



Elementary Newsletter

November 3, 2008

Second Harvest Food Drive

We will be once again participating in the Food Drive sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank. We will collect food from **November 13th to**

December 12th. All kinds of non-perishable foods are welcome (powered milk, peanut butter, canned meat, tuna, cereals, soups, meals in a can (stew or chili), canned fruits in natural juices, 100% fruit juices, canned foods with pop-top lids).



Second Harvest now offers a Virtual Food Drive for those who cannot go shopping or carry heavy things. To donate through the Virtual Food Drive, go to:

<https://fooddrive.shfoodbank.com/default.aspx>

Please help us to involve the children in helping those less fortunate during this holiday season.

Elementary II Field Trip

Tuesday, November 4

The Elementary II students will be attending a performance of *Ransom of Red Chief* at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre. The performance is at 11:00 a.m. Students will return to school for lunch.

Drivers are needed for this field trip! If you can help drive students, please let us know on the permission slip which will accompany this newsletter in your parent file.

Veterans Day

The school will honor Veterans Day on **Monday, November 10th**. There will be no school and no daycare.

EI & EII Conferences

The Elementary classes will have Parent/Teacher conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11th and 12th. There will be no school on those days. There will be daycare for Full Day students only.

If you also have children in Infant Community, Primary, or Junior High, please check those classrooms' calendars, as their schedules may differ from Elementary's during conference days.

Bookkeeper Hours

Our Bookkeeper, Liz Jamero, now works full-time from her home office at 408-259-6697. However, she is always available at the San Jose or Santa Clara campus by appointment.

Please call her if you need to speak with her about your bill.



Diwali Celebration

Friday, November 14

Elementary students will be joining the Primary classes for Diwali celebrations at their respective campuses. Part of our celebration involves a holiday meal. If your child would like to participate in the special meal, please bring \$6 by **November 10th**. Otherwise, your child may bring a lunch on that day. We will enjoy a performance of Chitresh Das dancers and other special activities as part of our celebration.



Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 26

The Elementary classes will have a traditional Thanksgiving lunch, which the students will help prepare. We are collecting money to cover the cost of the meal; please bring it by **November 21st** so that we can do the shopping during the weekend. For families with more than one person eating the meal, please bring \$8. Families with one child eating should bring \$5. **This will be a minimum day, and school will end at 12:00 p.m.**

If you volunteered to donate items and assist us for the event, please look for a sign-up sheet at the sign-in/out area after November 3rd.

Please note that school will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th**.



Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

Our major fundraising event this year is the wine & cheese tasting evening, "A Taste of California 2009." Please mark your calendars now for **Friday, March 20th, 2009, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

This event is a chance for parents, family and friends to enjoy a pleasant evening together while tasting wine and cheese from California, sampling many other delicious foods, and participating in live and silent auctions. We will be contacting you for help based on the information you provided in your parent volunteer sheet.



Thank You!

U.N. Day:

A big thank you to Birgitta Ackley, Kristi Burdsall, Michele Damron, the Himawan family, Christilla Léon, Floria Mena-Keith, Meera Ravuri, Lola Ross, and Roger Shaul, as well as Junior High students Shanti Nagwani, Jaya Ravuri, and Chloe Woods for their volunteer work making U.N. Day a wonderful event! We would also like to thank Fransien van den Berg for donating flowers, Lydia Rosso for donating Native American Indian artifacts, and the Casier, Cheema, Gilbert, Himawan, and Pochet families for their cash donations, which helped us to bring the students the world!

Halloween:

A huge thank you also goes to Therese Ayache, Helen Casier, Kam Cheema, Lisa Himawan, Christilla Léon, and Emma Maillart for assisting with our Halloween celebration. The Arndt, Burdsall, Fonderie, Gilbert, Himawan, Maillart, Mehner, Moll, Moshy, Ravuri, Taylor, and Yang families donated food, party items, or cash for our Halloween celebration, for which we are extremely grateful. We would also like to thank Wendy Mehner for hiring Tammy Wanzer to do face painting for the event.

We would like to say a special thank you to the staff for staying until 8pm the day before Halloween to decorate the hallway (and for cleaning it up in record time)!

From Santa Clara

Thank you to the Ayache, Léon, and Mehner families for providing Monday snack, and to the Satana family for contributing such a large number of Box Tops!

From San Jose

Thank you to the Burdsall, Ravuri, Cheema and Hawes families for providing Monday snack, and to the Mehner family for donating Fimo clay.

Looking Ahead to December



Cultural Night Date Change

The date of our Cultural Night **has been changed to Tuesday, December 9th**. It will be held at the Santa Clara campus.

El Field Trip

EI students will see *Madeline's Christmas* at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theater from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 16th**. Drivers will be needed.

Holiday Party

Minimum Day & Holiday Party on **Friday, December 19th**. School will end at 12:00 p.m. There will be no daycare.

Winter Break

From **December 22nd, 2008 to January 2nd, 2009** there will be no school and no daycare. School will resume on **January 5th, 2009**.