

School Event: The most impressive moment in my school

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I arrived in Korea in February 2009. I had never worked in education before so was really excited about my new line of work and also a little nervous. I graduated in media and film so I definitely knew I could bring some creative energy to my classroom. Almost two years later and I have learned that it is not only me who has brought an energy and passion, but also, all my young students.

There is always something interesting, new and exciting happening in my school. My work place definitely has vibrancy and it's an environment in which I love to be. There have been many surprising and impressive moments during my time at Yuan elementary school, but one moment particularly stands out for me.

Every year, all the students take part in a festival. This festival is usually conducted in the assembly hall and all the parents are invited. Each class chooses one or two things to perform in front of their peers and parents; this could be anything from a dance routine to a recital. They practice and prepare for their performance for almost a month before the actual event. Being the main English teacher at my school, I was often able to get a glimpse of the rehearsals of various classes and their presentations at the end of my class. The students were in fact very eager to perform just for me! I was of course extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and energy that each class brought to their performance. It wasn't until the actual festival day though that I was truly able to see how much effort not only the students had been putting in, but also all the other teachers in the school.

As I walked into the hall, I could see that each individual class had their own special table where different projects were laid out for everyone to admire, anything from intricate origami displays, beautifully crafted tapestries and to my surprise, even a small English art project that I myself had made with one class! I was of course thrilled to see that other teachers had appreciated the work I had done with my students and the students also must have given this work the thumbs up.

For the entire morning, interesting dance routines that had been performed in the classroom for me, now took on an entirely new form when being performed on stage; bright lights, costumes, photographers and even a camera man all came together to create a

wonderful spectacle for everyone in attendance.

This simply has to be the most impressive moment for me since arriving at my elementary schools. It was a day when the students were truly able to let their hair down and bring all their hard work together for one fascinating day.

