

TIDEWATER CHINESE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

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REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL



Recent Activities

- **Environmental Stewardship in Action:** On Sunday, April 19, members of the **SCA** and several **TCS students** dedicated three hours to cleaning up **Paradise Creek Nature Park** in Portsmouth and **Elizabeth River Park** in Chesapeake. Volunteers worked diligently to remove various litter and maritime waste from the lawns and trails, ensuring these local habitats remain pristine.



- **Empowering Future Leaders:** On Saturday, April 18, SCA members participated in a **Youth Leadership Workshop** at **Old Dominion University (ODU)**. Hosted by **OCA-EVC**, the day-long event (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM) provided students with invaluable training in leadership, communication, and collaboration.

Chinese Observances and Solar Terms: April 2026

- **Qingming Festival (April 5):** Defined by the dual themes of **Remembrance and Renewal**, this day balances the solemnity of **Ancestor Veneration** with the vitality of a **Spring Outing**. Families honor their heritage through grave maintenance and prayers, while also celebrating the rebirth of nature by flying kites and planting willows to welcome the spring.
- **Guyu & UN Chinese Language Day (April 20):** Marking the 6th solar term, **Guyu** (or "Grain Rain") signals the arrival of spring rains vital for crop growth. Simultaneously, the world observes **UN Chinese Language Day** to honor **Cangjie**, the mythical inventor of Chinese characters, and to celebrate the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of the Chinese language.

Past Events

March & April

- Movie Night (March 13)
- OCA Youth Leadership Workshop (April 18)
- Paradise Creek Nature Park and Elizabeth River Park Cleanup (April 19)

Upcoming Events

May

- Asian Fest (May 2)
- SCA Election (May 15)
- Angela Allison Award (May 15, current juniors only)
- Francis Land House and Garden Tour (May 16)



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近期活动

- 环保在行动:4月19日(周日), **SCA**成员与**TCS**部分学生共同投于一场环护志愿活动。在长达三小时的辛勤工作中,志愿者们分别前往Portsmouth的天堂溪自然公园和Chesapeake的伊丽莎白河公园,不仅清理了草坪和步道上的各类垃圾,还特别关注了河岸周边的废弃物,守护了当地自然栖息地的洁净。



- 赋能未来领袖:4月18日(周六), SCA成员齐聚ODU校园,与来自附近城市的高中生一道参加了由**OCA-EVC**精心主办的青少年领导力培训营。活动从上午9:30一直持续到下午3:30,行程安排充实且极具启发性。在全天的互动式学习中,学生们在领导力策略、高效沟通技巧以及团队合作精神方面获得了宝贵的锻炼。

中国传统节日与节气:2026年4月

- 清明节(4月5日):清明节是中华文化中关于缅怀与新生的古老节日,承载着深厚的历史底蕴。这一天既有祭祀祖先、饮水思源的庄重肃穆,也充满了拥抱自然、春季踏青的勃勃生机。家家户户通过扫墓和祈祷来传承家族文化、缅怀先辈足迹,同时也会借由放风筝、插柳和郊游等传统习俗来迎接春天的全面回归,在追思过去的同时,庆祝大地的复苏与万物的萌发。
- 谷雨与联合国中文日(4月20日):这一天恰逢中国农历的第六个节气——“谷雨”。正所谓“雨生百谷”,此时降雨量的增加对春季农作物的生长至关重要,象征着希望与丰收。与此同时,全球也在这一天共同庆祝联合国中文日。设立此节日是为了纪念传说中创造汉字的始祖仓颉,并以此为契机,向世界展示中文博大精深的语言魅力、源远流长的历史底蕴以及璀璨夺目的文化遗产,让更多人感受跨越国界的语言之美。

精彩活动回顾

三月与四月

- 电影之夜(3月13日)
- OCA 青少年领导力工作坊(4月18日)
- 公园环保清洁活动(4月19日)

近期活动预告

五月

- 亚裔文化节(5月2日)
- 学生会选举(5月15日)
- Angela Allison 奖(5月15日截止 | 仅限现11年级学生申请)
- Francis Land House and Garden 参观(5月16日)

