



Elementary Newsletter

December 2, 2008



Picture Make Up Wednesday, December 3rd

Glow Photography will be at school on Wednesday, December 3rd to take pictures of children who were absent from our first picture day. If your child needs his/her picture taken, please see the office for an order form. Payment must be turned in on picture makeup day.

EII Field Trip to The Tech Thursday, December 4th

Elementary II and Junior High students will be visiting the *Leonardo: 500 Years into the Future* exhibit at The Tech Museum of Innovation.

Students are requested to bring disposable lunches, including a drink and any needed

utensils. **Please do not send any foods which require heating.**

We need one to two drivers for this field trip. Please let Laura know if you can drive in either direction. We will be leaving school at 9:00 to visit the permanent collection of The Tech prior to our entry into the Leonardo exhibit at 10:45. We will have lunch at the museum, then walk across the street to see the OWM Elementary tree at Christmas in the Park (please see description below).

Drivers will need to pick students back up at the Tech at 2:30 p.m. in order to have students back to the San Jose campus by 3:00. Any parents who would like to take their own children directly home from the Tech at 2:30 may do so. Please let Laura know if your child will not need a ride back to school.



Cultural Night

Tuesday, December 9th, 6 – 7 p.m.



Juliette McDonald, our Elementary music teacher, has been working with the students to create the musical entertainment for this occasion. There will also be a display of student art work that will be set up by Lydia Rosso, the Elementary art teacher.

Refreshments will be served.

Students will need to come by 5:30 on December 9th, wearing dark brown, blue, or black pants/skirt, a plain white top (no logos), and closed toe shoes (no lights, wheels, etc.)

Rehearsal

Monday, December 8th

We will be having a rehearsal on the morning of Monday, December 8th 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, December 4th, 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.

A Note from the Music

Director

If you would like your child to have the experience of performing in a larger choir, outside of school, please contact Juliette directly at (408) 255-3656.



Holiday Fundraiser

December 15th-19th

The Elementary II class will be joining the Junior High's annual Holiday Fundraiser in order to raise money to offset science camp costs in the spring.

Students will be selling cookie mixes in decorative jars, as well as holiday poinsettias, the week of December 15th-19th at their respective campuses.

EII students will also be helping to fill the cookie mix jars at the Santa Clara campus on **Monday, December 8th** after rehearsal, and again on the morning of **Thursday, December 11th**. If any of the EII students can be dropped off directly at the Santa Clara campus on Thursday, December 11th, that would help us immensely. Also, if there are any parents who can help drive students back to San Jose at lunchtime on the 11th, please let Laura know.



Hanukkah

Presentation

Tuesday, December 16th

Lola will present the history of Hanukkah to the Santa Clara students, and Jeff Lampert will present to the San Jose students, with games and treats for all.

EI Field Trip to *Madeline's Christmas*

Tuesday, December 16th

Both Elementary I classes will be attending California Theater Center's production of *Madeline's Christmas* at 12:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre. Students will have an early lunch at school before leaving for the field trip.

We will need parent drivers for this field trip. Please let your child's teacher know if you can drive.



Holiday Party and Minimum Day

Friday, December 19th

The EI and EII classes will be having a holiday party the morning of December 19th, from 9 to 12, when school lets out for the day. We will be providing snacks, treats, and lots of fun for the students.

Students will participate in a gift exchange this year, and we will be drawing names this week. **To make it fair for all participants, we ask you to limit the gift purchase amount to a maximum of \$10.**

Please remember that this is a minimum day, and school ends at 12:00 p.m. There is no daycare.

Winter Break December 22nd, 2008, to January 2nd, 2009

Please note that there will be no school and no daycare during these days. School will resume on Monday, January 5th, 2009.



Christmas in the Park

Now through January 1st, 2009

The EI and EII classes are excited to start a new holiday tradition of decorating a tree for Christmas in the Park, located at Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San Jose. Each year, the two-acre park is transformed into a holiday fantasy with over 60 musical and animated exhibits and glittering lights. Guests enter a winter wonderland of lights, songs and entertainment by local schools and groups, and stroll through a forest of trees decorated by San Jose schools, community groups and businesses – one of which was created by our very own elementary students!

Please take your children to visit their tree during this holiday season. The park is conveniently located in the heart of downtown San Jose, near public parking and light rail. For directions, visit www.christmasinthepark.com/about/directions.html.

Our tree (#136) is on the Market side of the plaza about half-way down the row of trees.

