



December School Newsletter 2008

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Important CPPP Dates!

December 3

Board Meeting at CPPP
Campus, 7pm

December 10

Parent Education
Meeting
TBA

December 22-January 2

Winter Break
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Letter from the President

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...

Ok, so it is highly unlikely to snow in Campbell, but being from the East Coast, I still associate snow with Christmas!

Emma and Christo turned 4 this past weekend. They are now very focused on Santa coming. They keep telling me it is taking too long for Christmas to come!

I would like to thank the 2's class for a job well done for the Parent's Night Out! I spoke with some of the children, and they said they had a great time! Thank you so much to everyone who worked at this event as well as all the parents who took the opportunity to have some affordable babysitting that benefits the school.

As you all know we will not be having a Parent Ed Meeting at Village Elementary this month. Each class has made its own arrangements. I hope you enjoy your evening.

Your class fundraising person will still be selling raffle tickets to that valuable parking spot in front of the school!

Last week at the Board Meeting we opened the discussion of a water feature at the school (in the backyard). We need a committee to work on information gathering of this project. So far we have Teacher Erica in the 4's class and Wim in the 3's class. Please let me know if you are interested in heading up this committee and/or assisting in anyway. We are also looking for anyone with landscaping and plumbing skills. We are hoping to save some labor cost if one of our members can do the work

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

Enjoy your 2 weeks off!

Sincerely,

Leticia Hunter
CCCP President

November Fun in the Two's Class

By Teacher Monica



It seems like November flew by with all of the fun activities we had in the Two's class this month. We started the month with a field trip to Emma Prusch Farm. The geese were out to greet us during our visit to the farm. The children were lucky to see baby ducks, pigs, rabbits, goats and a cow, just to name a few. Then it was off for a walk and snack time under the trees. What a special class day it was.

As part of our Harvest theme the children made beautiful nature centerpieces for their harvest table with a variety of leaves, pine cones, and beautiful items from nature that families brought in. They were beautiful.

The month of November would not be complete without the Two's class Friendship Feast. What a beautiful display for food we had. How special for everyone to try new food from our families.

December will bring a variety of activities that include holiday traditions. We will take Light Rail to Christmas in the Park and end with our holiday book exchange.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Two's Class

Allie Phan – December 7

Tabitha Ngo – December 14

Three's Class

Christo Hunter – December 5

Emma Hunter – December 5

Ruth Manning – December 8

Four's Class

Soam Desai – December 15

Guruansh Kohli – December 22



Carla Razura of babydesigns.com's twin girls attended CPPP in the 2006-2007 school year and our preschool continues to hold a special place in her heart. She is a designer of eclectic children's skirts and greeting cards; she's a renown children's photographer, and an amazing graphic designer. Last year, she designed post cards, flyers, album covers, and school picture frames for various CPPP events through the fundraising team and we cannot thank her enough for the help she's provided. If you're interested in hosting a skirt party, scheduling a photoshoot, or need help with greeting cards, contact Carla at info@jidesign.com.



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Happy Holidays from Three's!

The Three's are bouncing into the holidays with joy and energy. I'm seeing a lot of problem solving in the children's play and great strides in social development. The children are exploring pine cones, greens, and all the different sounds of bells as the month begins. They are already starting to make their gifts for their parents, ornaments for decorating at home with and fun times with glitter that is always a joy to children's hearts. We are learning about the holidays in Mexico and doing a special celebration of Las Posadas with a pinta to enjoy at circle time. The large motor skills will be well exercised with much laughter and fun.

At the end of the month we will learn a little about Hanukkah, enjoy playing with dreidels and be cooking Latkes to enjoy for a snack project. Alina is planning the logistics for a great field trip to Christmas in the Park. We'll be riding down on the Light Rail together again, which was a wonderful experience in November on our trip to the Cal Trans Train station.

Sadly, this will also be the last month for the Liu family in the 3's as they are moving to San Ramon. We have enjoyed having Jameson in class and his bubbly laughter. We'll miss them very much, but send them off with a lot of love and good luck.

Wishing you all a month of exciting moments and love filled family time together.

Teacher Carol



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 sure you re/register today**

The Four's Class

Well, the 4s are really getting into the holiday season! They have made a class blanket (that will be raffled off at the class meeting on the 10th), they have made school ornaments and will be working on a special surprise for their families soon. On the 11th we will take our traditional light rail trip down to Christmas in the Park. On the 18th we will have a special last day before break that will include making graham cracker "houses" to take home and enjoy. And throughout the month, we have been enjoying having families come to circle time and explain their family traditions around this time of year. This kind of sharing builds meaningful connections between home and school learning.

We also have been having some old fashioned preschool fun. We have been exploring winter vegetables (did you notice where your child put his/her name on our taste test graph?) and hope to see our winter garden seeds sprout in the next few weeks. If you want to take a peek at the baby seeds, they are sprouting on the shelf above the science area, in the planter box. Once they are growing up strong we will transplant them into the round barrels in the garden. Later this month will bring the opportunity to use our sense of smell with "scented boxes." This is a fun activity that brings all kinds of favorite aromas into our school. Stop by the science table to check it out.

With all the fun and excitement, I am offering a gentle reminder that the holidays are a very stimulating time for young children. With presents in mind, parties to attend and party food easily available, the kids can easily get tired, cranky and belly-achy. You can help by slowing down the pace of celebrations, making sure lots of good food is offered before the sweets or fatty food, and having as many regular bedtimes as possible. That's the thing, isn't it? It isn't always possible. This is a fun, memory making time – may your holiday be warm, filled with love, and move at a languorous pace.



Warm wishes,
 Teacher Erica

Sundays 10:30
 Childrens Service 11:00
 Lunch 11:45

Youth Internet Cafe
 Tue-Fri 12-6PM

Campbell Community Church
 860 Harriet Ave, Campbell, CA 95008
 SUN 10:30AM www.campbellcommunity.org

CPPP would like to thank **Campbell Community Church** for hosting last year's carnival and silent auction. They generously supplied us with a fabulous location, hard-working volunteers, and constant support for our year-end fundraiser. Be sure to remember their facility as the possible host for your next meeting, fundraiser, get together, birthday or anniversary

HELLO BUSINESS OWNERS!!!

IF YOU RUN A BUSINESS OR JUST WANT TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ANOTHER BUSINESS, YOU CAN PLACE A 1/4 PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR VERY OWN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER! THE FEE IS \$20 EACH MONTH. PLEASE EMAIL AEILENE, OUR NEWSLETTER CREATOR FROM OUR 2'S CLASS, WITH YOUR AD. HER ADDRESS IS AEILENE@YAHOO.COM

Christmas Recipe: Christmas Ham

Recipe Ingredients

- 1 butt end smoked ham, about 7 pounds
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup orange marmalade
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 cans crescent rolls
- Egg wash

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the ham in a roasting pan and lightly score it with a sharp knife all around. Stir the mustard, marmalade and black pepper together in a small mixing bowl with a spoon. Slather the mustard mixture all over the outside of the ham, rubbing it into the scored meat. Bake the ham for 20 minutes then remove it from the oven.

Using 2 cans of crescent rolls, unroll the crescent dough but don't separate them into pieces. Press the perforated pieces together to keep the dough in its rectangular shape. Drape them over the ham pressing the dough edges together to cover the ham completely with the dough. Tuck any loose edges underneath the bottom of the ham in the roasting pan. Brush with egg wash.

Lay the last piece can of dough out on a cutting board and cut out some holiday shapes with cookie cutters. Holly leaves are nice. Arrange the dough leaves in a pretty bunch on the dough draped ham. Brush these shapes with egg wash.

Return the ham to the oven and bake for another 20 minutes until the ham is heated through and the crescent dough is cooked and browned.



It's Game Time!!!

Secret Snowman

FamilyFun.com

This game involves lots of Pats on the back and laughs, so it's Perfect for family Gatherings.

Players try to stick a paper snowman. Ours is made of card stock with a loop of Painter's tape to attaching it on a Person's back without her noticing. When that Person realizes the snowman is on her, she has to stick it on someone else's back. Don't worry about the snowman staying on just one back for hours. Giggling kids are sure to give the Person a clue before too long. Try to have the snowman visit everyone's back by the end of the day.



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