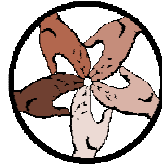


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## FEBRUARY 2010 INFANT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN FEBRUARY 2010

**February 1, 2010:** First day of 2010-2011 closed enrollment.

**February 15 and 16, 2010:** Presidents' Days. No school. No daycare.

**February 17, 2010:** Chinese New Year Celebration  
Dragon Dance

**February 22, 2010:** Akatombo Ensemble (Music from Japan)

**February 26, 2010:** Last day of 2010-2011 closed enrollment.

### 2010-2011 CLOSED ENROLLMENT



Closed enrollment begins on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

This allows you to re-enroll your child(ren) and any siblings prior to our accepting new students from our waiting list. You will find your re-enrollment packet for the 2010-2011 school year in your hanging folder/cubby.

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

- Please read the accompanying Parent Handbook 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 by the custodial parent** in the case of sole custody, by **February 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 26<sup>th</sup>, or your deposit will be forfeited.**
- Verbal notice cannot be accepted.
- The last month's deposit cannot be applied to summer school.

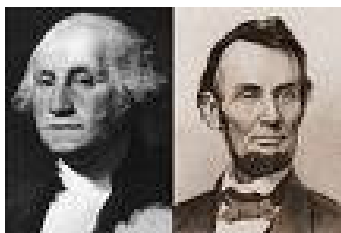
Before discussing changing schools with your child, please talk about the transition with your child's teacher so that we can help make the change as positive as possible for all of the children. We urge you to wait to tell your children about their new school until the end of the school year. This minimizes the level of stress and anxiety present in your child's learning environment. Please remember that the withdrawal of an older sibling prior to the completion of the Kindergarten year precludes the possibility of the re-enrollment of any younger siblings.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Liz can be reached at her home office (408) 259-6997. Our Tax I.D. number is 94-2930042.

## **PRESIDENTS DAYS: February 15 and 16, 2010**



We will honor Presidents Washington and Lincoln on Monday and Tuesday, **February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. There will be

no school and no daycare on those days.

## **AKATOMBO ENSEMBLE**



On **Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Infant Community will enjoy a performance of the Akatombo Ensemble. They will perform a

traditional rhythm, melody and dance of Japan. The program demonstrates a wide spectrum of dance and music styles, from the classical *kabuki* feel of Japan's old capitol Kyoto, to the lively folk dances of northern Japan.

## **HELPING HAITI**

The recent earthquake in Haiti inspired our school community to raise funds and reach out to help the survivors. Thanks to the efforts of our staff, parents, and children, who brought in coins to donate, we were able to send \$263.00 to Doctors Without Borders to help support their efforts on the ground in Haiti.

We have been in contact with a Montessori school and teacher training center (just like OWM) in Haiti, and we are committed to helping them rebuild their community. We will continue to accept donations in order to support their rebuilding efforts.

## **THE HEIFER PROGRAM**



One World's annual Heifer International fundraising campaign

raised \$1087.00 this year. This enabled us to donate a Milk Menagerie to a family in a developing country.

The gift of a Milk Menagerie represents a quality-breed heifer, two goats and a water buffalo - four milk-producing animals for hardworking families hoping to provide a better life for their children.

With training for recipient families, each animal in the Menagerie will produce gallon after gallon of wonderful, life-sustaining milk. And as the families pass on the gift of offspring to neighbors in need, over time a Milk Menagerie will end hunger and despair one child, one family and one village at a time.

Thank you to all the families who participated for your generosity.

## **MATCHING DONATIONS**



We would like to call your attention to an opportunity to make your donations go farther. There are many companies that have matching donation programs. Please check

with your employer to see if your company offers a similar program.

## **FEVER/FLU**



We would like to remind you the Infant Community Parent Handbook states in: *Paragraph 11, page 8 – Absence – Illness – Injury:* "... Children who arrive at school ill **CANNOT** be

accepted into the classrooms. Illness includes, but is not limited to, rashes, fever, vomiting, listlessness, diarrhea and severe discomfort. A child **HAS NOT** recovered from an illness until s/he is symptom free for **at least 24 hours.**

## CHARTER FOR COMPASSION

Please consider adding your name to the Charter for Compassion. From their website:

*The Charter for Compassion is a cooperative effort to restore compassionate thinking to the center of our lives. Not simply a statement of principle, the Charter is above all a summons to creative, practical and sustained action to meet the political, moral, religious, social and cultural problems of our time.*

For more information on the project, and to view the Charter for Compassion, please visit <http://charterforcompassion.org/>.

## TUITION CHECKS

We would like to remind you to please write your child's name on your tuition checks, as we have some families with the same last name, as well as children and parents who have different last names. If you are paying your tuition through an online billing system, please indicate your child's name in the account number field. We appreciate your cooperation.

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to all the families who made donations to our Second Harvest food drive. Our school donated a total of 528 pounds of food for needy families.

## MARCH PREVIEW

### March 1, 2010

First day of 2010-2011 open enrollment and 2010 summer school enrollment.

### March 9, 2010

Bruce Cotter, the bagpipe player.

### March 19, 2010

Minimum Day. School ends at 12:00 pm.

March 26, 2010: Niosha, the Persian dancer will perform at both campuses.