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JANUARY 2010 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN JANUARY 2010:

Monday, January 4, 2010: Welcome back to school.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010: Parent Information Meeting in San Jose: Introduction to Elementary.

Thursday, January 14, 2010: Parent Information Meeting in Santa Clara: Introduction to Elementary.

Monday, January 18, 2010: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. No School. No Daycare.

Wednesday, January 27, 2010: Abada Capoeira Performance.

Thursday, January 28, 2010: South America Immersion Day.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL:

Monday, January 4, 2010

Happy
New Year!

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING: INTRODUCTION TO ELEMENTARY



It is hard to believe that it is already time to consider enrollment in the elementary program for next year. This is an important decision, so we urge you to do everything possible to learn about what we have to offer before making your final choice. Jeanette Montoto and Lola Ross will each present an introduction to the Elementary program to the parents of graduating primary students at their respective campuses. The meeting will be held in **San Jose on Tuesday, January 12th at 3:30 pm** and in **Santa Clara on Thursday, January 14th at 3:30 pm**. For those interested, there will be a sign-up sheet on the classroom door (Santa Clara) and in the lobby (San Jose). Childcare will be available upon request. Cost is \$15.00 per hour/per child.

We strongly encourage all parents of graduating children to attend!!!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY



There will be no school or daycare on **Monday, January 18th**, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

ABADA CAPOEIRA



In support of our study of South America, on **Wednesday, January 27th** we will enjoy a Capoeira performance at the San Jose campus. Children from the Santa Clara campus will travel to and from the San Jose campus on buses and will return by lunchtime.

CAPOEIRA (pronounced ka-poo-eyh-da) is an Afro-Brazilian martial art self-defense form that incorporates acrobatics, dance, percussion, and songs in a rhythmic dialogue of body, mind, and spirit. It is a communal game in which two opponents play each other inside a circle, formed by the other players who create rhythm for the game by clapping, singing and playing

traditional instruments. The two opponents compete with each other using Capoeira movements, camouflaging the self defense kicks and moves with playful acrobatics and dance-like moves spontaneously creating strategy to fool their opponent and catch them off guard.

SOUTH AMERICA IMMERSION DAY



South America Immersion Day will be observed on **Thursday, January 28th**. We need parents who can talk a few minutes about a country in South America and/or can provide pictures or artifacts to help us with this observance. Please talk to your child's teacher if you can participate.

REMINDER TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS



We would like to remind you that we are always looking for artifacts from all



over the world to add to our cultural shelves. If you are planning to travel internationally, please check with your child's teacher if we need something from the country you will be visiting.



CHILDREN ARRIVING LATE



School starts at 9:00 am. Please be sure that your children arrive on time to school. Not only is it disruptive to the class when children arrive late, it is unsettling to the child arriving late when s/he joins a class already in the "rhythm" of the day. Please remember that all children are welcome to arrive by 8:30 am, so that they have some time on the playground before the school day begins.

For Santa Clara students, if you do happen to arrive late, please say good-bye outside the

classroom, open the door discretely and let your child in **without going in yourself**. If this happens too frequently, we will ask you to drop your child off in the office.

For San Jose students, if you do happen to arrive late, please drop your child off with Elizabeth, the Receptionist. She will escort your child to class.

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.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to all the parents who helped with the set up and clean up before and after the holiday performance. Also, thanks to all the families who purchased poinsettias and cookie mixes to support the fundraising efforts of our Junior High class.

SANTA CLARA

A special thank you goes to Fransien van den Berg for the decoration and for leading the clean-up crew for our holiday performance. Thank you to Beth Leonard for volunteering to tape the performance and for the time spent in duplicating the DVDs. Thank you to Michelle Cudzinovic for making the soldiers' hats; they were great! Thanks to Peter Satana for getting the Christmans trees and to the families who washed the tablecloths and runners after the holiday performance.

SAN JOSE

Thank you to all the parents who drove the children to the nursery to select our Christmas trees. Thanks to all the parents who helped with the clean-up after the holiday performance and to Seeling Cheung for

washing the tablecloths. A huge thank you goes to Johan Casier for driving Sister Christina to Milpitas. Thank you to Megna Nayar's family and to Ananya Ganesh's family for making the generous donations in honor of their birthdays. Thanks to the Cooper and Toledo families who will take care of our precious animals during the winter break.

FEBRUARY PREVIEW

February 1, 2010:

First day of the 2010-2011 closed enrollment.

February 15 and 16, 2010:

President's Days. No school. No daycare.

February 17, 2010: Chinese New Year

Celebration.

February 22, 2010:

The Akatambo Ensemble will perform for us.

February 23, 2010:

Parent Information Meeting: Cultural Subjects

February 25, 2010:

Asia Immersion Day.

February 26, 2010:

Last day of the 2010-2011 closed enrollment.