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JANUARY 2023 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN JANUARY 2023

Tuesday, January 3rd: Welcome back to school

Wednesday, January 11th: 'Chamber by the Bay' performance.

Friday, January 13th: Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 noon. No daycare.

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

Tuesday, January 18th: Parent Information meeting – ***'Cultural Materials & Discipline continued'***

Thursday, January 26th: Asia Immersion Day

Friday, January 27th: Lunar New Year Celebration.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school after the Winter break, on **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.**

We hope everyone had a good festive time with family and friends. It's always fun hearing the children share their holiday stories at circle time.

Please do a COVID test on your child before arriving at school and send the results to the office. Write your child's name and the date on the test stick.

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE BAY



After a three-year hiatus we are so happy to have **Chamber Music by the Bay** returning to our classrooms. They will be performing for the children on **Wednesday, January 11th.**

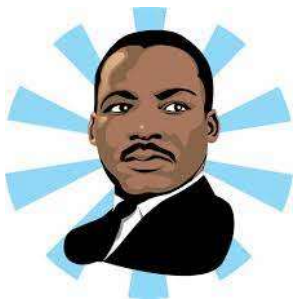
MINIMUM DAY



There will be a minimum day on **Friday, January 13th.** School ends at 12:00 pm.

No daycare. No pizza.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY



In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, there will be no school on **Monday, January 16th**.

MLK was a civil rights leader who advocated for nonviolent resistance against racial segregation.

This is a good opportunity to talk to your children about human rights and making a difference using the Peace curriculum axiom 'it starts with me'.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



We will have a Parent Information meeting on **Wednesday, January 18th** at 4:00pm.

This month's topic will be '**Cultural Materials & Discipline continued**'.

We regularly hold Parent Information meetings. The dates and topics will be shared through newsletters and emails.

ASIA STUDIES



During this month, we will be working with materials related to the continent of Asia, which will culminate in our Asia Immersion Day on

Thursday, January 26th.

We encourage you to engage your children in conversation, reading, and cultural activities related to Asia and its component countries.

Looking at maps, eating new foods, listening to music, and discussing plants and animals from this region will create a better understanding of what makes this

continent unique. For older children, it's fun to find all the land and water forms, mountain ranges, and notable points of interest (e.g., The Great Wall of China).

ASIA IMMERSION DAY



Asia Immersion Day will be observed on **Thursday, January 26th**.

We are so excited to be able to have parents participate on campus again.

Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to present something. We look forward to hearing your stories about your culture and heritage with the children.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



On **Friday, January 27th** we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year.

This year is the year of the rabbit which in Chinese culture is known to be the luckiest out of all the twelve animals. According to Chinese astrology, rabbits symbolize mercy, elegance and beauty.

Wearing **red** for good luck is one way you can participate.

The children will enjoy a special meal and some fun activities. They will also receive a red envelope for good luck.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Marvegos 2023 art classes will resume Friday, January 6th. There will be 8 classes - 1/6, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 3/3, 3/10.

Registration is now open at <https://marvegos.getgalore.com/?location=s%5B%5D=68656>



Gymsters 2023 New Session: All new and current students must register for the 2023 Session at <https://www.gymsterspe.com/copy-of-register-one-world-montessori>

Payments: Venmo: @Gymsters or leave a check at the school.

ABSENCE REPORTING



Please let the office know if your child will be absent from school.

If your child has any of the following symptoms they need to stay home

until their symptoms are improving and they are fever free for 24 hours without medication –

- congestion,
- runny nose,
- fever or chills,
- cough,
- shortness of breath/trouble breathing,
- loss of taste or smell,
- fatigue,
- muscle/body aches,
- headache,
- sore throat,
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

A negative COVID test is required before returning to school. Please write your child's name and the date on the test strip and sent a photo to the office email.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Please remember to turn in a volunteer hour slip if you helped with laundry, library, shopping etc or helped at any of our recent events -- United Nations Day,

Halloween, Diwali, or Thanksgiving. Forms are available in the lobby; please complete the form, have one of your child's teachers sign it, and turn it into the office.

You will not receive credit for any volunteer hours you complete unless the signed slip is received by the office.

FREE PIZZA



How many minimum days are there this month? The answer is found in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly!

The two people to send an e-mail to the office – office@oneworldmontessori.org – with the correct answer will win one free slice of pizza for their child(ren) for the month of January!

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK



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of SILICON VALLEY

We have decided to extend the virtual food drive, sponsored by the Second Harvest of Silicon Valley Food Bank, until the end of December.

We are committed to helping our community's hungry families during this holiday season and hope you will consider making a donation.

Thanks to an anonymous donor we have raised \$512.50 towards our \$1000 goal. Just \$487.50 to reach our goal!!

To donate please go to – <https://impact.shfb.org/fundraiser/4243389>

Thank you for forwarding this information to anyone else who may be interested in participating in our virtual food drive on behalf of Second Harvest.

Let's make a difference in our community!

TAX TIME IS COMING



If you will need a recap statement for 2022, please contact our bookkeeper, Lisa Claindoux, at

bookkeeper@oneworldmontessori.org.

Our tax I.D. number is 94-2630042.

INFORMATION UPDATES



Please let the office know of any changes to your contact information – phone number, email address, or physical address. It is critical that we have these correctly saved in our database.

We also need any updates to your child's Immunization records. Please send an email with a scanned copy to the office.

ONE WORLD MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY



Did you know that One World Montessori has an Elementary campus? It is located on Pearl Avenue and runs a 1st Grade to 6th Grade program. If you are

interested in finding out more, please take a look at the google virtual tour posted on our website.

You are also welcome to email the office manager, Lupe Alonso at - pearloffice@oneworldmontessori.org to request more information regarding the curriculum.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS



Please help us welcome our new students, Shufan Kao (Yifan's brother), Daniel

Stohr, Valeria Garcia Medina, Indra Iyer, Roman Masi and Julian Vacas who will be joining our school in January.

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 parent's guide to the Montessori Classroom. By Aline D Wolf

<https://www.montessoriservices.com/a-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 Meena Chockalingam and Camille Holt for winning last month's newsletter giveaway – Hicklebee's bookstore voucher. Thanks to all the parents who take the time to read the newsletter and participate in our giveaways!

Thank you to Vihaan Stephens and his family for their gift of books, for the P4 classroom, in celebration of Vihaan's 3rd birthday.

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

Thank you to the anonymous donor for donating \$512.50 to our Second Harvest food drive. Your donation is much appreciated!

Thank you to Victoria Bubien (Luca's mom) for giving a talk on Argentina and to Marcos Santos (Nicholas & Lucas' dad) for presenting Brazil, for our South America Immersion Day.

Thank you to the Holt family for their gift of cookies for the staff to enjoy.

THANK YOU to all of you who generously participated in the group gift for the staff and to all of you who donated individual gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. It was a lovely gesture that touched the staff.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you and your children.

FEBRUARY PREVIEW

Wednesday, February 1st: First day of the 2023-2024 closed enrollment

Tuesday, February 15th: Parent Teacher Information meeting – **'Language Curriculum'**

Monday February 20th – Friday, February 24th: Presidents' Week. No school.

Tuesday, February 28th: Last day of the 2023-2024 closed enrollment.

NOTE: This is your last day to turn in your WRITTEN notice of withdrawal if your child will not be coming back for the 23-24 school year.

