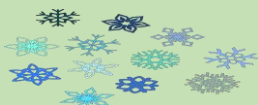


December 2019 Newsletter



Cold

and Flu season is upon us!!!! The teachers are asking for donations of soft tissues and disinfecting wipes for the classrooms. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently to avoid spreading germs. Children should be fever free and have a settled tummy for 24 hours before returning to school.



Winter Break will be December 23rd - January 7th with students returning on January 8th.



Teachers return on January 7th to prepare. Room 7 grades 1 & 2 have the opportunity to provide a lunch for them. Look for a sign up genius to help out. We need one family to organize this event.

Dear Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the calendar year. Everyone is settling into routines and procedures that are leading to success. We will have a short month but it will be filled with activities and all the bustle of the holidays. Our service project this month is to have our Grades 5 & 6 students visit the elderly residents of West Melbourne Rehabilitation Center and sing carols to them. At the end of our presentation, we will pass out lap blankets (36" x 48") as a little gift for the holiday. If you are crafty and can crochet, knit, or just tie felt or fleece together, please help you children make and send them into the office. Purchased small blankets will also be accepted. This is our chance to give back and help them understand giving and family. We will be collecting these up until the 19th when we are scheduled to visit the facility. You can also donate fleece for blankets. Our next PTO meeting (6:30 - Tuesday, Dec 10th) will be an informal one in which we will use donated fleece and tie a few blankets. We would also like to have a conversation about your wants and needs from PTO and how we should spend our fundraising money. Childcare will be available for those 3 and up at this event. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Cheryl Turner
Principal*





Here is a good article for families to help in our efforts to increase mental health awareness. Take time to read and follow this advice.

10 Tips for Surviving the Holidays

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/life-without-anxiety/201212/10-tips-surviving-the-holidays?eml>



Let's get playful the last day of school! Staff and students are encouraged to "Walk into Winter" as a snowman. Add a hat or scarf to your outfit and help us welcome Winter..... In Florida.



Registration for NEXT year (2020-2021) will come home on Dec 20th. Please return with your commitment for the new year so we can plan. If you are not retuning, kindly let us know. This helps us to plan for thenext year and invite new families to join us. You will get a FULL registration packet after Spring break.



December 9th – Thursday -

Parent Participation Night..... This is an opportunity for you to see HOW your child uses the Montessori materials. On this evening, **ONE adult and the students** will come into the classroom for Kindergarten, VPK, and Preschool. They will then be the "teacher" and SHOW you how to work with the materials. This is an awesome time to see how independent they can be and show you their work. We have set aside these time for you on that evening. Please try to stay within your slot to help the evening go smoothly.

Country Day (preschool and VPK) –

AM only students 6:30-7:00

PM and FULL DAY students 7:00-7:30

Educational Horizons Kindergarten students 6:30 – 7:30 (any half hours within that time- just show up)



We have a small amount of Honor Roll passes for *Gaylord Palms*. Please see Eileen in the office if you are planning on going. Tickets are good on days Nov 25-Jan 5.

Spirit Day
Friday, Dec 6th
@ 9:00 am
Led by room 8
Grades 1 & 2

PTO NEWS

Attached are the minutes from our last meeting. Thank you all for attending and participating in Science Night. Next meeting 6:30 Dec 10th – help us tie blankets and share your ideas! We need your contact information to help us communicate better and keep you involved. If you want to share your information with us, sing up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFKXV6Q>

Dec 18th is our Cookie and Cocoa Day for our teachers. Let's show our teachers how special they are. Sign up to contribute at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA9AC22AAF49-cookies>

Interested in joining our track team to participate in the Spring event? Fill out the Track Registration Survey Monkey to let us know if you want to join: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VLR2X3X>

We are organizing a Spanish Club, please register and fill out our survey to participate: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHYLFJJ>