

# December Newsletter

Friends and family

## Note from the Principal

The holiday season is a time to celebrate community, diversity, and the universal joy of giving. Our students will be learning about traditions observed around the world by singing songs, making art, tasting seasonal treats, and so much more! We'll be sending additional information in the coming weeks via Links 2 Home. As always, thank you for allowing us to teach and care for your children.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Holmes

## Holiday Giving

Our annual holiday giving initiative is a way for students to spread cheer this holiday season while developing an appreciation for what they have, showing gratitude towards others, and seeing the positive impact of their actions. This year, we are collecting gifts for children who attend Ronald Mc Nair Elementary who wouldn't have a special holiday without your support .

As part of the school age community service initiative we will be taking donations of soft socks, word searches with large writing, sudoku, lotions, and little sweets. Please give donations to Ms Ashley or Ms Kim

## Have School-Aged Children? Join us for Winter Break Camp!

Join us from December 23rd-January 3rd! We offer flexible schedules for families and engaging activities for school-age students. Our Winter Break Camp is a place for exploring, discovering, and making new friends. See our admin team to learn more.

## Cubby Refresh

Please make sure to refresh the spare clothing in your child's cubby. Take home anything that no

longer fits and leave a spare set of well-fitting, weather-appropriate clothes, including a winter hat and gloves.

## **December BLOG**

The holidays are a wonderful time of year for many reasons. We enjoy spending this time with our students as we reflect on the past year, learn about different traditions, and give back to those in need. Our annual holiday giving initiative is a way for students to build the important foundation of generosity and compassion. Through this event, they develop an appreciation for what they have, show gratitude towards others, and see the positive impact of their actions. It brings a smile to our faces to see our students get so excited to lend a helping hand.

Below are just a few ways we're helping our communities this season.

1. Students will collect toys, art supplies, games, books and other gifts for children in need. These special items will be delivered to Toys for Tots, local shelters, and children's hospitals.
2. During Thanksgiving, many of our students collected nonperishable food items. They will continue their collections throughout December, tour the food banks, and learn about how their contributions will make a difference in their community.
3. Students will help stock the shelves of local shelters by collecting essential winter accessories, such as coats, mittens, hats, and blankets.
4. The gift of time is precious. Students will make cards and visit senior centers to spread holiday cheer. They will enjoy snacks with residents, make holiday decorations, read books, and sing carols.
5. Students will show their appreciation for community helpers by delivering baked goods. They'll measure and mix ingredients, roll the dough, place the baked goodies in boxes, and deliver them with handmade cards.



## Portrait Cafe

December 1st-2nd

All children will be photographed on the 1st. Children who only attend on Fridays and any makeup will be done on the 2nd. Please allow time at pick up to view and purchase your pictures.



## Giving Tree donations

December 5th-16th

This year we are taking donations for children from Ronald Mc Nair. If you would like to donate please chose a tag off our tree. When you purchase the item please wrap the item and tape the tag on the present.



## Senior Citizen baskets

December 5th-16th

This year for community service our school age program will be assembling baskets for senior citizens at the Church Hill Senior Living Community. We are looking for donations of cozy socks, suduko puzzles, large print word searches, lotion, and small sweets.



## Holiday Spirit week

December 12th-16th

Monday- Wear blue and white for friends that celebrate Hanukkah

Tuesday- Holiday PJ day

Wednesday- Wear your favorite Holiday sweater

Thursday- Crazy hat and sock day

Friday- Wear red and white just like a candy cane!



## School age NERF NIGHT

December 16th 6-8pm

The children will enjoy pizza and plenty of NERF fun!

Cost= \$35 for first child and \$50 for two children



## New Year's count down

Please join us December 30th at noon for our New Years count down. We will have holiday music, cookies and sparkling cider.

December 23rd- CBA will close at 12pm

December 26th- CBA closed

December 30th-CBA will close at 3pm

January 2nd- CBA closed

