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DECEMBER 2022 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN DECEMBER 2022

Friday, December 9th: Primary Winter Show. Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 13th: Hannukah acknowledged.

Wednesday, December 14th: Kwanzaa acknowledged.

Thursday, December 15th: South America Immersion Day.

Friday, December 16th: Christmas acknowledged. Regular school day. Last day before Winter Break.

Monday, December 19th – Monday, January 2nd: Winter break.

Tuesday, January 3rd: Back to school.

WINTER SHOW



After a long break we are happy to be doing a Winter show again! It will take place on **Friday, December 9th at 10:30am.** **Save the date.**

This year's show is called '**A Trip Down Winter Lane**' and will be held in the church auditorium. Children should be dropped off at school before 9:30am dressed in their costumes. The church auditorium will open at 10:00am.

HANUKKAH



On **Tuesday, December 13th** we will acknowledge Hanukkah by listening to stories and sampling potato latkes with sour cream and apple sauce.

There will be dreidels and gelt!

KWANZAA



We will be acknowledging Kwanzaa on **Wednesday, December 14th.** Kwanzaa is an annual

African-American celebration from December 26th to January 1st, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu usually on the sixth day. The celebration is based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa.

SOUTH AMERICA IMMERSION DAY



On **Thursday, December 15th** we will have our South America Immersion Day.

We are so excited to be able to have parents participate on campus again. We look forward to hearing them share their culture and heritage with the children.

CHRISTMAS



On **Friday, December 16th**, the last day of school before the winter break, we will acknowledge Christmas.

A special lunch of mac and cheese, roasted broccoli, panettone, fruit and milk will be served.

Please note **this is a regular school day.**

WINTER BREAK



Winter break will be from **Monday, December 19th – Monday, January 2nd**. Please note that there will be no school during these days.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

ABSENCE REPORTING



We would like to remind you to call the school if your child will be absent for any reason. If your child is ill, please be sure to let us know the diagnosis (if there is

one), as we are required by law to distribute exposure notices for certain communicable illnesses.

NOTE: Your child can return to school with a **negative antigen COVID test result OR a doctor's note**. They need to be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours and all symptoms resolved or improving before returning to school.

PEACE CURRICULUM



Every Wednesday morning there is a peace lesson. Using our peace materials, techniques and interactive lessons, we assist the children in developing problem-solving skills using the language of peace.

We as adults, are working on our own communication, peacemaking and peace keeping skills, knowing that our example has much more impact than our words. As Montessori stated in "Education for Peace":

"We must gather together all the elements of the world and organize them into a science of peace."

If you would like access to our peace curriculum please see the link below –

[Download the One World Montessori Peace Curriculum](#)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Parents are invited to join in celebrating their child's birthday in-person in the classroom. Please talk to the teachers about the

date and time. Remember to provide us with a color photograph (3x5 or 4x6) for each year of your child's life.

Reminder: Due to allergy concerns, we don't allow outside birthday treats instead the school will provide a treat for the children to enjoy.

PRIMARY CLASSROOM WISH LISTS



The Primary classrooms each have a wish list. Please find them attached at the end of this newsletter. If you would like to donate something in honor of your child's birthday, a holiday, or "just because," please check the wish list first. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

You are welcome to request an updated copy of the wish list at any time from the office.

FRIDAY PIZZA



We would like to remind you that we place our pizza order every Friday **at 9:30 am.** We cannot guarantee that we will have any extra slices if you order after 9:30 am.

The price per child is \$5 for the first slice and \$2 for each additional slice. If you are ordering pizza, please remember to bring exact change.

ONE WORLD MONTESSORI COOKBOOK



The One World Montessori cookbook makes a great holiday gift or memento from your child's days at One World. This cookbook features recipes submitted by One World Montessori families who chose to share their favorite drinks, appetizers, main courses and desserts from their

native countries. All proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to One World Montessori School.

Cookbooks are \$25.79 plus shipping and can be ordered here:

<http://www.blurb.com/b/6701583-around-one-world-in-40-recipes>

DONATIONS DUE



We would like to thank those of you who have already turned in your annual donations; your support is much appreciated. If you have not yet made your yearly \$500 donation, we want to remind you to please do so. We would greatly appreciate receiving all or at least half of the total donation by December 16th if at all possible.

Don't forget that many companies offer matching donations. Please check with your employer and submit your match request to make your donation dollars reach farther!

