



Elementary Newsletter

December 17, 2009



January 7, 2010
Happy Birthday, Selena!!!

Staffing Update

We are sorry to say that Jeanette Pham, the assistant in Santa Clara's EI classroom, will be leaving us at the Winter Break. She will be moving to San Diego to help an ailing relative, and then to attend UC San Diego. She has been a wonderful addition to the Elementary classroom, and we will miss her greatly. She has given us her mailing address so that the students can send her letters if they wish. We wish her all the best.

Interviews are underway for a new assistant for the Elementary classroom and we feel very pleased at the quality of the applicants. Once we choose the right person, he or she will start in January, after the Winter Break.

Field Trip

Friday, January 8th

The Elementary I and II students will be attending a performance of *Sō Percussion* at the Stanford Memorial Auditorium. The performance is at 10:00 a.m. Students will return to school for lunch.

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.

This performance, by the dynamic young quartet Sō Percussion, will feature percussion music and drumming of all varieties, and will include an interactive segment with audience participation.

Field Trip

Wednesday, January 13th

As part of their continuing study of ancient Egypt, the Elementary I and II students will be traveling to San Francisco's de Young Museum to visit the *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* exhibit.



The bus will be departing the **San Jose campus at 8:30 a.m.**, and will pick up students at the **Santa Clara campus at 9:00 a.m.** Please make sure to have your student to school before this time so that he or she may participate. All students will arrive back to their respective campuses by 3:00 p.m.

Students will need to bring a *disposable* bag lunch, including a drink, napkin, and any necessary utensils. Do not send any food that requires heating up.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 18th

We will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. There will be no school and no daycare on this day.



Adaba Capoeira Performance

Wednesday, January 27th

The Elementary I and II students will be enjoying a performance by *Adaba Capoeira* 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.

Monday Snack

We have posted Monday snack sign-up sheets for the new year at the sign-in/out area. If you are able to bring snacks for the classroom, please put your name next to the date listed. Thank you so much!

Classroom Wish Lists

It's not too late to make a donation toward wish list items! The list has been posted next to the sign-in/out area, so that families can write their names next to the item(s) they would like to donate.

If you haven't already done so, please turn in your donation amount to the office. Remember that any donations you make for this wish list will go toward your family's required annual donation of \$400.

2010-2011 Closed Enrollment

Closed enrollment begins **February 1st**. This allows you to re-enroll your child(ren) and any siblings prior to our accepting new students from our waiting list. Your re-enrollment packet for the 2010-2011 school year will be in your cubby/hanging folder by Monday, February 1st.

If you wish to re-enroll and/or enroll an additional child:

- Please read the Parent Handbook that will be included in your enrollment packet to be sure that you are aware of any policy changes that have occurred.
- Fill out the contract, indicating the program of your choice, and return it to the office **signed by both parents or the custodial parent** (in the case of sole custody) **by February 26th**. Please make sure to indicate the payment plan you desire and make a choice about photos on page 4. The contract should be accompanied by a payment of \$500.00 for the annual enrollment fee.
- This ensures your space for the 2010-2011 school year.

If you do not wish to re-enroll:

- **Please submit a written notice of withdrawal by February 26th, or your deposit will be forfeited.**
- Verbal notice cannot be accepted.
- Last month's deposit cannot be applied to summer school.

Tax Time is Coming

If you will need a recap statement for 2009 for tax purposes, please let Liz know soon, as she will get very busy prior to **April 1st**. Liz can be reached at her home office (408) 259-6997 or via e-mail at bookkeeper@oneworldmontessori.org. Our Tax I.D. number is 94-2930042.

Matching Donations



We would like to call your attention to some great opportunities. There are several companies (Mentor Graphics Foundation, Cadence, Juniper

Networks, etc.) which have matching donation programs. Please check with your employer to see if your company offers a similar program.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Please remember the ongoing fundraisers that we have. If you would like any information on any of these, please contact the office.

- It is a requirement that all families sign up as supporters at escrip.com. Our membership number is 137612721.
- We have a link on our website to order from Amazon.com.
- We collect used ink cartridges and cell phones to recycle.
- Box Tops for Education.

Looking Ahead to February

Closed Enrollment Begins

The first day of open enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is **Monday, February 1st, 2010**.

Elementary I Field Trip

The Elementary I classes will be visiting the Children's Discovery Museum in San Jose on **Wednesday, February 10th, 2010**.

Chinese New Year Presentation (San Jose)

Mrs. Yuan will give the students a Chinese New Year Presentation on **Friday, February 12th, 2010**.

Presidents' Days

School will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday, February 15th & 16th** in honor of Presidents' Days. There will be no daycare.

Chinese New Year

Elementary students will join the Primary classes to celebrate Chinese New Year at their respective campuses on **Wednesday, February 17th**. There will be a special lunch option on this day.

