

Providing an educational environment that fosters academic excellence, instills a love of active learning, and provides experiences that enable students to acquire a foundation of skills for lifelong achievement

# **December News**

## From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents,

For me, this is the season of thankfulness and celebration. With the closure of the year I tend to reminisce about the past year and the wonderful times and pleasures that I have had with your children and my amazing staff. At the monthly awards assembly I see the pride on our parents' faces and the joy on the faces of our students as they receive their honors for academic achievement and character building and I celebrate what an exceptional learning community we have.

It was wonderful to see all the parents at conferences and I hope that you are as pleased as I am with the children's accomplishments. Continue to encourage them to always strive for the best and with your help and ours, they will achieve it.

The PTO has sponsored several exciting events this past fall starting with Movie Night, Trunk O' Treat, and the Book Fair. I am most thankful to the PTO and the many parent volunteers and I am truly appreciate of your time, efforts and generosity. Without your help Merryhill would be just a school and not the loving family that we are, so thank you.

The holiday season is upon us and with it the whirl of family traditions, customs, and celebrations abound. I hope you too find a moment in all the madness to reflect upon how blessed we and our families are. It is also a perfect time to help our children appreciate and value all they have, particularly in contrast to so many who are struggling in the world around us.

Lastly, find time to rest, relax, and connect with family and friends. And to each of you I extend my very best wishes to your entire family for the holidays; may they be merry and bright.

Sincerely,

Theresa Gotay



# Merryhill School – Summerlin SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS for December, 2014



### Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - TUITION PAYMENT DUE

Your December Tuition payment is due on or before Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Flat Rate Extended Care payments are also due by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your timely payments. We do appreciate it. **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Show – "Let's Go To the Movies"** 

Our <u>Second through Fifth Graders</u> will entertain parents, family and friends at **6:30 P.M.** in the Multipurpose Room. Come and enjoy some holiday fun. Students should arrive at 6:00 P.M. so the show can start on time.

#### Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Show - "Let's Go To the Movies"

Our <u>Kindergarten and First Graders</u> will entertain parents, family and friends at **6:30 P.M.** in the Multipurpose Room. Come and share in some holiday fun. Students should arrive at 6:00 P.M. so the show can start on time.

<u>SPECIAL REQUEST:</u> We kindly ask that all parents park as close to the school building as they possibly can. Summerlin Baptist Church will also have an activity going on the same evening as our Holiday Show on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 10<sup>th</sup></u> and will need to have parking available for their congregation. Please be good neighbors and DO NOT park up near the church. Please leave those spots open for their members. They will need at least 10 to 12 spaces. Thank you!!

#### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of School Classes

Winter break begins on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and restful Winter Break. School classes resume on Monday morning, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Note:</u> The school office will be open during Winter Break on an abbreviated schedule. Please call the office at 242-8838 before you stop by to make sure someone is on duty.

## <u>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u>

Parents please remember that if you want someone to pick up your child that is not clearly listed on your child's Emergency Form you need to call the school office and inform us. No child will be released to anyone not listed on their Emergency Form. Always notify the school office of any changes in your address or home, work or cell phone numbers. We need to make sure our information is always up-to-date. Thank you!

Lunch times for the students are as follows: Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade eat at 11:20 A.M. and 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders eat at 12:05 P.M. You can order lunches online at <a href="www.wtcafe.com">www.wtcafe.com</a>. Phone number is 702-431-4463. New menus are always effective on the <a href="first">first</a> of each month.

Dismissal times are as follows: Kindergarten and First Grade dismiss at 2:45 P.M.; Second through Fifth Grade dismiss at 3:00 P.M. Children not picked up by 3:15 P.M. will be sent to Extended Care.

Please remember to check your child's "take home folder" every Monday for important newsletters, reminders, and other information. Thank you!

<u>Very Important Reminder:</u> Parents, please respect the fire lane. Do not park in any red curb area. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the red curb area when you are picking up your child from Extended Care or an after school activity. Please park in the designated parking areas only. Thank you!