

DECEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER

Independence is not a static condition; it is a continuous conquest, and in order to reach not only freedom, but also strength, and the perfecting on one's powers, it is necessary to follow this path of unremitting toil.
 -Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 8: Fall Performance
- Dec 15: Santa visit/ Christmas party/ book exchange
- Dec 22: Early release at 12pm
- Dec 25: School closed for Christmas
- Dec 29: Early release at 12pm
- Jan 1: School closed for New Year's Day
- Jan 2: School closed for Teacher in-service
- Jan 3: Spring semester starts

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS AND WINTER WONDERLAND

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 BRING A BOOK ABOUT WINTER
4 WHO IS SANTA?	5 WHAT IS A SNOWMAN?	6 WHERE IS THE NORTH POLE?	7 HOLIDAY CRAFT	8 WINTER PERFORMANCE
11 OH CHRISTMAS TREE!	12 SNOWFLAKES	13 REINDEER	14 HOLIDAY CRAFT	15 CHRISTMAS PARTY, BOOK EXCHANGE, & VISIT FROM SANTA! FREE DRESS DAY
18 ICE SKATING & SLEDDING	19 GIFT OF GIVING	20 SNOW & WEATHER	21 HOLIDAY CRAFT	22 BRING A HOLIDAY BOOK / 12pm early release
25 NO SCHOOL	26 HOLIDAY CRAFT AND STORY	27 HOLIDAY CRAFT AND STORY	28 HOLIDAY CRAFT AND STORY	29 BRING A HOLIDAY BOOK / 12pm early release

'Tis the Season for Everyone!

As we approach the end of the year, December brings with it a sense of joy, warmth, and celebration. It's a month filled with diverse festivities that offer us the opportunity to come together as a community, appreciate various traditions, and create lasting memories. Here's a glimpse of what's in store for us this December:

Holiday Traditions Around the World:

We'll be exploring the rich tapestry of holiday traditions from different cultures. Teachers may incorporate engaging lessons and activities to help students learn about the various ways people celebrate during this special time of the year. From Hanukkah to Christmas, Diwali to Kwanzaa, our students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity.

Community Service Project:

December is also a time for giving back. We'll be organizing a community service project to instill the spirit of generosity and kindness in our students. Details about the event will be shared in the coming days.

Winter Performance:

Get ready for a spectacular showcase of talent! Our students have been diligently preparing for the winter concert, where they'll delight us with songs and performances of the holiday season.

Gratitude and Reflection:

December is an ideal time for reflection and gratitude. Teachers will continue to guide students in discussions about the importance of kindness, empathy, and appreciating the positive moments in their lives. We'll encourage them to express gratitude for the people and experiences that bring them joy.

Important Dates to Remember:

We're excited about the upcoming month and the opportunity to celebrate together as a school community. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to our celebrations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your families a December filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments!

Warm Thanks,

DMA Staff

Reminder: If your child has a fever, before they can return to school, they need to:

- 1. Be off of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol (Acetaminophen) or Motrin/ Advil (Ibuprofen) for 24 hours.**
- 2. Be without fever for 24 hours**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

- Bella
- Levi
- August
- Elias
- Camille
- Ms. Farhana



SANTA VISIT AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Santa will visit our school for our Christmas Party and Book Exchange on December 21st at 10 am!

We will share cookies and milk and have story-time with Santa!

You may wear holiday clothes/ colors.

Please bring a new, wrapped book to put in the book exchange on or before December 18th.

After school students will participate in the book exchange on the afternoon of Dec. 21.

Weekend Chinese School

Weekend Chinese School will begin the weekend of January 13. If you would like more information or wish to register, please contact the office. Ms. Linda can assess your child's appropriate level and let you know the date/ time of your child's class.

Extracurricular Classes are \$72 every four weeks, piano is \$144 every four weeks. Contact the office to sign up.

- **Tuesdays: Dance , age 3+**
- **Tuesdays: Chess, age 5+**
- **Wednesdays: Lego, age 5+**
- **Thursdays: Private piano lessons, age 4+**
- **Thursdays: Soccer, age 2+**
- **Fridays: Art, age 3+**

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

