



Our Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- 🍀 **December 20 – January 2 Winter Break.** See you back in school on Monday 1/3/2011!
- 🍀 **January 5, Minimum Day**
- 🍀 **January 17, No school,** Martin Luther King Day
- 🍀 **Special Fridays January 14 and 21**
If you have stories, crafts, artifacts or recipes to share from other countries please contact your child's teacher.
- 🍀 **Charter Council Meetings Mon., January 10 & 24, 3:30 pm**
We are seeking a new Council member. Pls. contact Valerie M. ~ Valerie@lcics.org.
- 🍀 **PTC Meeting January 19, 6 pm at school**
- 🍀 **Garden Committee Meeting January 6 at 3 pm (1st Thursday)**
Please contact Ms. Bandsma Darla@lcics.org or call 987-3063

Announcements

Star needs some help in the office during the last hour of school each day. If you have just one hour you could donate please give her a call or sign up on the sheet in the office.

Classrooms: Right now we have one person that cleans the classrooms. This is awesome but not quite enough. Dust and dirt build up quickly, especially with our new granite outside We have all the cleaning supplies necessary, but could use people-power to help get the job done. If you can help please contact Jessica Khoury @ 987-9985.

Requests

Our teachers list's of needed items is not long but it is of the utmost importance. Please take the time to review this section of the newsletter, as the smallest donation can make a huge difference. Thank you for continued support!

Pencils, dry erase pens, colored markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, tissue, potting soil, lined paper, board games, and water colors

What is your favorite thing about the holidays?

Kindergarteners and 1st Graders interviewed by 5th and 6th grade:

"Presents, family, friends, snow, and my puppy Max." - Spencer

"My Birthday, presents, everyone comes over, and snow." - Maggie

"Presents, snow, and staying with my big brother Benjamin." - Mitchell

"Getting presents, going places, Ruby, and snow." - August

"Santa Claus, starts, Christmas trees, snow, presents with bows, mom, dad, my brother and my dog." - Sienna

"Getting presents, buying presents for other people, snow, and Santa Claus." - Christian

"Santa, snow, Christmas tree, presents, family, friends, decorating, and sledding." - Delaney

Whatever you do to celebrate the season we want to wish you all the best, so have a great vacation and we'll see you all back at school in the New Year!!!

Thank you!

We would like to take a moment to thank all of those parents that take the time to help out at school. They say it takes a small village to raise a child; it also takes an entire community for a school to succeed. Thank you to Karrie and Bill Gross for all your hard work getting the picnic tables ready for use. Also to Dave Jackson from Cal Pine for providing the tables. Thanks to Lynn and Vanessa Hajje for sharing food and the experience of Lebanon, and to Fezwali for sharing food, and the experience of Kenya. Thanks to Chris and Bobby Brown, Jack and Janelle, Sarah Y, Vicki A, Janet G, Jessica K, Lisa K, the PTC, the Charter Council and all of the rest of you wonderful parents lending a helping hand in so many ways!

Did You Know?

This year a total Lunar eclipse will occur on the Winter Solstice. Lunar eclipse is when the Earth, Moon, and Sun are lined up and the moon is immersed in Earth's shadow. A total lunar eclipse is quite rare and occurs only at full moon. On the night of December 20-21st, 2010, expect to see the eclipse between 10:30 pm on the 20th and 2:00 am on the 21st. The total eclipse will be visible from about 11:40 pm to 1:00 am.

The lunar eclipse can be viewed almost anywhere on Earth for a few hours. People all over the world will view the same eclipse at the same moments but at different times of the night or day depending on their location.

The winter solstice occurs exactly when the Earth's axial tilt is farthest away from the Sun. This also marks the shortest day of the year. Though the winter solstice lasts only an instant in time, the term is traditionally a turning point to mid winter, or the first day of winter.