Dear GATE Parents Group:

Thanks for funding our The Art of Chinese Tea and Snacks. We were enlightened by the Chinese culture and community and its connection to our studies.

Being in the midst of such rich Chinese culture, we learned about the true art of Chinese tea. The rituals and different types of tea helped us connect to the Chinese heritage and ancestry. The exposure to Chinese tradition truly cultivated our cultural comprehension.

The varying dry foods opened our minds to the differing cuisine. It is amazing to see the two cultures - modern American culture and Chinese culture coexist in such an environment that Chinese culture is not lost; but relearned and expanded across our racially diverse culture. This experience can only result in a multitude of positive outcomes.

American culture has altered much of Chinese cuisine. However, the exposure to authentic Chinese dishes no matter how "out of the ordinary" helped us connect our studies to the essence of Chinese cuisine.

This journey through differing tastes truly discerned legitimate Chinese culture from modern American culture.

Sincerely, Chinese 5-6 of BHS

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