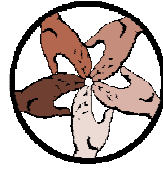


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DECEMBER 2008 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN DECEMBER 2008

Monday, December 8, 2008: Eid will be acknowledged

Tuesday, December 9, 2008: Field trip to the Christmas tree farm. We will be taking buses.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008: Hanukkah will be acknowledged

Saturday, December 13, 2008: Holiday performance

Tuesday, December 16, 2008: The graduates will go to the California Theater Center to enjoy a performance of "Madeline's Christmas"

Friday, December 19, 2008: Last day of school before the winter break. Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm. No school and no daycare.

Monday, December 22, 2008 through Friday, January 2, 2009: Winter break. No school, no daycare.

EID AL-FITR



On Monday, **December 8th**, we will acknowledge Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the Ramadan.

from our field trip. **No heat-ups for lunch, please.**

Remember to wear your OWM t-shirt, otherwise we will rent you one for \$5 which will be billed on your next statement.

HANUKKAH



Hanukkah will be acknowledged on Wednesday, **December 10th**. We will prepare Latkes with apple sauce for all the children to enjoy.

MADELINE'S CHRISTMAS



On Tuesday, **December 16th**, the graduates will go to the California Theater Center in Sunnyvale to enjoy a performance of "Madeline's Christmas." The performance is at 9:30 and we will leave promptly at 8:45. The children will go to a local restaurant afterward to enjoy an early lunch. As this is a special holiday show, your children are welcome to come to school in their special holiday attire.

FIELD TRIP TO CHRISTMAS TREE FARM



On Tuesday, **December 9th**, we will be going by bus to the Black Road Christmas Tree Farm in Los Gatos. We will leave school at 9:30 and return no later than 12:30. Half Day children are welcome to bring a bag lunch to be eaten when we return



HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE



On Saturday, **December 13th**, we will have our annual holiday performance. Each site will perform at its own campus. The show will start at 10:30 am and last about 45 minutes. The children should come dressed in their holiday attire, and arrive by 9:30 am.

Peter Leonard's mom offered to tape the show. She is a professional videographer and will have copies available to purchase for a nominal fee. We will have an order form available soon. Because of this, we ask all other parents to refrain from using video cameras.

HOLIDAY PARTY



On Friday, **December 19th**, the last day of school before the winter break, we will acknowledge Christmas with a special holiday meal. Half Day children are welcome to stay. Parents do not need to send a lunch to school that day. We will need parent volunteers starting at 10:00 am to help with the set-up and clean-up.

This is also a minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm and there will be no daycare.



THE HEIFER PROGRAM



As their contribution to others, the staff will help a struggling family move themselves out of poverty by purchasing animals for them

through the Heifer program. Heifer's mission is to work with communities around the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth.

We would like to invite you to join us in our effort as we prepare to celebrate this season of joy and light, and hope for the world. We hope our gift of sustainable financial independence will be passed on from family to family, community to community, helping to change poverty to prosperity, hatred to love, and war to peace.

A good dairy cow can produce four gallons of milk per day - enough for a family to drink and share with neighbors, and still have enough left over to sell. The protein in milk can transform sick, malnourished children into healthy boys and girls. The sale of surplus milk earns money for school fees, medicine, clothing and home improvements. And because a healthy cow can have a calf every year, your gift of a heifer cow could eventually help an entire community move from poverty to self reliance. And that's a present that's impossible to top!

The Primary staff greatly appreciates your support of this important program, especially in these tough economic times.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



The elementary classes are starting a new holiday tradition of decorating a tree for Christmas in the Park 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 our 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 <http://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.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK



We still have space available in our Second Harvest collection barrels. If you have already contributed,

thank you so much for your generosity. If you have not contributed, there is still time. The barrels will be picked up before school ends on Friday, December 12th.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to Isabella Yang, Ciara Tabangcura, Maya Zhan and Alex Yang and their families for donating bulbs and holiday arrangements for our beautification project.

Thank you to Anna James, Vimala Moorthy, Emmanuelle Maillart and Fransien van de Berg for attending the Parent Information Meeting and sharing their experiences as parents of a kindergardener or elementary student.

Thank you to the Vajragiri family for their donation towards the purchase of a new keyboard for Primary I given in honor of Shubha's birthday.

Diwali: Thank you to Usha Srinivasan for coordinating our wonderful Diwali celebration. Thank to Nupur Mukherjee and Aarathi

Raghu for coordinating the decorations and rangoli, to Jaishree Subramania, Vimala Moorthy, Prachi Mehta, Priya Khemani, Preeti Sarma, Namrita Gupta, Shanta Vajragiri, Sri Vidya Subramanian, Usha Parasuraman, Usha Ravuri, Bhagyashree Kershikar, Madhuri Mernal, Priya and Prakash Khemani for prepping the kids for the introduction, Anuradha Prabashanker for her wonderful Bharatnatyam performance, Medha, Niyanth, Anirudh and their parents for their shlokas, Pooja Chitnis our MC, our fearless dancers - Shama Chaudhary, Preeti Sarma, Priya Khemani and all the parents who lent outfits, offered suggestions and encouragement. Finally, thank you to Sitara Restaurant (corner of Lawrence Expressway and Homestead) for giving us a very good deal for our yummy feast. If you ever go and eat at Sitara, please acknowledge their generosity and mention that your child goes to One World Montessori.

Thanksgiving: Thank you to Silvia Cabal and Bill Mehner for cooking our turkeys. They were absolutely delicious. Thank you to Fransien van den Berg who took over the kitchen and did a superb job with the clean-up and for donating the delicious tangerines and some beautiful flowers to decorate the tables. Thank you to Claudia Quick, Nancy Rice and Katie's grandparents, Christina and Bill Yang, Nupur Thakur, Edna Borg, Yoshiko Mita, Kalavalli Namasivaya, Prasanna Desai, and Namrita Chettiar who stayed after the feast to help with the room clean-up and putting the tables away. Thank you also to Michelle Cudzinovic for donating flowers and to all the parents who took some of our brand new tablecloths home to wash them.

IT WAS A GREAT CELEBRATION.



January Preview:

January 5, 2009: Welcome back to school

January 8, 2009: Field trip to the Santa Clara University Theater to enjoy a performance of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"

January 15, 2009: Parent Information Meeting: Montessori Elementary

January 19, 2009: Martin Luther King's birthday. No school, no daycare.

January 22, 2009: South America Immersion Day. ABADA Capoeira performance.

January 30, 2009: Chinese New Year Celebration. Dragon Dance performance.