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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/17 (Fri.) Holiday Programs and Class Parties, Gift Exchange
- ◆ 12/23,24,30 and 31 Winter Break, School Closed
- ◆ 1/1/11 (Sat.) HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy Holidays!



The management and staff of our school would like to wish all our families and friends a warm and happy holiday season!

This is the season to be jolly...we're nearing the end of another great year and looking forward to another productive year!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The school will be closed on the following days for a brief winter break and for families to be together and to share the joy of the season: December 23, 24, 30 and 31, 2010. Please make a note of it.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM. Our big event this month is our HOLIDAY PROGRAM, (Primary, Elementary and Middle School) is re-scheduled for Friday - December 17 and starts at 9:00 am. This year we are having a simple holiday program, "HOLIDAY CAROLING" in your child's classroom. Following the program we are having a "Holiday

Fundraiser" to benefit a children's organization. The goal of this fundraiser is to raise some funds to give to the less fortunate in our community. Program Details and the organization beneficiary will be given in a letter to parents before Dec. 17. "Holiday Breakfast," for a minimum donation will be prepared and served by our Primary children. Fun and games and some entertainment, also for a minimum donation will be provided by the Elementary and Middle School children. We hope you could support this project and help celebrate the joy of the season with the less fortunate.



Winter Safety Tips for Children

Staying Healthy. The long days of winter often keep children indoors, which can lead to hours of inactivity. To stay healthy during the winter, consider these safety tips:

1. Eat a healthy, balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables.
2. Teach children proper hand-washing techniques to kill germs and bacteria or use hand sanitizer if necessary.
3. Keep children home from school and other public places if they are sick.
4. Ask a pediatrician about the necessity for flu vaccines for children.

Playing Outside.

1. Dress in multiple layers to play outside, including extra layers for legs, feet and hands.
2. Always wear hats and gloves when playing outdoors in cold weather; the biggest proportions of body heat are lost through the head and hands.
3. Limit the amount of time spent playing outdoors to safe intervals, and bring children inside periodically to warm up.

Source:
http://safety.lovetoknow.com/Winter_Safety_Tips_for_Children



Happy Holidays!

*"The children around
us are the adults of the
future who will
ultimately decide the
fate of our planet."
- Maria Montessori*

INFANT AND TODDLER News

Season's Greetings!

We are expecting you to join us in our little Holiday Program - 9:30 a.m. in the Infant Room on Friday - December 17. Following our short but sweet program will be a pot luck party and gift exchange for our young infants and toddlers. We appreciate your presence and pot luck contribution on this day. We'd also like to invite our parents to participate in the "Holiday fundraiser," to help the needy and unfortunate in

our community, organized by the Primary and Elementary Children.

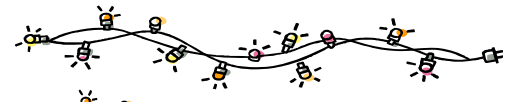
This month, we will learn about the winter season, hot and cold and the changes in weather. We will learn about how to keep warm on chilly and cold days, and learn new words about things to wear in winter.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

PRIMARY News

Happy Holidays from our classrooms to your homes! We would like to thank you for so many things this past month...your presence and time to meet with us in our recent Parent-Teacher Conference, your food contributions and help in our recent Thanksgiving celebration and your anticipated help in our Holiday Program and Fundraiser and simply being our parents this school year! Now that the year is about to end we are

hoping that we continue the relationship we have built since the beginning of the school year. After the Holiday program this month, we will be preparing for our Art Exhibit in January. We will also continue with our classrooms lessons and work for the remainder of the month.



LOWER ELEMENTARY News

This month, we'll be busy preparing for our Holiday Program and Fundraiser scheduled for December 17 and will be preparing for our Art Exhibit scheduled for next month.

Thank you for our parents who met with us last month - for the first Parent-Teacher Conference. Having established some groundwork for your child, we will strive and do our best to have them reach their potential/s.

Thank you for your support and follow-up and we hope to usher the same work we started in the coming New Year.

From our classrooms to your homes, we wish you a happy holiday season and the merriest new year!



UPPER ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL News

November was truly a productive month and even more so this month. Though it is becoming a very festive atmosphere, it is good that the children get a balance between serious academics and fun and happy things to do. This month, they are pretty excited in their forthcoming holiday program and fundraiser. They are picking their songs and dances and putting them together themselves - through the guidance of their teachers, Ms. Rowena and Mr.

