

# OUR School's News



## Upcoming Events

**December 10**

*Land Of Sweets*

**December 20**

Traditions Pot Luck

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### Parent Participation Opportunity for December

We would like to reinforce teaching the children to understand the importance of “giving” during the holiday season. As many of you already know, one of OUR School’s former families have been victims of a house fire which left the family with nothing. Instead of collecting Toys 4 Tots for the 5th consecutive year, we will be gathering donations for this local family in need. If you have any of these items, please let your child bring them in. Your family can fulfill parent participation this month with any donation given to this cause. Children at the youngest ages have a better understanding when they are able to personally be involved in the donating process from start to finish. If there are parents interested in helping with this project, please let me know.

**DONT FORGET TO LOG YOUR  
GENEROSITY IN THE PARENT  
PARTICIPATION BOOK!!!**

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From the Director...

The holiday season is upon us, and at this time of year here at OUR School, we do our best to SLOW down when we can to enjoy this special time and appreciate all the blessings of the past year. To help us do this, each year we talk about family traditions. All of us have special traditions we keep during the holiday season, no matter which holiday(s) we celebrate, and learning about our own traditions, as well as the traditions of others,, allows us to appreciate each family's unique experiences and culture. We also talk a lot about celebrations and why this time of year is so special and exciting. Your child's teacher will send home some "homework" for you to complete, with your child, that talks about your family's holiday traditions that they will share with their class, and later will be included in your child's portfolio. This is a fun activity that will get you all thinking about your family traditions, as well as ones you'd like to start with your children.

We have a couple of traditions of our own here at OUR School for the holidays, both of which involve good food and friendships. The first is our LAND OF SWEETS PARTY, which will take place on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All families are invited to dress warmly, bring flashlights, and spread some holiday cheer to our neighbors by singing favorite holiday songs. After caroling, we will meet back at the school for a dessert potluck. As you can imagine, this is a favorite tradition of our students since **they are not "allowed" to bring healthy food to this party... just desserts!** Please mark your calendars for this fun event. The second tradition is our Pajama Party & Family Traditions Potluck Lunch which will take place on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am. This is our way of celebrating our commonalities and differences by sharing traditional and special foods each family prepares during the holidays. We will have a sign-up sheet in the entryways and hope that all our families can join us for this fun celebration as well. Here's wishing you all a SLOW and enjoyable holiday season with your little ones who really do bring magic to this time of year! -Joy Love (and Peace) Ha!

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PARTY. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE LEARNING THE STORIES OF SANTA AND RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER, AND PRACTICING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING! (SEE PRESCHOOL NEWS FOR THE DATES AND TIMES OF OUR HOLIDAY PARTIES!)- MS MEGAN, MS CAITLYN, MS LINDA

Preschool News:

In December, the Preschool will be talking about our families and traditions! Look for our Holiday Traditions family worksheet, which we'll be sending home in the first week of December. Starting on

## More Important News

### INFANT HAPPENINGS:

The little people in the infant room have been developing their own culture and parents now have a handout with the songs, motions, and vocabulary that are used on a daily basis. This helps parents to understand the signals and responses they get from their child when these are done at home. In December, the babies are looking for a time to do a very short musical program for parents, so we will be discussing and planning this. Thanks to all the wonderful and generous parents in this season of love and gifts!

- Ms Jacque

### TODDLERLAND NEWS:

'TIS THE SEASON! THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY TRADITIONS. WE WILL BE PRACTICING OUR CAROLS FOR THE LAND OF SWEETS CAROLING

the 2nd, we will begin to practice our songs that the preschoolers will sing to bring some holiday cheer to our neighbors during the Land of Sweets Party (6:00, December 10th). Come join us as we celebrate at our no-healthy-food-allowed Land of Sweets caroling and treats party! Also upcoming is our Holiday Pot Luck, on December 20th, sign up sheets are posted for your family to pick a special holiday dish for your child to share with the class!

**OUR School will be CLOSED for our scheduled Winter Break  
December 23, 2013-January 1, 2014 and will resume class January 2,  
2014.**

*Merry Christmas!!!*