



Discovery Montessori
Newsletter December 2014
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 4th - Nutcracker Ballet (K – 7th)
- December 4th - Book orders due
- December 6th - Burley Holiday Bazaar
- December 13th - Kid's Night Out
- December 17th - Caroling at 9:30
- December 17th - Piano Recital at 1:30
- December 17th - Suzuki Piano Recital at 1:30
- December 19th - Christmas Party & Early Release 11:45
- January 5th - School Resumes

REMINDER

Conferences are scheduled for January 29th and 30th. There is no school or daycare on these days. Conference schedule signup sheets will go home in the January newsletter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY and EARLY RELEASE

There will be a half-day of school for ALL students on December 19th. Preschool pick up will be at 11:30. Kindergarten and Elementary pick up will be at 11:45. No school or childcare after 11:45 am.

There will be a gift exchange among the children. For the gift exchange, each child brings a small, wrapped gift (of \$10.00 or less) for another child on the day of the party.

The boys will bring a gift for another boy and label it as shown below. The girls will do the same:

For: A boy
From: (Your son's name)

For: A girl
From: (Your daughter's name)

During the gift exchange, the gifts will be placed on two large trays, one for boys and one for girls. Each boy will choose a gift from the boy's tray and each girl will choose a gift from the girl's tray. Please sign our Christmas Party Snack Sign-up sheet if you would like to volunteer

to bring a snack. We will need volunteers to help with the party. If you are available, please let your child's teacher know.

PIANO RECITAL & CAROLING

On Wednesday, Dec. 17th, piano students will be having a piano recital in the Kitsap Room. It will begin at 1:30 pm. Preschool students who started Suzuki Piano in September will not be participating. Earlier in the day our school will go caroling at the County Administration Building. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend the recitals and/or go caroling with us. We will be leaving the Givens Community Center around 9:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

All students will be making a special gift for their family. Students will be charged an average of \$10 for materials. Charges will be applied to your account this month.

DECEMBER RATES

Tuition charges for the month of December will be the same as usual. We will not be providing daycare during the holidays. If you have children who are receiving daycare on a regular basis, your daycare charge will be reduced for December. If you are paying \$120.00 a month your charge for December will be \$90. If you are paying \$145.00 per month, your charge will be \$108.75.

BOOK ORDERS

If the books you are ordering are gifts please write **GIFT** on the order slip and we will put the items in a bag and contact you so you can pick them up rather than sending them home with the children. **The book orders are due Thursday, December 4th, at 5:30 pm. On-line orders are due 10:00 pm.** The on-line order code is **H3X9Z**. Please be aware that due to the holiday season we cannot guarantee that your order will arrive before Christmas Break. If they arrive during Christmas Break we will try to contact you to pick them up.

SNOW DAYS

Our school follows the South Kitsap school district school closure and delay schedule. The South Kitsap School District uses a flash alert system to notify you about late starts and closures. You can sign up for email alerts and follow on Facebook and Twitter by typing this link into your web browser: <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=4340>

If there is any variation from this policy, the voice message on our phone system will be updated with the current information as will our website. In some cases, a teacher may call you directly.

We will try to be open as soon as possible on 2 hour delay days to accommodate parent and student childcare schedules. Please remember to be cautious in making a decision on whether to come or not. Conditions vary greatly throughout our area and even if we are open, you may want to wait a day to be safe.

STUDY OF THE MONTH

We will continue calendar work and study Christmas traditions. Geography will be focused on Mexico, introduction to the world map, and learning the North American Countries. Show and tell will be: a triangle item and a holiday item from North American Culture. Elementary writing skills will focus on poetry. Geography/Science will focus on planets with an emphasis on Earth, atoms and molecules.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

We have the final tabulations for the Cystic Fibrosis Mini-March. The school raised \$2,300 in donations this year. It was a huge success! ***We appreciate all the support the children and their families gave to this event.*** The prizes from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation earned by the children for their participation usually arrive in January.

Those children raising \$100.00 or more in donations are: Kenneth Makarin: \$368.70, Chance Potter: \$275, Eric Nelson, \$190, Clare Reid: \$175, Julia Eggars: \$100, Elang Sisson: \$100
Great Job!!!

FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Final count will be at noon on November 21st. Items will continue to be collected until that time. We will know which class wins the ice cream party at that time. Until then, you can track your class's progress by looking at the wall in the hall by the Preschool door. We will be having another Food Drive Contest to help the South Kitsap Helpline in December. The class that turns in the most canned food items by December 18th will earn a movie and popcorn party.

We will also be collecting gently used or new toys for SK Helpline. For example, you may donate gently used puzzles, dolls, cars, or board games that you don't need. Please give your toy donations to Mrs. Valerie in the office. SK Helpline will hand them out to children in our area.

BOX TOP & LABEL UPDATE

The school has earned \$171 so far in box tops and 1022 point in labels. Thank You! Don't forget to sign up at: growinglocallearning.com and elabelsforeducation.com to register your local club cards (Safeway, QFC, and Fred Meyers) to earn even more. ***We would love to have a parent volunteer to help with sorting and redeeming labels.*** Please see Mrs. Valerie in the office if you can help.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

We have decided to create our yearbook with TreeRing.com again this year. You may upload and purchase your Discovery Montessori 2014-15 yearbooks through them. The school will have several yearbooks for families who do not have internet access to purchase. This will also give you access to design your 2 free custom pages that are unique to your yearbook. More information will be sent in January. ***We are looking for parent volunteers to help.*** Please see Mrs. Valerie if you have any questions or problems logging in.

Ice Cream Party

Congratulations to the Kendall Preschool for winning Fire Fighter Anderson's contest! The students were asked to have their parents replace batteries during daylight savings time. The class who brought the most replaced batteries in would win an Ice Cream Party. All students in the Kendall class turned theirs in.

SCHOOL RESUMES
JANUARY 5th, 2015

Happy Holidays!



