



## DAVIDSON DAY NAMES JING HE AS ITS FIRST MANDARIN TEACHER

As part of Davidson Day's continuing commitment to providing its students with the skills they'll need to compete in a global economy, Mandarin Chinese is now part of the World Language course offerings. All Early Childhood and Lower School student will take Mandarin this year and it will be an elective for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The program will expand to other grades next year.

Davidson Day welcomes **Jing He** as the school's first Mandarin teacher. Ms. He is a native Chinese speaker with 15 years experience teaching Mandarin to children and adults, including business professionals at area corporations. She last taught at Union County Public Schools, where she was responsible for Chinese classes from beginning to advanced levels, including AP and IB classes. While there she also set up and coordinated partnerships between the district and The Center of International Understanding, Asia Society and a secondary school in Jiangsu, China. Most recently this summer she taught an immersion class to students from around the world at Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy in Vermont.

Ms. He has a B.A. in Chinese Language (Ancient and Modern) and Literature from Tianjin Normal University in Tianjin, China.

She looks forward to introducing DDS students to Mandarin. "Language and culture go hand and hand," she said. "Having these skills helps prepare them for life-long lessons. I want to do my part in making each child that I teach become successful in this world."

*Davidson Day School is located at 750 Jetton Street in Davidson, just off I-77 Exit 30 at the Lake. Founded in 1999, the school features small class sizes, a student-focused approach and a strong college preparatory curriculum. The school holds dual accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools; it is also a member of the Southern Piedmont Athletic Association Conference of the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association.*

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