

# Arrow Montessori School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/12 (t) Holiday Program, & Tea Time
- ◆ 12/22, 25 & 29 & 1/1 Winter Break, School Closed
- ◆ 1/1/16 (m) 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 22, 25 & 29, 2017 and January 1, 2018. Please make a note of it.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM.** We are celebrating our annual HOLIDAY PROGRAM & TEA TIME this coming Tuesday - Dec. 12. The event will take place in our school's basketball court at 9 am for the Infants and primary classrooms and at 2 pm for the K to 8<sup>th</sup> classrooms. The first part of the festivities will be a holiday

program where your child will sing and dance to holiday songs and music. After the program we will have morning tea. For the elementary, the holiday program starts at 2 pm and tea time by 3 pm. There will be regular classes after the festivities (Primary) and regular classes in the morning for the Elementary children. For Tea Time, the school will be providing Tea and other beverages that will go with the classroom pot luck sign-up for sandwiches, wraps, mini-muffins and cupcakes and cookies. Sign-ups will be posted in your child's classroom shortly. Please mark your calendar for this joyful occasion! See you there!

**CLASSROOM GIFT EXCHANGE.** This Year each classroom will let you know of their respective DATES for the class gift exchange. Please watch out for each classroom's announcement. Happy Holidays!



## 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](http://safety.lovetoknow.com/Winter_Safety_Tips_for_Children)

## INFANT AND TODDLER News

Season's Greetings!

We are expecting you to join us in our Holiday Program - 9:00 a.m. in the Basketball Court on Tuesday - December 12. We will have a few numbers that you shouldn't miss! Following our short but sweet program will be a pot luck Tea Time for all to enjoy! We will announce the date of our gift exchange shortly. We appreciate your presence and pot luck contribution on this day.

This month, the infants will learn about the winter season, hot and cold and the changes in weather. We also have arts and crafts during the week. From our classroom to you, we would like to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Happy Holidays!

*“The children around us are the adults of the future who will ultimately decide the fate of our planet.”*

- Maria Montessori



## 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 input in our Holiday Program 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, we will be preparing for our art exhibit for next month. We will also continue with our classrooms lessons and work for the remainder of the month. Until next month!



## LOWER ELEMENTARY News

This month, we'll be busy preparing for our Holiday Program scheduled for December 12 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. 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 Art Work for next month's Art Exhibition.

Lastly, we cannot thank you, our parents, enough for all your support and all that you do for your child and the classrooms.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, FALL FUNDRAISER

**Parent-Teacher Conferences.** We appreciate your attendance in the recent parent-teacher conferences meeting held last month. It is always important for us to let you know how your child transitioned in the new school year and the current progress he is having in the classroom. It is also a privilege to have your child in our class and share his daily routines, accomplishments as well as his

strengths and areas we are working on. Our next scheduled conference will be held in May of next year.

**Fall Fundraiser.** We are hopeful that all holiday orders from our recent fall fundraiser have been completed. Once again, we are thankful for your participation especially for the parents who have made anonymous donations instead of a purchase, for the fundraiser goals. Thank you!

## Thanksgiving Celebration, Holiday Festivities

**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!

**Holiday Festivities.** Though our Holiday celebrations at the time of this writing is a few weeks away, we'd still like to express our appreciation in helping us out in our Holiday program and classroom pot luck. We know that you untiringly contribute your time, efforts, support and good food in our school events and for that we are forever grateful.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Holiday Program  
Infants, PS1,  
Rooms B & C

10:00a.m. TEA TIME

2:00 p.m. Holiday Program  
Rooms A, D, E&F

3:00 p.m. TEA TIME

VENUE: Basketball Court

**HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE** : to be announced by each classroom



## Recycle , Winter Jackets/Sweaters

**Recycling** . We will introduce to concept of RECYCLING to all our children beginning this month. We will implement ground rules to keep our classrooms and playground clean and litter free! Having a clean environment will keep us clean and healthy☺

**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.



## 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 more serious complications. Aside from the flu and bronchitis, there is also Pertussis or “Whooping Cough.” 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 -winter break 12/21-1/1

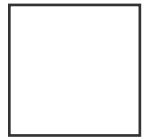
**Charter Oak Gymnastics.** Every Monday from 12:00 -12:30 Preschool & 12:35 - 1:05pm Elementary. Cost is \$54 for 6 sessions per period.

**Music and Kids.** Cost is \$46 for four 30 minutes class on Mondays 3 - 3:30 Preschool & 3:30 Elementary.

**Hop.skip.twirl** There will be 2 sessions this month on Wednesdays at 2:45 & 3:15 pm. Cost is \$25. There is a one time \$20 registration fee and includes a class T-shirt.

**Bricks4Kidz.(STEM Program)** - Spaces limited, first come first served . 6 classes per session on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 pm(Kto 2<sup>nd</sup>) & 2:00 - 3:00 (3<sup>rd</sup>to8th) - \$89.

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