

ALL ABOUT ME

Hi, my name is Elizabeth, but you can call me Eliza if you want to. Life is going fine for me. I have a little sister, and her name is Sarah. She is five and I am eight. Also, Sarah is the nicest sister and cute too. She is so very awesome! I do have a kitten. It's a he, but if you don't leave him alone he will scratch you like crazy! I got lots of scratches from him, mostly, he is nice.

I have lots of Chinese friends, but the ones I like the most are Kim and Abby. They are both eight, like me. I am the oldest of all of us. I am the smallest, Abby is the tallest, Abby is youngest, and Kim is in the middle. Every month, our FCC group gets together to have a little party. We always have fun, and go to fun places. Being Chinese and having lots of friends is AWESOME !!!!! *Eliza*



Elizabeth, right, and little sister Sarah

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Would you like to share about your favorite hobby, sport, or place to visit? Or you might want to share about your family. If you would like to share, please send a photo and a brief story about yourself to kids@lwmail.com and write All About Me in the subject line. Thanks!

Willing Hands, Willing Hearts

This sibling group of five decided to take inventory of their clothes, books and toys and found some things they could live without. They decided to host a garage sale and donate the money raised to Amy in Guiyang, who was



Siblings Kristopher, 17, Nicholas, 14, Zachary, 10, Julia, 7, and Grace, 4, hold their homemade sale signs

waiting for a much-needed surgery. Their Mom said they sorted, priced and even made the signs in the photo above to promote their efforts! After the sale was over, the children were delighted to count the total raised, which came out to \$218!

The two youngest siblings, Julia, 7, and Grace, 4, said they had the most fun choosing what they wanted to sell. Kristopher, 17, said, "It was wonderful that we had the opportunity to work to help pay for a child's surgery."

Nicholas, 14, said, "It was a fun experience to know we were raising money to help a child in need." And brother Zachary, 10, said, "It was nice selling our toys to help a child in need. I am glad we had a part in helping a little girl get the surgery she needed."

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The Spring Festival begins on Sunday, February 14, 2010—The Year of the Tiger. To learn more about this time of celebration in China, read *Spotlight on China* on page 2.



Mia blows out the candles on her cake at her birthday party

Mia decided to ask friends and family to donate to LWB in honor of her birthday this year. Mia's Mom said that information about LWB was included with the invite, specifically asking for donations for the Club

Foot Casting Fund. As the children arrived, they brought with them hand-drawn pictures and donations! After the money was counted, a grand total of \$520 had been donated in honor of Mia's birthday! Thank you to Mia for sacrificing her gifts in honor of LWB's efforts to help children in China.

Henry also celebrated his birthday recently. In lieu of gifts for the birthday boy, his family and friends gave a grand total of \$1500 to LWB!!! Thank you Henry for sharing in such a big way to help the most needy children in China.

Kyra, age five, saves a portion of her weekly allowance in a charity "account" according to her Mom. Recently, Kyra decided to send the \$150 she had saved in her charity account to LWB. She asked that it be placed in the heart surgery fund for Sally from Guilin. As an added bonus, Kyra's Dad's company matched her donation two to one for a total of \$450! Way to go Kyra for saving a portion of your own allowance to pay it forward to others in need!

Friends Jade and Caroline recently sent in \$3 and asked for it to be designated for the heart surgery fund! Thank you!

Katie sent LWB a letter sharing why she decided to do something different this year for her birthday party!

This year at my birthday party I collected \$100 in donations for LWB instead of gifts from my friends. I decided to help sponsor Fang, a little baby girl living in Anhui Province of China with my birthday donations. I saw that she has a heart defect and needs to have an operation to fix it. I was adopted from China and so were two of my sisters and my brother. My sister, Emily, also had a heart surgery through LWB so that is why I like to help "heart babies." Love, Katie

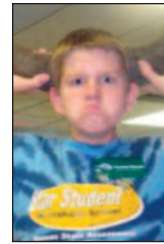
Thanks Katie for your generous heart and inspiring words!



Macey



Maya



Timothy



Matthew

Team LWB participants finished strong this year in several races across the country! A BIG thank you to all those who participated specifically in the Marine Corps Marathon near Washington DC:

*Macey raised \$325 in memory of Janice.
Maya raised \$35 on behalf of Gracie.
Timothy raised \$55 on behalf of Stephanie.
Matthew raised \$171 in memory of Max.*

ELIZABETH'S WINTER HAIKU

*Snowflakes everywhere.
I love hot cocoa a lot.
Snow angels are fun!*



SPOTLIGHT ON CHINA

Spring Festival, also called Chinese New Year, is considered the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. During this holiday, people gather together with other family members from all over China to celebrate!

