



Elementary Newsletter

October 29, 2009

New Student at San Jose Campus

Please join us in welcoming our newest student and her family to One World! Mae Capron joined the EI class in October. We hope she enjoys One World as much as we enjoy having her here!

Second Harvest Food Drive

We will once again be participating in the Food Drive sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank. We will collect food from **November 6th to December 17th**. All kinds of non-perishable foods are welcome (powered milk, peanut butter, canned meat, tuna, cereals, soups, meals in a can (stew or chili), canned fruits in natural juices, 100% fruit juices, canned foods with pop-top lids).



Second Harvest also offers a Virtual Food Drive for those who cannot go shopping or carry heavy things. To donate through the Virtual Food Drive, go to:

<https://fooddrive.shfoodbank.com/default.aspx>

Please help us to involve the children in helping those less fortunate during this holiday season.



Diwali Celebration

Thursday, November 5th (Santa Clara)

Friday, November 6th (San Jose)

Elementary students will be joining the Primary classes for Diwali celebrations at their respective campuses. Part of our celebration involves a holiday meal. If your child would like to participate in the special meal, please bring \$5 to the office by Wednesday, November 4th. Otherwise, your child may bring a lunch on that day.

The students in San Jose will enjoy a performance of Chitresh Das dancers and student Reva Kakaria; parents from the Santa Clara site, as well as students Urmila Vudali and Madhu Ravuri, will perform for the students in Santa Clara. In addition to the dance performances, the students will participate in other special activities as part of our celebration.

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11th

The school will honor Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th. There will be no school and no daycare.

EI & EII Conferences

November 12th -13th – EII and Santa Clara EI

November 12th, 13th, 18th 20th – San Jose EI

The Elementary classes will have Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th. There will be no school on those days. There will be daycare for Full Day students only. We do not have the staffing to offer special daycare for school day students on these days.

Because of the number of students in San Jose's EI class, we have also added additional conference times for that class on Wednesday, November 18th and Friday, November 20th. Please note that these will be normal school days.

If you also have children in Infant Community, Primary, or Junior High, please check those classrooms' calendars, as their schedules may differ from Elementary's during conference days.

Elementary I & II Field Trip

Tuesday, November 17th



As part of their study of ancient Egypt, the Elementary I and II students will be visiting the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose. The San Jose students will be transported by bus and will leave promptly at 9:00 am. The Santa Clara students will be carpooling.

If you can help drive students, please let us know on the permission slip which you will find in your parent file.

For the Santa Clara students that still require booster seats, we prefer that you drop off a backless booster seat for your child. Some of the compact cars that our parents and staff drive cannot fit the large booster seats in the backseat.

The students will eat lunch after they return to school.

Native American Performance

Wednesday, November 18th

The Elementary I and II students will be enjoying a performance by *Four Winds* at the San Jose site. The Santa Clara students will be traveling to the San Jose site on a bus with the Primary students. They will return to the Santa Clara site before lunch.



Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 25th

The Elementary classes will have a traditional Thanksgiving lunch, which the students will help prepare. We are collecting money to cover the cost of the meal; please bring it to the office **by November 18th** so that we can do the shopping during the weekend. For families with more than one person eating the meal, please bring \$8. Families with one child eating should bring \$5. **This will be a minimum day, and school will end at 12:00 p.m.** There will be no daycare in the afternoon.

If you volunteered to donate items and assist us for the event, please look for a sign-up sheet at the sign-in/out area.

Please note that school will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th.**

Wine & Cheese Fundraiser a Success!



Thank you to everyone who came to our 2009 “Taste of California” event! It was a great success, and everyone had a wonderful time, thanks to the help of our fabulous staff and parents. Congratulations go to the Feyfant family for winning the 50/50 drawing.

Despite this economy, our net earnings are close to \$50,000, which is fantastic! We are especially thrilled that we were able to add \$12,725 to our “fund a child” reserves.



Pet Store Shopper

The Elementary classes at both sites are in need of parents to help with pet store shopping. Shopping will need to be done several times a month and parents can sign up for a month at a time in the sign-in/out area.

One World Supports Green Living

We are partnering with *EcoMetro Guide* to raise funds for our school and to help support our commitment to living green.

EcoMetro Guide is a one-of-a-kind resource – a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration – that promotes living a healthy, green lifestyle on any budget. *EcoMetro* guides are published for multiple markets and carry regional names, with companion websites at ecometro.com, which offer blogs, articles, local events, a green business directory, and free printable coupons. *EcoMetro Guide* supports economic development for local green businesses, promotes public sector sustainability initiatives, and raises money for local schools.

Book owners save hundreds of dollars while discovering the best of what’s green and local with coupons for grocery stores, restaurants, bike shops, home and garden stores, theaters and museums, outdoor stores, and much more. There’s also over \$90 worth of national manufacturer’s coupons for companies like Clif Bar, Lundberg, Nature’s Path, and method.

EcoMetro Guide will be available in the office starting Nov. 1st. The cost for each book is \$20.

If you'd like to order additional books as gifts, please contact Lisa in the office.

Hay from Pumpkin Patch

The Junior High class has some left over hay from the pumpkin patch they hosted for the Primary classes. If you need bedding or feed for your animals or can use the hay for mulch or other gardening purposes, please contact Ryan, the Junior High teacher at

ryan@oneworldmontessori.org. Thanks!





Thank You!

U.N. Day:

A big thank you to Nataliya Husar, Floria Mena-Keith, Cac Nguyen, Minzhen Yuan, Birgitta Ackley, Lisa Himawan, Meeta Saggi, Verane Pochet, Su Pyun, Lisa Farley, Miriam Feyfant, Anna James and Roger Shaul, as well as the Junior High students for their volunteer work making U.N. Day a wonderful event! We would also like to thank Noriko Sakaguchi and Aarabi Rajeshwaran for cooking the corn, and the Ackley, Arbizu, Arndt, Damron, Fard, and Fonderie families for their cash donations, which helped us to bring the students the world!

From Santa Clara

Thank you to the Vudali, Rajeshwaran and Mausevych families for providing Monday snack. Thanks to the Khemani, Rajeshwaran, Rice and Mausevych families for doing the laundry. We would also like to thank Nancy Rice for driving students back from the San Jose campus on U.N. Day.

From San Jose

Thank you to the Keith, Boulos, Sakaguchi, Hoang, and Bernhard families for Monday snack. Thanks to Lindsay MacInnis, Birgitta Ackley, Lynn Harris, Michele and Mike Damron, Michelle Ha and Lisa Himawan for braving the sometimes cold and rainy weather to sell 50/50 tickets – your efforts earned a grand total of \$1945, half of which went directly to the school.

Special thanks go to the Genevriere family for referring the Capron family to One World. Because the Capron family enrolled two

children, the Genevriere family received two free months of tuition.

Looking Ahead to December



Cultural Night

Cultural Night will be tentatively held at the Santa Clara site on **Thursday, December 10th** from 6:00 pm - 7:00pm.

Holiday Party

Minimum Day & Holiday Party on **Friday, December 18th**. School will end at 12:00 p.m. There will be no daycare.

Winter Break

From **December 21st, 2009 to January 1st, 2010** there will be no school and no daycare. School will resume on **January 4th, 2010**.