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Updating School Office Data!

We are hoping to have a trial run of our home communication system, referenced in our last newsletter, before parent teacher interviews next week. We hope that our system will fill an important role in communicating such things as parent teacher interviews, curriculum meetings, and emergency closures. This system has the capacity to call all of our parents in less than five minutes, but it depends on the accuracy of the telephone contact numbers that you provide us. As well, please be sure the second contact number you have provided is still accurate, and that the residence or business attached to that number is aware of and expects possible communications.

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Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews

Yes the term has ended!! Where does the time go? Our reports will be going home on Monday, December 1. The only exception to this is our Kindergarten students who will be out of school Monday for KinderStart. Their reports will go home on Friday, November 28.

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, December 4. They will start at 11:00am and they are planned to conclude at 4:00pm. Please call our secretary to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, and if this time frame is not suitable for you, please let us know. We can make other arrangements.

Students will dismiss at 10:15—There will be no recess period on this day.

The Mitten Tree

In the spirit of giving at Christmas we will be placing mittens, scarves, and hats, on our lobby Christmas tree. These items will then be donated to a local charity for distribution to families in need. Please ask your children, through this festive season, what they will be giving for Christmas. Too often our children get focused on the getting, and it is our responsibility to help them learn that giving is the more meaningful gift. The Mitten Tree is a way to start this discussion with your family.

Mark Your Calendar!

- * Kinderstart on December 1st—No Kindergarten!
- * Report Cards go home December 1
- * Writing Rubric Parent Meeting is December 3
- * Parent Teacher Interviews December 4—Students dismiss 10:15
- * Christmas Concerts December 10 and 11

Christmas Concert Dates

Grade 1, 3, 5, & 7—December 10, Grade k, 2, 4, 6, & 8 December 11.

Kinderstart this Monday, December 1st

No School for Kindergarten!!

Christmas Concert

Jolly Old St. Nick will soon be upon us and we have already begun practicing for some of our concert pieces. This year our concerts will be held on December 10th and December 11th. **Grades 1, 3, 5, & 7 will perform on the 10th, while grades kindergarten, 2, 4, 6, and 8 will perform on the 11th. The concerts start at seven and doors will not open until 6:30. We do not plan to sell tickets at the door!** Please observe the line up if you decide to come early, and please dress your children for the weather if they will be in line with you. We thank you in advance for being patient and courteous as you wait for the doors to open. **Please be sure to let all of your family members know that the doors do not open until 6:30pm.** At some times in the past we have had nans and pops who have had to wait in a cold line up for longer than they expected. Please remind everyone as well that you are required to stay for the entire show. It is proper etiquette not to leave a show early, and you are coming to enjoy all of our students perform, not just your own.

We ask parents to think carefully about bringing very young children to the show. If you feel they may be disruptive, then please arrange for them not to come. They will be required to sit in their seats for the whole show, and this is as much a safety issue as it is an issue of courtesy.

We would also like to thank you all for your support through this time of year and specifically for the monetary support from the purchase of concert tickets. **Concert Tickets will go on sale Friday, November 28, and they will cost \$4.00 each.** Those parents who have children in both shows need only buy one ticket, but inform us at the time of purchase as we need to mark that ticket for both nights. This is only for parents, and excludes parents wanting to see the band or choir twice. Our challenge is to allow space for everyone on both nights. To that end as well, we will sell only two tickets per family for the first week of sales. If you want a ticket please get it then. On December 5th, tickets will be sold without limit, up to our maximum number printed.

CRT's and the Writing Rubric.

In attempt to help you understand the Writing Rubric, we have scheduled an open meeting for December 3rd. This would be an excellent session to prepare you for discussions with your child's teacher on Thursday.



We would like to offer our sincere and heartfelt
thanks to the family of the late
Frances Stagg
For the generous donation they made to our Breakfast
Program in her name.

We are on the web
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