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From Santa Clara:

- Thank you to the Mehner, Maillart, Fonderie-van den Berg and Gilbert families for bringing Monday snacks in November.
- Thanks to the Fonderie-van de Berg family for donating books for Sydney's birthday and tangerines for our Thanksgiving feast.
- We also want to thank the Mehner family for cooking one of the turkeys and Francien van den Berg for taking over the kitchen at Thanksgiving and doing most of the cleaning on her own.

From San Jose:

- Thank you to the Ackley, Burdall, Kakaria, Pochet, and Ravuri families for bringing Monday snacks in November.
- Thank you to the Casier family for doing the pet store shopping in November.
- Thanks to Jill Soong and Lisa Himawan for driving on our EII field trip last month.
- Thank you to Jill Soong, Michele Damron, the Kakaria family, Kam Cheema, Lisa Himawan, and the Pochet family for helping with setup, serving, and clean-up for our Thanksgiving celebration. We also thank the Arndt, Ackley, and Damron families for helping cook the food at home.

Looking Ahead to January

Welcome Back to School!

School will resume from the Winter Break on **Monday, January 5th, 2009.**

Martin Luther King Day

We will honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on **Monday, January 19th**. There will be no school and no daycare.

EII Field Trip

EII students will be attending the CTC production of *Dear Mr. Henshaw* at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theater, 11:00 a.m. OWM Junior High student Chloe Woods is performing in this play.

Hero Party

All Elementary students are invited to our annual overnight event, which will be at the San Jose campus on **Friday, January 23rd**. Additional information about the Hero Party will be given in the January newsletter.

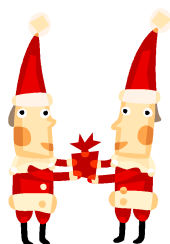
Chinese New Year

Elementary students will join Primary classes to celebrate Chinese New Year at their respective campuses on **Friday, January 30th**. There will be a special lunch option on this day.



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. Instead of parents ordering directly from the merchants, this year 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

The following items are from Waseca Learning (www.wasecalearning.com):

Season Charts	\$65.00
Longitude/Latitude Map	\$125.00

The following items are from Hello Wood Products (www.hellowood.com):

Roman Numerals (includes box and lessons)	\$37.00
Fraction rulers, lesson, box, literature and charts	\$48.00
Metric rulers, lesson, tray, literature	\$45.00
Decimal rulers, lesson, tray, literature	\$28.00

Elementary I, Foxworthy Campus

The following items are from Hello Wood Products (www.hellowood.com):

California State Puzzle (shows state symbols, landmark and bordering states)	\$125.00
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The following items are from Montessori Services (www.montessoriservices.com):

International Landmark Card	\$14.95
Mushroom Growing Kit	\$20.00
Countries of the World Card Game	\$10.95
Elementary World Land and Water Cards	\$75.00
The Article Game	\$12.50

The Conjunction Game	\$14.50
The Barefoot Book of Classic Poems	\$19.95
Pot Maker	\$13.95
Floor and Carpet Sweeper	\$49.95
Square Floor Mat (soft green)	\$22.00
Work Rug – small (we need 2)	\$9.95 each
Work Rug – large (we need 2)	\$13.50 each
Sacred Places of the World	\$32.00
A Dandelion Life (book)	\$6.95
Plant Lessons	\$30.00

Elementary II, Foxworthy Campus

The following books are from amazon.com:

Elbert’s Bad Word by Audrey Wood	\$7.00
Fortunately, Unfortunately by Remy Charlip	\$6.99
Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins	\$6.95
Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne	\$7.99
Classical music CDs	\$2.98 - \$24.99

The following items are from Hello Wood Products (www.hellowood.com):

Slant Writing Table	\$33.00
Guides Letters – Cursive	\$72.00

The following items are from Lakeshore Learning (www.lakeshore.com):

Writing Prompts Journal – set of 10	\$27.50
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The following item is from Scrubs and Beyond (www.scrubsandbeyond.com):

Lab coats for science experiments – adult XS (we need 2)	\$17.99 each
Lab coats for science experiments – child L (we need 2)	\$19.99 each

The following item is from Fischer Scientific (www.fishersci.com):

Set of four cylinders: brass, steel, copper, and aluminum	\$30.00
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The following item is from Montessori for Everyone (www.montessoriforeveryone.com):

Six Kingdoms Chart and Cards	\$25.00
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The following item is from Albanesi Montessori (www.montessoriresources.com):

Blue shaded half-page paper	\$38.00
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