



Elementary Newsletter

January 5, 2009



January 7, 2009
Happy Birthday, Selena!!!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 19th

We will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. There will be no school and no daycare on this day.

January Field Trip

Dear Mr. Henshaw

Tuesday, January 20th:

The EII class will be attending the California Theatre Center's production of *Dear Mr. Henshaw* at the Sunnyvale Community Center

Theater location. OWM Junior High student Chloe Woods is performing in this play.

"Become acquainted with Leigh Botts in this story by Beverly Cleary, the 1984 winner of the prestigious Newbery Medal for outstanding children's literature. Author Mr. Henshaw encourages Leigh, his number one fan, to write a journal to help the boy come to terms with the challenges of growing up, with his parents' recent divorce and with being the new kid in school." (CTC)

We will need parent drivers for this trip.



Hero Party

Friday, January 23rd

This year's annual Hero Party will be held at the Foxworthy site on Friday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The children who plan to participate must decide on a person whom they admire, respect and feel has made a positive

contribution to society. This person must be a real person from the past or the present. Make-believe characters such as fictional characters and TV characters are NOT ALLOWED! The children are asked to dress as the person whom they are representing. Please keep in mind that the costume may be kept simple.

Each child will need to write a short description card of their hero or heroine on an index card which they will read at the party. The description card should give important details about this person without naming the person. We will be playing a Who Am I? game with the cards.

During the evening, all the students will be participating in a Treasure Hunt and a video before bedtime at 10:00 p.m. All students will be sleeping in their classrooms. A phone is available in case the parents need to contact us for any reason. The staff will be with the children at all times!

We do ask that the parents pick up their children promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24th. If you prefer that your child attends the party only and not the sleep-over, arrangements can be made. The cost is \$15 per child. This includes a complete dinner with dessert, and donuts and milk or juice on Saturday morning.



Chinese New Year

Friday, January 30th

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year with the Primary classes on Friday, January 30th at both sites. We will have special activities, a dragon dance performance, and a luncheon.

You do not need to send a lunch with your child on this day. We are asking for a contribution of \$5 per child to cover the cost of the meal.



Volunteer Needed

Friday, January 2nd

Our teachers will be out of town during the vacation, so we need a volunteer to remove the ornaments from our tree at Christmas in the Park. Our tree (#136) is on the Market side of the plaza about half-way down the row of trees. The ornaments must be collected by noon on Friday, January 2. Any ornaments left on the tree after noon on Friday will not be saved. Please help us keep the decorations that the children worked so hard to create!

Monday Snack

We are posting Monday snack sign up sheets for the new year at the sign-in/out area. If you are able to bring snacks for the classroom, please put your name next to the date listed. Thank you so much!

Annual Fundraiser

Postponed

Out of concern for everyone's economic state in these difficult times, we have decided to postpone our annual "Taste of California" fundraiser to the fall of 2009 to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the school's opening. Although the event itself is always a lively,

fun-filled evening with tens of thousands of dollars raised for the school and its programs, we do not wish any of you, our extremely supportive parents, to feel pressured to contribute additional monies beyond your contractual obligations during these uncertain times. We hope the economy will experience enough recovery by next fall to ensure another great event, and we look forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary with you then! Thank you for your understanding.

Classroom Wish Lists

It's not too late to make a donation toward Wish List items! The list has been posted next to the sign-in/out area, so that families can write their names next to the item(s) they would like to donate.

A great big thank you to the Arndt, Damron, Himawan, Kakaria and Moll families who have already donated items on the Foxworthy wish list!

If you haven't already done so, please turn in your donation amount to the office.

2009-2010 Closed Enrollment

Closed enrollment begins **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 Parent Handbook that will be included in your enrollment

packet 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.

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.

Matching Donations



We would like to call your attention to some great opportunities.

There are several companies (Mentor Graphics Foundation, Cadence, Juniper

Networks, etc.) which have matching donation programs. Please check with your employer to see if your company offers a similar program.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Please remember the ongoing fundraisers that we have. If you would like any information on any of these, please contact the office.

- It is a requirement that all families sign up as supporters at escrip.com. Our membership number is 137612721.
- We have a link on our website to order from Amazon.com.
- We collect used ink cartridges and cell phones to recycle.
- Box Tops for Education.

Looking Ahead to February

February 2nd, 2009 - First day of the 2009-2010 closed enrollment

February 10th - EI & EII will attend a performance of "Really Rosie" at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 11:00 a.m.

February 13th - EII will attend a performance of "Four Score and Seven Years Ago" at the Montalvo Arts Center, 9:30 a.m.

Valentine's Day Celebration

February 16th & 17th - Presidents' Days - school closed, no daycare

February 25th - EI and EII will attend a performance of "Slim Goodbody - The Musical Health Show" at the Cabrillo campus, 11:00 a.m.

February 27th, 2008 - Last day of the 2009-2010 closed enrollment



From Santa Clara:

- Thank you to Christilla Leon for driving the EI children to the *Madeline's Christmas* performance.
- Thanks to the Leon family for providing Monday snack.

From San Jose:

- Thank you to Jeff Lampert for our Hanukkah presentation.
- Thanks to the Ackley and Moll families for bringing Monday snack.
- Thank you to Julia Arndt and Floria Mena-Keith for driving children to the Cultural Night dress rehearsal.
- Thank you to Kristi Burdsall, Lisa Himawan, Lucille Satana and Meeta Saggi for driving the EII children to The Tech Museum field trip.
- Thank you to Julia Arndt for driving the EI children to the *Madeline's Christmas* performance.





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):

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

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

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| 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):

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| California State Puzzle | \$125.00 |
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(shows state symbols, landmark and bordering states)

The following items are from Montessori Services (www.montessoriservices.com):

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| International Landmark Card | \$14.95 |
| Mushroom Growing Kit | \$20.00 <i>donated by the Kakaria family</i> |
| Countries of the World Card Game | \$10.95 <i>donated by the Moll family</i> |
| Elementary World Land and Water Cards | \$75.00 |
| The Article Game | \$12.50 <i>donated by the Arndt family</i> |

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| The Conjunction Game | \$14.50 <i>donated by the Arndt family</i> |
| The Barefoot Book of Classic Poems | \$19.95 <i>donated by the Moll family</i> |
| 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 <i>donated by the Damron family</i> |
| Plant Lessons | \$30.00 |

Elementary II, Foxworthy Campus

The following are from amazon.com:

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| 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 <i>donated by the Himawan family</i> |

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

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| Slant Writing Table | \$33.00 <i>donated by the Kakaria family</i> |
| Guides Letters – Cursive | \$72.00 |

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

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

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| 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):

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| 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):

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

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| Blue shaded half-page paper | \$38.00 |
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