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Chinese ‘Peace Messengers’ to visit SCUSD school on Monday

Eight middle and high school students will tour William Land Elementary School’s Mandarin Immersion class

May 4, 2012 (Sacramento): The Jinan Peace Messengers Delegation from Jinan, China, will visit the Mandarin language immersion class at William Land Elementary School on Monday.

Eight middle and high school students will be part of the delegation, along with two teachers. They will arrive at William Land at 11:30 a.m. and stay through lunch. Four members of the Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation will accompany the delegation.

“We are thrilled to host these young ambassadors of good will,” said Principal Ellen Lee. “I know our students will gain great insight into the culture of China by interacting with these visiting students.”

Sacramento City Unified School District opened the Mandarin Immersion program at William Land last fall to further its mission of preparing students for a rapidly shrinking 21st century world. Language immersion programs are a pathway for students to become literate in both English and another language.

Dual immersion programs have increased in the United States since the 1980s for a number of reasons: Competition in a global economy, a growing population of English language learners and the success of previous programs. SCUSD also offers language immersion programs in Hmong, Cantonese and Spanish in addition to Mandarin.

WHAT: The Jinan Peace Messengers Delegation
WHEN: 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 7
WHERE: William Land Elementary School
2120 12th St., Sacramento, CA 95818

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