



# Empower the Future

## Reminders

December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Culminating Event  
Time TBA

December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Trace Holiday Garden  
3:00PM-6:00PM

December 14<sup>h</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>  
Gingerbread Houses  
4:30PM-5:45PM

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
All-Star Gathering

December 19<sup>th</sup> –January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Winter Break

## Updates

November has come and gone quickly and December has arrived. As the weather changes and we begin to feel the winter chill, it is important that the student bring and wear a jacket. If you family does not have the resources to buy a jacket check out one of the following places/resources:

- Sacred Heart
- City Team Ministries
- Family/Friends
- Call 211

## Student of the Month

K- Christian Cervantes

1<sup>st</sup> - Eduardo Alatomirano

2<sup>nd</sup> - Yamileth Alatomirano

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jocelyn Guterrez

4<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Tapia

5<sup>th</sup> - Brianna Phan

## Monthly Happenings

The students are taking part in a can food drive that began last month in their enrichment class “Lending a Helping Hand”. Each class set a goal for themselves and so far 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have reached their goal of 30 cans. However, the more we collect the more canned food we have to donate so we ask parents help their students continue to collect cans and discuss with them what it means to give, especially this time of year. The food drive will continue until December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Also this month the students will be learning about holidays that are celebrated in December: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. We will finish the year by making gingerbread houses: December 14<sup>th</sup> will be making houses with 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> with k-2<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking for parent volunteers to come on both of these days, especially on the 15<sup>th</sup>, so that each student gets a chance to make and finish a house.

## PLC Information

In November we put together our PLC board; positions we still need to fill are the PLC President, Committee Chairmen, and Hospitality Coordinator. The Chairmen and Hospitality Coordinator could be fulfilled by the same person. At the meeting we had less than 10 parents present, but we need more parents to be involved in order for this aspect of All-Stars to be successful. We ask parents to attend PLC meetings; it is the best way for parents not only to be connected to program but to other parent as well, providing us and each other with resources, feedback on successes and challenges. In order for this program to be all that it can be and to keep it running, it takes not only staff but also parent commitment. Parents must remember it is not a daycare but a comprehensive program that proves beneficial to the students in academics and social aspects of their young lives, but we cannot do that if we are not here to do so and are without continuous support.

## Early Release and Absence Information

We understand it is the holiday season, but students are still required to be in program full time for attendance and grant purposes. For any excused early release or absence it must fall under the San Jose Unified early release policy signed when child was enrolled. All other early releases will be unexcused. I must also have a note upon child’s return to place in their file. Failure to provide a legitimate note will leave your child with an unexcused early release or absence. Please keep in mind that 3 unexcused early releases and .or absences can result in your child being expelled from program until the 2012-2013 school year. Also remember if your child was present at school and was not sent home sick they are expected to be in program. If picked up after school please notify Ms. Natasha.



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