



December Newsletter

Dear Families,

Thank you all for participating in our Thanksgiving activities last month. We enjoy opportunities to get to know you better and are grateful for the time we get to spend together! December will be another fun and busy month for our teachers and students as we continue with our Holiday Giving activities and kick-off Winter Break Camp. We hope you can join us for our class holiday parties and parent/staff cocoa and coffee break. Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Holiday Giving

Our school has partnered with KLUC Toy Drive to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate children that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. Boxes are located in the front office for you to drop off your new, unwrapped gifts.

In addition to donating items our Kindergarten students will be visiting Chet Buchanan and the Morning Zoo to deliver the items on December 11th. Please place your donations in the box in the front office no later than 12/11 @ 8:30am. Thank you!

Classroom Holiday Celebrations

If you sign up to bring in item for your child's classroom celebration please keep in mind that it must be nut free and store bought. Please make sure to share how your family chooses to or not to celebrate the holidays with your teacher. Classroom celebrations vary by classroom; please see your teacher for more details.

Classroom Door Decorating Contest

Cutting, pasting and coloring are important for fine motor skill development and our favorite way to work on these skills in the month of December is to make holiday decorations with our students. Each classroom will be decorating their classroom door for our contest. Parents and students will have the option to vote for their favorite one on December 20th. The winning classroom will receive a special holiday surprise!

Holiday Program

Our Annual Holiday Program for Beginners and up will be on Wednesday, December 20th @ 6:00pm. We ask that students arrive no later than 5:45pm so they can meet up with their classroom. DVD's will be available for purchase for \$10. The students will be decorating snowman for the back drop. These will be raffled off after the Holiday Program. Tickets will be available for purchase for \$1 each, all proceeds go to Merryhill PTO.

Winter Break Camp

School is out but camp is IN! One of our favorite things about the season is the extra time we get to spend with our students. Our camp dates are December 26th-January 5th. We are closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.

Let us know by 12/8 if your child will be attending! Camp does not apply to the infant or toddler program.

Are you going out of town for the holidays? Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly for staffing and ensure you are properly invoiced.

Important Dates

December 8th-Last full day for donations to KLUC Toy Drive
December 12th & 13th: Specialty Cooking Class: Santa Pancakes
December 18th-Coffee and cocoa break for parents and staff, 6:30a-9:00a
December 20th – Classroom Door Decorating Contest Voting
December 20th – Holiday Program @ Arbor View starts at 6:00pm
December 21st-January 5th-Winter Break Camp
December 25th-Closed for Christmas Day
January 1st-Closed for New Year's Day

