

# Arrow Montessori School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/1 /2012 Happy New Year!
- ◆ 1/4 (Wed.) Art Projects Due
- ◆ 1/9- 13 ART EXHIBIT
- ◆ 1/16 (Mon.) Martin Luther King Holiday
- ◆ 1/25 (Wed.) Grade 1 to 8 Progress Report Cards
- ◆ 1/27 (Fri.) Book Fair Delivery and Set-Up



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## Happy New Year!

We welcome the year with eagerness and joy! This month we have quite a number of events lined up for the month.

**ART EXHIBIT.** The Art Exhibit is scheduled for the week of January 9 to 13. The children have done some arts and craft work since the beginning of the school year and would like to share them with you. Please stop by the classrooms to see the display.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** We also celebrate one of the nation's civil rights' leader - Martin Luther King Jr. . School will be closed on Monday - Jan. 16 in observance of the holiday. Each classroom will discuss about his teachings of non-violence and equality.

**ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT CARDS.** We will issue the first of two progress reports for the First through Eighth Graders on Wednesday - Jan. 25. The grades are the reflection of the work they have

## Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.** (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist and prominent leader in the African-American civil rights movement. His main legacy was to secure progress on civil rights in the United States, and he has become a human rights icon.

In 1964, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other non-violent means. By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and opposing the Vietnam War.



put in since the beginning of the school year. We hope that they continue the foundation and keep up the good work they have started.

**BOOK FAIR.** And lastly, just before the month ends, we have the delivery of the books from scholastic for our annual book fair. We do encourage reading for all our children - because we believe that reading is power! Do stop by the book fair during the week of Jan 30 to Feb. 3 . This year's book fair theme is a "Luau." See you there!

With the fun things this month - we surely will start the year with a bang!



He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and Congressional Gold Medal in 2004. The Holiday was established as a US holiday in 1986.



Source:  
[En.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_Luther\\_King\\_Jr.\\_and\\_Civil\\_Disobedience](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King_Jr._and_Civil_Disobedience)



Happy New Year!

*“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

Happy New Year to our children and parents!

After our brief holiday break, we are once again energized to begin our new year and continue where we left off a few days ago. This month, our classroom themes will be about the winter season and colors of winter. We'd also be listening to stories about Martin Luther King and would like to encourage participation in the school's Book Fair. Book donations to our

classrooms will be very much appreciated. Though we have the tiniest tots of the school - listening to stories and colorful picture books develop their cognitive, reasoning and listening skills!

Have a happy January and until next month!



## PRIMARY News

We're glad we're back to start the New Year with a bang! This month we are busy preparing our Art work for the upcoming ART FAIR with our teachers. We are also looking forward to our special day with our grandparents at the beginning of next month. We have a little something prepared for them so please come to our Grandparents Day. Something more to look forward to also this month is our continuing lessons in

Language, Math and Cultural Arts. We really want to learn and do well in school. There will also be a Book Fair and that is really very exciting! School is fun and we're glad we're back! next month!



## LOWER ELEMENTARY News

We're glad to be back this New Year! We kick off the year completing our Art Projects for the Art Exhibit. Please stop by our classrooms to see your child's arts and crafts work. This month also we celebrate the works and valuable life lessons of a great civil rights leader - Martin Luther King. Then, we also will visit the San Dimas Public Library for the extension of our reading class and supplement the readings we do in our lessons. Details for this field trip will be

handed shortly. This visit will start the Reading Log homework beginning this month. And lastly, as we continue to encourage reading, please stop by our Book Fair at the start of next month and a classroom book donation would be greatly appreciated. Happy January and we'll give you more news next month. Don't forget to pick up your child's progress report on Jan. 25!

## UPPER ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The children are doubling up their efforts and making sure that they complete all requirements needed before the first term of the school year ends. Progress report cards will be handed on January 25 and they want to make sure they earn the grade they deserve. The children are also busy completing the Art work for the Art Exhibit scheduled for this month. We

are also looking forward to another grandparent's day celebration the beginning of February. Lastly the Upper Elementary and Middle School will also go the San Dimas Public Library to re-orient themselves with the various benefits of the library - in terms of research, reading for information or leisure.

## December's Holiday Program and Fundraiser

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM.** It was a joyful - and cheerful Holiday program we had last month. Holiday Carols were rendered by the children and something new we did this year was help the needy. Through the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce, we were able to raise money by way of a fundraiser breakfast and socials. The beneficiary of the money raised was for the INLAND VALLEY HOPE PARTNERS a group whose

mission is to ensure the empowerment of people in need by providing food, shelter and supportive services. The children learned a valuable lesson through this program - that is helping and sharing.

This would not be possible without all your generous support and help - and so we thank you so very much!



## February Events - Book Fair and Grandparents' Day!

**February Events.** We have two important kick-off events the beginning of February and we want to announce it since we are starting to prepare for it as early as now.

**BOOK FAIR.** Annually, we have the Book Fair, sponsored by Scholastic in our school grounds! We have the fair for the week of Jan.30 to Feb. 3. Books for all ages will be included and for all members of the family. So please bring

your friends and family to this event. Watch out for the poster announcements by the end of this month.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY.** The official Grandparents' Day is not until September but since it also coincides with the school opening, we usually set our special day for them around this time of the year. Grandparents are important and loved and we want to express that come Wednesday - February 1. See you there!

## Winter Jackets/Sweaters ; Library Visit

**Winter Jackets and Sweaters.** Just a reminder for all - 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.

Sometime this month, our graders will be visiting the San Dimas Public Library. This is an annual visit that is part of an extension of the Language curriculum for the Reading component. After the visit, the Lower Elementary (Grades 1 to 3) will begin their weekly Reading Log Program. The upper and Middle School grades will supplement and develop their research skills. Permission slips and details of this field trip will be handed shortly.

**Thanks!** Thank you to all our parents who have given their time and donated to our charity works for the community. We truly appreciate the pot luck food donations as well and the exchange gift activity among the children last Dec.

**GRADES 1 TO 8 LIBRARY VISIT.**



## Office Reminders

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

**SAFETY FIRST.** We would like to remind our parents to please observe the 25mph school zone speed limit in our parking lots. Remember that the safety of the children come first in everything and we would like everybody to make sure that they drive with caution upon entering and exiting both parking lots. Thank you for your

cooperation!

**TUITION FEES.** Monthly tuition fees are due on the first of each month. Late fee of \$6 per week apply after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Tuition can be made in the form of check or credit cards (VISA or Mastercard with 1% processing fee).



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## Extra Curricular Activities

**Teakwondo Class.** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3 to 3:45 pm . Cost is \$80 for 8 sessions.

**ART Class.** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. Cost is \$50 for 8 sessions.

**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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