCA Election (May 25)

Recent News

On Easter Day, March 31st, the SCA organized a music concert for the elderly at Pickford Senior Living. Residents there enjoyed singing along to songs from the 1950s to the 1980s, such as "Que Será Será," "Edelweiss," and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Instruments played included the cello, clarinet, flute, piano, violin, saxophone, and zither.

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未来活动预告

四月份:

- 海滩花园公园清理 (待定)

五月份:

- 亚洲节 (5 月 4 日)
- 总统志愿者奖截止时间 (5 月 15 日)
- 安吉拉-艾利森青年奖申请截止日期 (5 月 15 日)
- SCA 选举 (5 月 25 日)



"又是一年三月三，风筝飞满天，牵着我的思念和梦幻，走回到童年。记得那年三月三，一夜难合眼，望着墙角糊好的风筝 不觉亮了天 ..."

《三月三》这首歌是父辈们都很熟悉的歌曲。农历三月三，又叫上巳节，是中国重要的传统节日之一。各地有不同的庆祝方式。在江南地区，特别是长江流域，农历三月三有举行龙舟竞渡的习俗。人们会划龙舟比赛，以庆祝丰收和祈求平安。在北方，有放风筝的传统，尤其是在山东的潍坊。

潍坊是我爸爸出生的地方，也是中国风筝的发源地，享有"世界风筝之都"的称号。潍坊风筝制作工艺精湛，风格独特，被誉为中国传统工艺的代表之一。近年来，潍坊风筝节不断创新，融入了高科技元素，丰富了风筝的种类和表现形式。风筝造型多样，包括蝴蝶、金鱼等动物形象，甚至有模仿人物和动漫形象的设计。在高科技应用方面，一些风筝带有 LED 灯光，还有内置传感器和控制器的风筝可以实现自动飞行或发出声音。音乐风筝和机器人风筝也备受关注，为风筝节增添了趣味性和观赏性。每年农历的三月三左右（今年在 4 月 19 日），潍坊会举办世界风筝放飞比赛。在风筝节上，人们会聚集在公园、广场等开阔地区，放飞各种精美的风筝，欣赏风筝比赛和风筝表演，享受春日的暖阳和微风的拂过。

今年的三月三是在 4 月 12 日，是个星期五。你会和家人怎样庆祝呢？



近期新闻

3 月 31 日复活节当天，学生会为皮克福德老年公寓的老年人组织了一场音乐会。演奏的音乐有《Que Será Será》、《雪绒花》和《彩虹上的地方》等 13 首 50 年代到 80 年代的美国流行歌曲，非常适合跟唱。演奏的乐器包括大提琴、单簧管、长笛、钢琴、小提琴、萨克斯管和古筝。