FOR SMALL HANDS FUNDRAISER



Designed to encourage and support young children at home, For Small Hands was created by a teacher at the request of other teachers. This family resource catalog is filled with hundreds of age-appropriate, child-size items that encourage independence, creativity, and problem-solving, and it offers an opportunity to help One World obtain needed classroom materials, should you choose to place an order.

One World will receive 10% in merchandise credit for any individual order over \$25 if our school ID number, 116284, is provided when orders are placed. This special promotion ends on December 31st, but we recommend you

place orders by December 5th to guarantee holiday delivery if you are ordering gifts.

<https://www.forsmallhands.com/scp/116284>

Thank you for your support!

HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP



As you shop for holiday gifts, please consider shopping with the merchants listed below. One World

receives a percentage of any designated purchase.

Amazon



Please designate "One World Montessori, San Jose" as your charity through the Amazon Smile program and use the link below to order any item from the Amazon.com web site. One World Montessori receives .5% of any purchase made through this link.

http://smile.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=onewormonsch-20

Hicklebee's Bookstore



Each time you shop at Hicklebee's children's bookstore in downtown Willow Glen, please let them know to credit One World Montessori School. We get credited \$10 for every \$200 spent by One World families.

It's a great bookstore to visit!

HICKLEBEE'S BOOKSTORE COUPON

When is the first day of school in January? The answer is found in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly!

The first two people to send an e-mail to the office – office@oneworldmontessori.org – with the correct answer will win a \$10 coupon for Hicklebees Childrens bookstore in downtown Willow Glen.

PARENT RESOURCE CORNER



There are so many resources for parents out there and it can be overwhelming please see some recommendations we have found helpful.

Please let the office know of any books or other resources you have found useful to support our parent community.

Books

Montessori for every family: A Practical guide to living, loving and learning. By Tim Seldin and Lorna McGrath.

<https://www.montessoriservices.com/montessori-for-every-family>

Understanding Montessori: A guide for parents. By Maren Schmidt

<https://www.montessoriservices.com/understanding-montessori-6107>

A parents guide to the Montessori Classroom. By Aline D Wolf

<https://www.montessoriservices.com/parent-8217-s-guide-to-the-montessori-classroom>

From Power Struggle to Peace: A Pioneering 5-Step Positive Parenting Discipline System to Get Your Kids to Behave in 30 days Kindle Edition. By Nicole Voronina

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BLMJF8KV>

Bay Area Montessori Association (BAMA)



The Bay Area Montessori Association (BAMA) is a non-profit, volunteer professional

organization dedicated to supporting all Montessorians in the greater San Francisco Bay Area by providing educational programs, outreach and social activities. BAMA hosts workshops and activities throughout the school year featuring local professionals and exceptional speakers.

<http://www.bayareamontessoriassociation.com/>

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Congratulations to Wella Bai-Lim and Riju Parakh for winning last month's newsletter giveaway – a Montessori parenting book. Thanks to all the parents who take the time to read the newsletter and participate in our giveaways!

Thank you to Sachlene Singh for heading up our Diwali celebration this year.

Thank you also to the following families for helping with the decorations, henna painting, poppers and donating the lunch: Sawhney/Singh, Shah/Patel, Shah, Chockalingam/Radhakrishnan, Magdum/Bhavi, Anand/Shah, Dogra/Aurora, Bajaj/Gupta, Yadav/Stephens, Shah/Sheth, Vijayaraghvan/Koundinya, Mukund/Makarikoppa, Ubhan/Narula, Venkataramani/Sridharan, and Parakh/Shaw families.

Thank you to the Diehl family for their generous donation to the P3 classroom in honor of Ava's 5th birthday.

Thank you to Surabhi, Sudharma's mom, for providing coffee and treats for the staff during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Thank you to Meena, Arjun Ram's mom, for donating bananas for snacks and classroom food preparation work!

Thank you to Sharan, Meher's mom for the gift of chocolates for the teachers.
Thank you, all your help is much appreciated!!

JANUARY PREVIEW:

Tuesday, January 3rd: Welcome back to school

Friday, January 13th: Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm.

Monday, January 16th: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. **No school.**

Thursday, January 19th: Parent Information meeting in person: **Peace Curriculum & Cultural Materials at 4pm.**

Thursday, January 26th: Asia Immersion Day.

Thursday, January 27th: Lunar New Year Celebration.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!