The Spring Festival always begins on the first day of the first lunar month, which falls on February 14 in 2010. This national event with many activities planned in large and small cities all over China gives people an opportunity to welcome springtime and to look at the last year's harvest. People enjoy time spent with family and friends, delicious meals together, dragon and lion dances, and of course fireworks! Celebrations continue until the conclusion of the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at the full moon about 15 days later. During the Lantern Festival children carry glowing, red paper lanterns in an evening parade!

Sources: http://www.visitourchina.com/special/chinese_new_year_2010/index.html; http://www.herongyang.com/chinese/festivals/chinese_new_year_spring_festival.html

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of orphans in China.**

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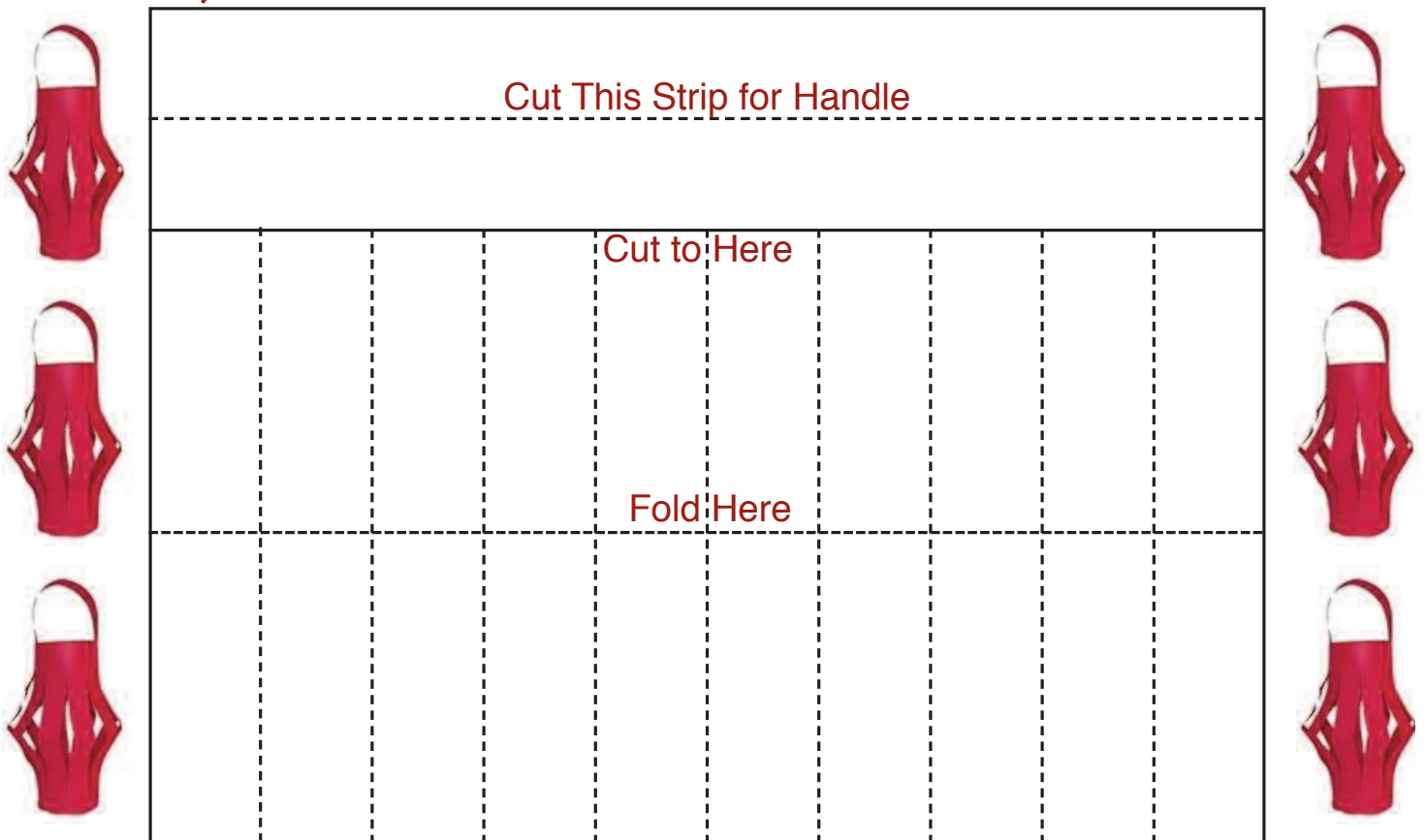
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Make your own Chinese Lantern craft for your Chinese New Year celebration! You can print out this pattern on a piece of colored paper of your choice! First, you need to cut off the top strip and place it aside to attach with staples later for your handle. Then, you fold your paper in half on the “Fold Here” line. Next, cut the vertical dotted lines to the “Cut to Here” line. Finally, unfold your paper, match up the long edges and tape or staple it together. Be sure to crease it along the “Fold Here” line again. Then staple your handle to your lantern. You can add stickers or artwork to your lanterns if you want!

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