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2021

新年快乐

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE OX

Goddard Chinese American Club

2021 February



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The **Chinese New Year**, also known as **Lunar New Year**, will begin on Feb.12, the Year of the Ox. It's a time for families to get together, and a week of official public holidays in most Asian countries. Typical traditions include spending time with family, red décor in homes, watching a traditional dance or fireworks show, clearing out last year's clutter and enjoying festive treats.

February 2021 will start the Year of the **Ox**, and [the Year of the Rat \(2020\) will come to an end.](#) The year you are born is supposed to be the **unluckiest** for you, so people born in previous Ox years may face bad luck this year - according to Chinese astrology.

This is a Year of **Metal Ox**, Ox people are usually hard working, honest, creative, ambitious, cautious, patient and handle things steadily. On the negative side, Ox people might be stubborn, narrow-minded, indifferent, prejudiced, slow and not good at communication.

Lucky numbers for people born in the year of the Ox include 1 and 4 and lucky colors include white, green and yellow.

DO AND DON'TS

DO: Clean the house

(before new year)

DO: Wear Metal

DO: Buy New Clothing

DO: Family Time

**DO: Give (receive)
red envelopes**



Don't: Clean

(on new year)

**Don't: Give Unlucky
Gift**

**Don't: Use Unlucky
Words**

Do: Clean the house (before new year)

[Cleaning](#) your home **before the new year** helps remove bad luck collected throughout the year and encourages good fortune for the new year. Chinese in general believe that good luck flows through and around the house, therefore any **cleaning on the New Year's Day will wash away the good luck** required for wealth and prosperity.

Do: Wear Metal

As this is the year of the metal ox, wearing [metal accessories](#) such as earrings, bracelets, necklaces and rings will bring good luck and ward off bad luck.

Do: Buy New Clothing

At the beginning of the Chinese New Year, everything will be renewed and a new atmosphere will come from inside to outside. Therefore, Chinese believe wearing [new clothing](#) will ward off evil and bring good blessings. In terms of colors, choose red as it is a good luck color in Chinese culture. Red stands for prosperity, loyalty, success and happiness. Other bright colors are also lucky if red is not your style.

Do: Family Time

Chinese New Year is a time for families to be together. Wherever they are, family members are expected to return home to celebrate the festival with their families. [The New Year's dinner](#) is called a reunion dinner and is believed to be the most important meal of the year.

Do: Give (receive) red envelopes

Just like Christmas in other countries, the Chinese exchange gifts during the New Year. The most common New Year gifts are called “lai see” in Cantonese and “hong bao” in Mandarin. These are usually red envelopes containing money. This custom is believed by Chinese to bring good luck, remembering that the color red is a lucky color. Parents generally give their children red envelopes after the reunion dinner, wishing them health, growth, and a successful education in the coming year. Elders and married people also give red envelopes to unmarried adults and children.

Don't: Clean (on new year)

Don't do any cleaning during the 15 days of New Years, otherwise you'll be sweeping away possible wealth.

Don't: Give Unlucky Gifts

Invited to a New Year dinner? But be sure not to bring:

Sharp objects – sharp items such as scissors, knives imply the cutting of ties.

Handkerchiefs – symbolize “**goodbye forever**” since they're typically given out at funerals.

Anything to do with the number **four** – as it has the same pronunciation as “**death**”

Shoes – The word for shoes is **homonym** for “**evil**”

Clocks – the phrase “**give a clock**” sounds very similar to “**attend a funeral**”

Don't : Use Unlucky words

Don't say unlucky words such as **death, dying, ghost**, or the number **four**.

The Myth behind the Chinese Zodiac

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=may2s9j4RLk>



How Chinese People Celebrate Chinese New Year

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKoaVYALLVI>

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Happy Chinese New Year

Lion Dancing:

**Good wishes for the
Chinese New Year**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSpwQZHUxKo>



Dragon Dancing:

Good wishes for the Chinese New Year

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vi95ZTEHoL8>



What is red packet for Chinese Lunar New Year and what's in it?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdX34ODOE7g>



8 Lucky Lunar New Year Foods

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJ7V75stdvQ>

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She is the dance director of the Yellow River Art Ensemble. She has been dancing for over 10 years and is currently teaching Chinese folk dance in a local Chinese school.

The dance she will be performing is the Plum Blossom Dance.



Wei Huang



Plum Blossom Dance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=b-Rgn4rSaiY&feature=youtu.be>