Akatombo Ensemble

The students will enjoy a performance at the San Jose campus of Akatombo Ensemble (music from Japan), on **Monday, February 22nd**. The Santa Clara students will travel on buses with the primary children.

Closed Enrollment Ends

Closed enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year will end on **Friday, February 26th, 2010**.



From Santa Clara:

- Thank you to Dani Hamilton, a OWM alumna, for volunteering in the Elementary classroom for a day.
- Thank you to the Rice family for their donation toward our wish list.
- Thanks go to Fransien van den Berg for ordering pizza dinner for the students who stayed for daycare before Cultural Night.

- Thank you to Nancy Rice, Harish Iyer, and Priya Khemani for driving on the *Elves and the Shoemaker* field trip, and to Aarabi Ravindran and Nataliya Matuskevych for driving students to the Foxworthy campus for the Cultural Night rehearsal.
- Thank you to the Husar-Matuskevych and James families for bringing Monday snack, and to the James, Ravindran-Rajeshwaran, and Husar-Matuskevych families for doing our laundry in December.
- Thanks to the Khemani family's donation, we have a beautiful vivarium with two new fire-bellied toads. We are happy to be able to observe these vividly colored amphibians as part of our zoological studies.

From San Jose:

- Thank you to Jeff Lampert for our Hanukkah presentation.
- Thanks to the Taylor (Samantha), Ackley and Jones families for bringing Monday snack.
- Thank you to Fransien van den Berg for coordinating birthday donations in honor of Sydney's birthday. Thanks to the Leon, Maillart, Hawes, Kesavan, Satana, Fard and Burdsall families for your generous contributions.
- Another thanks goes to Fransien van den Berg for ordering pizza dinner for the students who stayed for daycare before Cultural Night.
- A huge thank you Johan Casier for driving Sister Christina to Milpitas.
- Thanks to Floria Mena-Keith for coordinating clothing donations for Upala, an impoverished region of northern Costa Rica.





Wish Lists for the Elementary Classrooms

The Elementary classes are in need of the following items. Any donation you are able to make is greatly appreciated and will go toward your family's required annual donation of \$400. Instead of parents ordering directly from the merchants, we are consolidating your generous donations and making one order. If you are able to donate, please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board and turn in your donation to the office.

Elementary I, Cabrillo Campus

Areas of our library we would like to expand with additional books:

Zoology, especially Fish, Amphibians, and Reptiles

Plate Tectonics and Continental Drift

Poetry, especially Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes (no Shel Silverstein; we have a large collection)

And So They Build book

Striped Juggling Balls \$ 5.95

Rubber Horse Shoes \$12.95

Portable Hopscotch Carpet \$45.00

What Do Roots Do? book \$15.95

Root-Vue Farm \$32.95

Compact Binoculars (we need 2) \$26.95 each

The Bug Bottle \$13.95

Nature Press (we need 3) \$ 6.95 each

My Little Box of Planets \$16.95

Wonderful Houses Around the World \$9.95

Throw Your Tooth on the Roof \$16.00

Homes book \$ 5.95

Clothing book \$ 5.95

Beginner's World Atlas \$17.95

Design-A-Postcard Pack \$ 4.95

Big Digit Stopwatch \$13.95

The Story of Clocks and Calendars \$ 9.95

Coin Board: \$1 = 100 pennies (M85P100) \$40.00

Small Moveable Alphabet Plastic Letters (we need 2) \$20.00 each

Elementary I, Foxworthy Campus

Geometric Solids Control Group	\$30.50
Geometric Solids Copy Masters	\$10.10
Geometric Solids Activity Set 1	\$56.50
Inscribed and Concentric Circles Activity Set	\$117.50
Hundred Board Roman Numerals	\$85.30
Hundred Board Roman Numerals Control Chart	\$14.90
Hemisphere Maps and Labels Set	\$39.90
Decimal Stamp Game	\$97.70
Rhombic-based Prism	\$83.10
Hexagonal-based Prism	\$61.40
Divided Hexagonal-based Prism	\$76.10
Short Triangular-based Prism	\$42.40
Black Evolution Ribbon	\$199.00
Animals and Book for Evolution Ribbon	\$239.90
World Political Map	\$14.80
Africa Political Map	\$14.80
Asia Political Map	\$14.80
Australia State Boundaries Map	\$14.80
Europe Political Map	\$14.80
North America Political Map	\$14.80
South America Political Map	\$14.80

Elementary II, Foxworthy Campus

Stethoscope (we need 3)	\$12.49 each
Indoor/outdoor thermometer	\$19.99
Map skills - US	\$10.99
Map skills - world	\$10.99
Heat conductor	\$14.99
Digital scale for science experiments	\$100.00
Delta science module - You and Your Body	\$379.99

