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The Chinese Lunar New Year, also known as the "Spring Festival," marks the beginning of spring, a time to shed the hardships of winter and prepare for a season of change and hope. 2014 is the "Year of the Wood Horse." The Horse is the seventh in the list of twelve zodiac animal designations in the Chinese calendar.

Calm, social, and influential, the Wood Horse is one of the most patient and creative members of the Horse sign. While other members of the Horse sign are burdened with indecisiveness, the Wood Horse is capable of picking a direction in life and working towards clear goals. The Wood Horse takes this same determination into their personal relationships, which they are heavily committed to. With gifts of understanding and a calm demeanor, the Wood Horse is very successful in cooperative social situations. The Wood Horse has a bit of adventurous side and is not afraid to commit fully to the unknown.

Welcome

A-PAL Founder Rita Liu Principal Erick Finnestead Mayor Dennis Coombs

Master of Ceremonies Bobby King

Performances

Lion Dance Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association Chinese Violin Music

Flatirons Strings Academy

Kung Fu Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association

> <u>Chinese Dance</u> Bohua Chinese School

Chinese Yu Opera Confucius Institute, Denver

<u>Hip Hop Dance</u> Larry Southall & Friend <u>Chinese Yo-Yo</u> Bohua Chinese School

Japanese Taiko Drumming Denver Taiko

Activity Booths

New Year Red Envelopes • Origami (Paper Folding) • Art of Paper Cutting • Chinese Brush Painting • Abacus Lessons • Chopsticks Lessons • Yo-Yo Game • 100 Years of Asian History in Paper Money • Pan Asian Display • Chinese Name Transliteration • Wind Energy Science Activity • Zometool Science Activity

> Food Sampling (Commons/Cafeteria)