Raymond. They are also busy preparing the fun and games for the holiday fundraiser - we are counting on your support to benefit the needy.

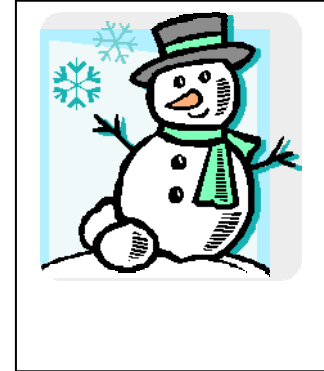
Thank you to Mrs. Stapp for her generous support to our Halloween Carnival and to the other parents for their donations. Thank you too to Sahil for his donation of school supplies.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Holiday Festivities

HOLIDAY CLASS PARTIES AND GIFT EXCHANGE. The Holiday Class parties and gift exchange are scheduled for Friday - December 17. It will be a lunch pot luck for the classrooms and the children will be having their gift exchange. Please refer to your child's Pot Luck sign - ups for details.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM. This year, we are holding a very simple program, "HOLIDAY CAROLS," for you in your child's classroom. In lieu of a "grand" program, we would like to invite you to a simple breakfast after the holiday carols AND / OR fun and games. For a minimal fee - we can enjoy the season at the same time, the proceeds will benefit the less fortunate in our community.



GLADSTONE PROPERTY UPDATE / Thanksgiving Celebration

GLADSTONE PROPERTY UPDATE. We are happy to let you know that the foundation has been laid and the building construction has started. The construction company projects completion of the building by late Spring 2011. In the mean time, we continue our regular classes at our current location and will continue to do so until we are ready to pack up and move.

Thanksgiving Celebration. Just last week, we had a happy Thanksgiving celebration at our school. We would like to thank all our parents who joined our little festivity and who contributed the very tasty dishes in our pot luck. We are also grateful for your presence and the help in preparation. Thank you so much!

Recycle , Parent-Teacher Conference , Winter Jackets/Sweaters

Recycling. We have started to collect water bottles and introduced the concept of recycling to our lower elementary children. Thus far, we have filled 3 large garbage bags of bottles we collect from the classroom as well as our playground. We are trying to do our share in saving our planet.

Parent- Teacher Conference. We also concluded our first conference and we truly appreciate the time you have given to meet and discuss your child's progress. The children upon knowing of this conference seem to strive and continue to do their best in school. Knowing that there is a bond between home and school, helps the child do his/her best in class. Thank you for your support.

Winter Jackets and Sweaters. It is the

winter season and the weather has been anything but chilly and cold lately and will continue to be so in the next couple of months. We would like to ask your help in reminding your child to keep their jackets on when it is cold and to make sure to pick it/them up when they remove it and when they go home at the end of the day. Properly labeled jackets go home to their rightful owner when they are taken home by mistake. We thank you in enforcing this task.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DECEMBER SCHEDULE. There will be no extra curricular activities the last two weeks of the month. The classes concerned are Music and Kids, Webby Dance, Taekwondo and Art Classes. Regular Sessions resume in January.



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Office Reminders

Here are some important school policies and guidelines. Please make a note of it.

HEALTH CHECK. It is the flu season and we have some new health issues we have to safeguard ourselves from. Influenza A may lead to the H1N1 or "swine flu." The symptoms are very similar to the flu, so we want to make sure we are aware of the symptoms and not take it lightly. Always check with your child's pediatrician or doctor when

in doubt. To safeguard ourselves, it is recommended that we wash hands frequently for around 20 seconds. We also need to practice the "cough etiquette" - coughing on your sleeve or cover your mouth. It is also recommended that you carry an alcohol based hand sanitizer in case water is not available. (Courtesy of Dept. of Public Health.)



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Extra Curricular Activities

There will be no Classes scheduled after December 17. Regular sessions for these classes resume in January, 2011.

Art Class. Every Tuesday and Thursday/ 8 sessions per month. Cost is \$50 and includes materials.

Taekwondo. Every Tues. and Thurs. /8 sessions per month. Cost is \$80 a month.

Charter Oak Gymnastics. Every Monday from 12:30 -1 pm . Cost is \$42 for 6 sessions.

Music and Kids. Cost is \$44 for four Mondays a month, 30 minutes each class after 3 pm

Webby Dance. There will be 4 sessions per month on Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4pm. Cost is \$40. One time registration fee of \$20 and includes class T-shirt.

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