



Bulldog Bulletin

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DECEMBER

Jan

16 7:00pm
20-31

3
7 9:00
11 7:30
17
21 9:00
24-Feb.3

CLIPCO meeting
Winter Recess

Return to School
CLIP Tour
PTA meeting
Martin Luther King Day – No School
CLIP Tour
Kindergarten Registration

Happy Holidays!



The Meyerholz Staff wishes each and every student and family a joyful, memorable Holiday Season. We hope your New Year's resolutions bring pride and success to you as we step into 2011. We resolve to make each day count for learning and personal growth for your children.

Happy Holidays

Food For Thought... The approaching holidays are always a time for reflection and resolution. The following may help us all to remember that sometimes less is more. Enjoy!

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back. But have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've split the atom, but not our prejudices. We have higher incomes, but lower morals. We've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These are the times of tall men, and short character, steep profiles and narrow relationships. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time where there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you and a time when you make a difference, or to just hit delete... it's your choice.
-Author unknown

Emphasizing "giving" rather than "getting" this holiday season... To be successful in school, children must learn to focus on needs of others and beyond their own.

A little philanthropy – giving to others – will help your child do this. There are many ways parents can promote giving this season and all year long. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- **Introduce the word philanthropy.** It means sharing your time, talent, or treasure to help other people.
- **Identify volunteers** and other people in your community who give. Talk about how special and important these people are.
- **Let your child see you giving** and let him/her participate. Take him/her with you when you volunteer. Ask what community project s/he would like to support.
- **Help your child make simple gifts** to give family and friends or to distribute at a shelter. Your child will discover the joy of giving something s/he made.
- **Have your child gather toys and clothes** s/he would be willing to donate to a local charity. Be sure to take your child with you when you drop off items.
- **Cook soup or bake something together** to take to a sick or elderly neighbor.
- **Praise your child when s/he gives to others.** Point out how good it makes you feel to share with other people and to know you made a difference in someone's life.

Source: Parent Institute



HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM... Thank you to Drazenka Butkovic for coordinating this project and the parent volunteers who helped decorate and organize the baskets.



LOST AND FOUND... Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please remember to check the clothes rack inside the GLC for sweatshirts and jackets. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the December break.

Thank you to Jaclyn Chiew and Leilani Honma who are helping wash and donate items. Also, a special thanks to Brenda Chin who manages our Lost and Found.

CLIP Orientation tours for prospective CLIP parents will be held on the following days starting with 9:00 AM sign-in:
Friday, January 7
Friday, January 21
Friday, February 4
Wednesday, February 16

To reserve a space, please log on to the following website and register:

<http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us/meyerholz.www/>

2010-11 Yearbook:

Thank you to those who have submitted your yearbook 2010-11 orders. You will receive e-mail confirmation if you provided us with an address. Please check your spam and trash folders if you don't see it in your in-box. If you haven't ordered, the last day for the **discounted price of \$22 will be on Friday, Dec. 17** in the office. The order form (from the office or Meyerholz web-site) and payment must be submitted. Any questions, please contact Anita at meyerholz.yearbook@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY OVERLOAD CAN LIMIT CHILD'S LEARNING...

The holidays are filled with food, fun, and family. But they can also be a time when children feel stressed from too much activity, too much sugar, and not enough sleep. Here are some tips on keeping your child calm and ready for learning during the holiday season:

- **Stick to routines when you can.** Make routines for bedtime and meals high priorities.
- **Follow traditions.** Whether it's serving a special meal or reading a favorite story be sure to stick to your traditions.
- **Limit sweets.** Limit the sweets your child eats each day.
- **Build in quiet time.** The holidays can be frantic. Allow a few extra minutes before bedtime for some quiet reading and a snuggle.
- **Have some outdoor fun.** Take a walk or find another activity outdoors with your child.
- **Focus on giving.** Bake cookies to give to a neighbor. Contribute to community service projects, such as the PTA.

-From "Parents Make a Difference!"

CUSD News

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Students must be residing in the district at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.

Registration and Open Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is as follows:

Kindergarten registration for all Attendance Area Schools:

- **January 24 – February 3 at the respective attendance area school.** Only parents/guardians may pick up a registration packet at their area attendance school beginning **January 14, 2011**. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between January 24 through February 3, 2011. Sibling priority will be given to siblings of in-district students currently attending their area attendance school who register during the registration window.
- **Kindergarten registration for Stockmeir and Eisenhower Schools: January 24 – February 3.** Only parents/guardians may pick up a registration packet at their area attendance school beginning **January 14, 2011**. As the potential for new kindergarten enrollment at Stockmeir and Eisenhower may exceed the schools capacity, parents are encouraged to ensure that the prospective kindergarten student (residing in the Stockmeir/Eisenhower attendance area during the Kindergarten Registration Window) is registered during the registration window from January 24 – February 3, 2011. A Kindergarten Lottery for Stockmeir Elementary and Eisenhower Elementary will be held on **February 7, 2011** for Kindergarteners who registered during the Kindergarten Registration window only. Sibling priority will be given to siblings of in-district students currently attending Stockmeir/Eisenhower who register during the registration window and live in the Stockmeir/Eisenhower attendance area.
- **Open Enrollment requests: February 11 - 17, 2011 at the school of desired attendance.** Parents/guardians may only apply to one school or program other than their area attendance school.
- **Alternative Education Program requests** (Faria and Murdock-Portal grades K-5, McAuliffe, Mandarin Immersion grades K-8): February 11 - 17, 2011 at the alternative program of your choice.
- **Sibling priority** will be given to siblings of in-district students currently attending the respective school who register during the registration window.
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 1, 2011**

Detailed registration and open enrollment information is available on the district website www.cupertino.k12.ca.us, by contacting the staff in your neighborhood school office or by contacting the Student Assignment Office, (408) 252-3000, extension 110.