



Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association

愛城中英雙語教育協會



Box 220, #21-10405 Jasper Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5J 3S2

www.ecbea.org

PRESS RELEASE

May 20, 2008

A day after Mother's Day, images and video of the destruction in the aftermath of the 7.9 magnitude earthquake in China on May 12th made the news. Its impact on schoolchildren, teachers and the affected families reduced many of our Chinese Bilingual Program students to tears. It also moved them to take immediate action in raising funds to help relief efforts.

At this time of year, when our students are attending graduation functions, farewell parties, and planning summer vacations – you feel helpless knowing many children in China died, were seriously injured, may never go to school again, nor graduate, and who had plans with their families that died with them.

Many of Edmonton's Chinese Bilingual Program schools are twinned with schools in China for educational and cultural purposes – our Mandarin teachers and Chinese language students have a special relationship with China; many have taken tours, participated in exchanges and hosted visiting students.

They were moved to reach out and help those children going through unimaginable pain and suffering. They took the initiative in starting a campaign to collect donations to help the children, teachers and families whose homes were destroyed by the earthquake in Sichuan Province.

The Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) is taking a lead supporting role in coordinating, planning and suggesting ideas among our school community and participating in the fund raising efforts of the broader community.

There are several ways the public can donate:

Red Cross online www.redcross.ca click on Earthquake in China

Red Cross by telephone 1-800-418-1111

BMO Bank of Montreal branches throughout the city

Donation boxes at ECBEA information booths, Mandarin farewell banquets, shopping malls

Chinese Bilingual Program schools listed at www.ecbea.org

The Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of parent volunteers that has supported the advancement of Chinese bilingual education in Edmonton for the past 26 years. The ECBEA is registered under the Societies Act of Alberta, and registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a charitable organization.

Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association
Box 220, #21-10405 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3S2

Email: info@ecbea.org