

Elementary Newsletter

Monday, February 4, 2009

2009-2010 Tuition

These are difficult financial times for almost everyone, so we have been crunching our numbers in a myriad of ways to see if there is any possibility that we can continue to run the school without raising tuition for the 2009-2010 school year. At current tuition rates and projected enrollment (and even without raises for faculty and staff), we would not be able to break even for the 2009-2010 school year. This is not a viable situation, so we are developing creative ways to increase our revenue through other sources.

Nonetheless, we *are* keeping our tuition constant from this year to the 2009-2010 school year. Since we must generate more income, we have decided to raise our mandatory donation from \$200 to \$400 per family (cash donations are 100% tax-deductible) and will attempt to significantly increase enrollment. To help ensure this, we are creating an incentive program that will also help you, as well. Any family who refers a child to OWM who enrolls for the school year will receive a credit equivalent to one month's tuition.

In addition, we are willing to work with you to develop other solutions to keep the school afloat and ease your financial burden through grant writing, soliciting outside donations, donating materials that the school would otherwise need to purchase, etc. We are open to any other

suggestions you might make to help us lower costs and increase revenues.

We have been in operation since 1979 and have successfully weathered several recessions, so we are sure if we all work together, we will be able to continue to operate and provide the level of services we all can be proud of.

Please see your enrollment packet, which will be available on Monday, for full details.

2009-2010 Closed Enrollment

We would like to remind you that Closed Enrollment begins on **Monday, February 2nd**. 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 2009-2010 school year will be in your cubby/hanging folder by Monday, February 2nd.

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 the custodial parent** in the case of sole custody, by **Feb. 27th**. 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 2009-2010 school year.

If you do not wish to re-enroll:

- **Please submit a written notice of withdrawal by Feb 27th, or your deposit will be forfeited.**
- Verbal notice cannot be accepted.
- Last month's deposit cannot be applied to summer school.

EI and EII Field Trip

Really Rosie

Tuesday, February 10th

The EI and EII classes will be attending the California Theatre Center's production of *Really Rosie* at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theater location.

"Written by Maurice Sendak, the author and illustrator of *Where the Wild Things Are* and including music by the legendary Carole King, this lively musical follows a typical summer day in the life of several neighborhood friends. Self-proclaimed leader Rosie, the sassiest kid on her block, entertains everyone by directing and starring in an "Oscar-winning movie" based on the exciting, dramatic, funny (and slightly exaggerated) story of her life." (CTC)

We will need parent drivers for this trip.

EII Field Trip

Four Score and Seven Years Ago

Friday, February 13th

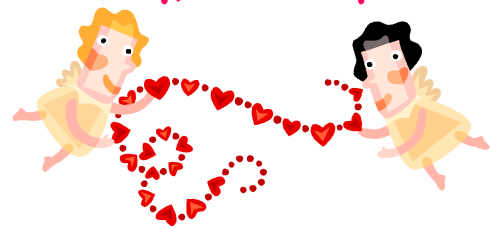
The EII class will be attending the California Theatre Center's production of *Four Score and Seven Years Ago* at the Montalvo Arts Center.

"The setting of this one-act civil war musical is Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The play's action occurs before, during, and after the famous battle. *Fourscore and Seven Years Ago* features five characters created to tell the story and to represent historically significant groups of people involved in the U.S. Civil War." (ArtsPower)

We will need parent drivers for this trip.

Valentine's Day Party

Friday, February 13th

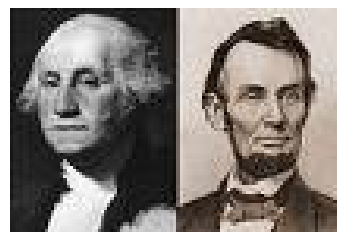


On Friday, **February 13th**, we will have a party at each site to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Attached you will find a list of children's names for Valentine's cards. A list of items needed will be posted in the sign-in/out area for the following families who volunteered:

San Jose: Ackley, Arndt, Burdsall, Casier, Cheema, Nagwani, Pochet

Santa Clara: we still need parents to help. Please sign-up for items you wish to donate.



Presidents' Days

We will honor Presidents Washington and Lincoln on

Monday and Tuesday, **February 16th and 17th**. There will be no school and no daycare on those days.

Staffing

February 24th – February 27th

Jeanette will be attending a Montessori educators seminar from Tuesday, February 24th – Friday, February 27th. During her absence, Lola Ross will be her substitute teacher. Lola is a fully-trained elementary Montessori teacher who is currently working in our Junior High classroom. She also worked as the Elementary II teacher at One World from 2006-2008.



After School Crafts

Every Thursday, beginning in February, there will be an after school craft time with Laura from 3:00 – 4:30. We will work on learning sewing, knitting, crocheting and embroidering. Students are welcome to stay for the entire time or only some of the time. There will be a \$30 fee for classes held February – June to cover the cost of materials and sewing machine maintenance. Feel free to speak with Laura if you have any questions.

Slim Goodbody

Wednesday, February 25th

The elementary classes will be enjoying a performance of Slim Goodbody at 11:00 am at the Cabrillo site. The program teaches the fundamentals of anatomy, nutrition, fitness and personal hygiene through song, dance, movement and audience participation. It is

designed to promote self-respect and motivate children to be the best they can be.

We will spend the morning work period before the performance at the Santa Clara campus. If it is possible for San Jose students to be dropped off directly at the Santa Clara campus that morning, we would greatly appreciate it. If you cannot bring your child to the Santa Clara campus, please let the teachers know by Thursday, February 19th, and we will arrange transportation. Also, if there are any parents who can help drive students back to San Jose at 1:00, please let us know.

Tax Time is Coming

If you will need a recap statement for 2008 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. Our Tax I.D. number is 94-2930042.



From San Jose:

- Thank you to the Casier and Taylor families for Monday snacks, and to the Taylor family for doing the pet store shopping for EI.
- Thank you to the Pochet family for their donation towards our holiday wish list.
- Thanks to Jill Soong for helping organize the Chinese New Year celebration.

From Santa Clara:

- Thank you to the Van den Berg-Fonderie, Ayache-Tran and Leon families for Monday snacks.
- Thanks to the Van den Berg-Fonderie family for their generous donation covering the whole Santa Clara holiday wish list.

Looking Ahead to

March:

March 2nd - First day of the 2009 - 2010 open enrollment and the Summer School enrollment.

March 20th - Minimum day. School will end at 12:00 p.m. There will be no daycare.

March 31st - EI field trip to see *Ramona Quimby*, 11 a.m.

Valentine's Day Party

For our Valentine's Day celebration we will be exchanging Valentine cards.

If your student wishes to distribute Valentine cards, please have him/her make them out for everyone in his or her class, and bring them to school on February 13th.

Below is a list of the students in each class.

Elementary I (San Jose)

Josefine Ackley
Chase Arndt
Jonathan Casier
Kellen Damron
Aymeric Feyfant
Reva Kakaria
Gabriel Keith
Adrien Moll
Sammy MacInnis
Quinten Moshy
Hugo Pochet
Victoria Taylor
Samantha Taylor

Elementary II

Owen Burdsall
Tia Cheema
Sofia Hawes
Jenna Himawan
Kundan Kakaria
Morgan Mehner
Shreya Nagwani
Madhuri Ravuri
Vijay Ravuri
Pia Satana
Sam Shieh

Elementary I (Santa Clara)

Jonathan Ayache
Sydney Fonderie
Campbell Gilbert
Rachel Jones
Thea Léon
Manon Maillart
Kerrigan Mehner
Karen Nakamura

