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**MAYOR EMANUEL ATTENDS ANNUAL CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY**

*Year of the Snake Off to a Great Start*

Monday morning, at St. Therese Chinese Catholic School, Mayor Rahm Emanuel attended the annual Chinese Lunar New Year school assembly.

"I am always grateful for the opportunity to visit our neighborhoods and help celebrate their cultures, and the annual Chinese Lunar New Year assembly is a wonderful event that I always enjoy," said Mayor Emanuel.

This year, Chinese New Year fell on Sunday, February 10, and this is the year of the Snake. The program this morning included performances of songs, dances and poems by the students.

The Mayor was joined at the event by Phyllis Cavallon-Jurek, the principal of St. Therese Chinese Catholic School; Chinese Consul General Weiping Zhao; Raymond M. Chin, President of the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce; and Ald. Daniel Solis (25<sup>th</sup>), whose ward includes Chinatown.

St. Therese is a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Chicago, focused on Chinese language, culture and STEM initiatives. St. Therese is a 2011 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Winner and a 2012 School of Distinction Middle School Mathematics Finalist.

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**Photo Caption:** Mayor Emanuel Celebrates the Chinese Lunar New Year at St. Therese Chinese Catholic School

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