

December Newsletter 2011

Family, Friends, & Traditions



Upcoming Events

Holiday Peace Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate Sales

Now through Dec 14th

Holiday Fiesta

Saturday, Dec. 10th

Holiday Fiesta at Lyndale School, 10:30 – 1:00

Classroom Holiday Parties

3 Day: Wednesday Dec. 21

2 Day: Friday, Dec. 23

No School: Holiday Break

December 26 – January 9

Please note: no school Monday, January 9th

Classes Resume

3 Day: Tues. January 10th

2 Day: Thurs. January 12th

No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 16th

Dear Families,

During this month of celebrations, we will be learning more about **Family, Friends, and Traditions**. The Dramatic Play area will be a Doctor's Office, extending our learning about healthy habits from last month. We welcome all parents and family members to join us in the classroom for a "check-up!"

The Annual Holiday Fiesta

will be Saturday, December 10th at Lyndale School, 312 W. 34th St., from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. This Fiesta is a celebration for our families and also a fundraiser for Joyce. This special event will be fun for the whole family and friends! Preschoolers will be singing at 11:15 a.m. at the event. **Please bring your own camera and/or video camera for photos with Santa.** Thank you!

Holiday Fiesta Raffle Tickets

We ask each family to help us sell raffle tickets for the Holiday Fiesta. You'll want a chance to win the top prizes this year! Additional tickets can be picked up in the school office. Please return money raised and any unsold tickets to Joyce by December 8th. Raffle tickets will also be available at the event.

Holiday Gift Bags – Peace Coffee, organic teas, and hot chocolate make wonderful gifts for the holiday season! We'll be offering gift bags, tissue paper, and note

cards decorated by preschool students with holiday coffee, tea, or hot chocolate orders. Please have all holiday orders in by: Wednesday, December 14th.

Sign-up to Volunteer

Please sign up for a volunteer shift at the Holiday Fiesta. We need parents to help set up for the event on Friday, December 9th, and we also need parents to help before, during, and after the event on Saturday, December 10th. The sign-up sheet is located in the hallway.

Family Traditions, Hobbies, & Occupations:

Please check your calendar and come in to volunteer to share about your hobby, occupation, and/or your family's special traditions with the preschoolers. Opportunities to share about these topics start in December and extend through the rest of the school year.

Mid-Year Parent Survey

Joyce Preschool Staff and Board are collecting information from our parents at mid-year to evaluate the program, monitor students' and families' progress in general, and to request feedback about program changes. Please complete the survey and return by Wednesday, December 7th or Friday, December 9th. Thank you!

Minneapolis School Choice

Process: The MPS School Choice Fair will be Saturday, January 21st from 9am—2pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel,

1300 Nicollet Mall. 2-hour validated parking will be available in the Hyatt ramp only. School choice cards will be available at the fair and by mail at the end of December. **School choice cards are due on February 29th** For more information about school choice, call (612) 668-1840 or visit schoolchoice.mpls.k12.mn.us

Welcome to New Students!

3 Day Classes: welcomes new students Vanessa, Rowan (AM) and Jeremy (PM).

2 Day Classes: welcomes new students Diego, Paul (AM), Cesar, Crystal, Elsa, Maurice and Ruby (PM.)

Sign-Out Sheet

Please remember to sign-out your child everyday on the clipboard. This is a licensing requirement.

Healthy Snack

Children are required to eat a healthy snack (representing 2 different food groups) during preschool. Children should not bring cookies, cake, candy, etc., as these items are not acceptable under licensing standards.

Wash Hands Upon Arrival

Flu and cold season is here and we want to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Please have your child wash his/her hands at arrival time.





Events and Fundraising at Joyce Preschool

Save the Date! Vino.Arte.Comunidad. will be held on February 17th. This benefit for Joyce Preschool will be an elegant evening of Latin wine, Latin fusion food, artwork by Latino artists, and grand silent auction. Event tickets make a great holiday gift—visit our website or stop by the office to purchase tickets!

Barristers' Breakfast was a huge success! We raised more than \$5,000 for scholarships and enjoyed remarks from former Judge Isabel Gomez and Joyce 3-Day Parent Maria Cisneros. Thanks to all the parents who helped out that morning.

Give to the Max Day

Thank you! Joyce Preschool raised \$8,155 on Give to the Max Day (Nov 16) because of our generous families and supporters! If you haven't made a gift, please consider a year-end donation before the holiday break. Visit www.GiveMN.org and type in keyword "Joyce."

We wish you a very merry holiday break!



December Vocabulary

Hobby	Pasatiempo favorito
Vacation	Vacaciones
Tradition	Tradición
Read	Leer
Fishing	Pescar
Play and instrument	Tocar un instrumento
Woodworking/Carpentry	Carpintería
Chef/Cook	Cocinero
Doctor	Doctor/a o Medico
Nurse	Enfermero/a
Patient	Paciente
Family	Familia
Uncle/Aunt	Tío/a
Cousins	Primos/as
Grandfather/ Grandmother	Abuelo/a
Friend	Amigo
Card	tarjeta
Typical Clothes	Ropa típica
Country	País
People	Personas
Happy New Year!	¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

