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Sponge to Celebrate Chinese New Year with Free Family Events at Both Seattle and Bellevue Locations

Sponge's Seattle location to feature performances from the Seattle Chinese Community Girls Drill Team

WHAT:
Sponge invites families to two free cultural events in February at its centers in Seattle and Bellevue, celebrating the Chinese New Year. In honor of the Year of the Dragon, Sponge will welcome Chinese performers and offer a variety of make-and-take crafts for families.

At the Chinese New Year celebration in Seattle on Saturday, Feb. 4, the Seattle Chinese Community Girls Drill Team will indulge audiences with a variety of Chinese cultural dances. This colorful, award-winning unit has performed in every major parade in the Pacific Northwest, as well as in Taiwan.

At the celebration in Bellevue on Sunday, Feb. 12, kids will make and decorate Chinese dragon puppets, sample traditional "good luck" foods and listen to a special story about how the Chinese zodiac animals were chosen. As well, native-speaking teachers from Sponge will offer New Year-themed mini language classes in Mandarin for guests.

WHERE:
Sponge, Seattle: 3107 S. Day St., Seattle, WA 98144
Sponge, Bellevue: 13219 N.E. 20th St., Suite 203, Bellevue, WA 98005

WHEN:

Sponge, Seattle	Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. - noon
Sponge, Bellevue	Sunday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - noon

CONTACT:
RSVPs are recommended; call 206-227-7138 or email info@spongeschool.com. For more information about this event, visit www.spongeschool.com.

BACKGROUND:
Sponge is a leader in children's language education, offering classes in Spanish, Mandarin, French and Japanese in its own centers and in before- and after-school programs throughout the greater Seattle area. Focused on children from birth through elementary school, native-speaking teachers teach language and culture through activities, stories, music, art and movement. For more information, visit www.spongeschool.com.

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