



# Edgewater News



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**Hanukkah begins at sundown on the 8<sup>th</sup>**

**First Day of Winter 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Christmas 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Kwanzaa Begins 26<sup>th</sup>**

**New Year's Eve 31<sup>st</sup>**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### End of the Year Program



Our End of the Year Program / Dinner will be on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at The Grand Long Beach Event Center in Long Beach. **The school will close at 3pm so staff can get ready. Please make arrangements for early pick up.** The children will be performing two songs with their class; Webby Dance and Young Music Company will also be performing. We will have a silent auction with great items including beach cruisers, gift certificates to restaurants, entrance passes to theme parks, airline gift certificates, and much more! This is a great holiday shopping opportunity and at the same time, you will be supporting the school. We hope everyone can make it!

We will also have 50/50 raffle tickets available for \$5 each (winner gets half and the school gets half). 50/50 Raffle tickets are on sale now in the office and will also be available at the program up until we draw the winning ticket. Pre-purchased 50/50 tickets may be charged to your tuition express account if you wish. With the money raised from the event, we are hoping to create an outdoor sound garden with large musical instruments and stations to increase children's exploration in the areas of music and physical science.

### Book Exchange Party

We will be having our book exchange party on **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.** Each child should bring a wrapped book to be given to another child in his/her class (\$5 limit please). Label who it is **from** only (do not specify who the book should go to). Our party will also consist of milk and cookies baked by the children. If your child is not enrolled on that day you may bring them at 2:30pm for afternoon snack and the book exchange

(parent must stay with child).

### Park Days

Park Days for this month are as follows: Sprites/Munchkins- [redacted] Chipmunks/Muskrats- [redacted] Please remember to wear your school T-shirt. They are available for sale in the office for \$12.

### Holiday Heroes for Foster Children

Each year we are given names of foster children that you can pick to buy a gift for the holidays. This is an opportunity to teach children the concept of giving and caring for others. We strongly encourage you to involve your child in the process by talking about what you are doing, why you are doing it, and by letting them choose a gift (depending on the age). Starting December 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a small tree with ornaments with a child's name and age. If you would like to participate, choose a child's name, purchase an age appropriate gift, and return it unwrapped to the office by December 20<sup>th</sup>.



### Winter Break

**The school will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** This will make it possible to handle the holiday closing of the school and give the staff an opportunity to take some well deserved vacation time. Please remember that days in which the school is closed are already computed in our tuition due to the fact that we have a monthly tuition policy; therefore, there are some extra days that are not charged to compensate for school closed days.

### Scholastic Book Orders

December book orders will be sent out **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** and are due on **Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.** You may also order online by going to <http://www.scholastic.com/clubsordering> Online activation code is: GZX8D

### NOVEMBER WRAP-UP

Thanksgiving feast was so much fun! The children's cooking was great! We have come to realize that no matter where and

when you have it, a Thanksgiving meal is always crazy, but lots of fun (just like home).

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Pixies- Connor

Sprites- Matilda

Munchkins-Makayla

## CURRICULUM

This month's curriculum is: weather changes, Holiday Celebrations/Shared Traditions and the Joys of Giving.



## REMINDERS

\*The school collects empty ink/laser cartridges and used cell phones year-round for recycling. Not only does this help to alleviate the volume of waste that goes into landfills, but we are also able to raise money to purchase school materials! All donations can be dropped off in the designated box near the sign-in folders.

\*Our school is also participating in the *Labels for Education*® program. It's easy to help—simply save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products and drop them off in the red box located next to the sign-in folders.

## OPEN DOOR POLICY

As a reminder from the staff, we have an open door policy for parents who wish to share a culture, a musical instrument, costume/tradition, or heritage celebration.

This multicultural exposure is great for the children and sharing helps all of us understand, appreciate and respect our differences. Please stop by the office if you have an idea or suggestion.

## DONATIONS

We are always in need of plastic grocery bags for our diapering classrooms ☺

## LOOKING INTO JANUARY

\* **School Closed** Monday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Staff In-Service

\* Silly Hat Day **Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> & Thur. 10<sup>th</sup>**

\* Pixies Conference **Friday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.** A sign up sheet will be posted the week of **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.**

\* **Thursday Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**-preschool field trip to

the Centennial Farms in Costa Mesa.