



Wichita Friends School Newsletter

Winter Edition Volume 15

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 17
 - Polar Express Day
- Dec. 18
 - End of 2nd 9 weeks
 - All School - Caroling/Food Bank day
- Dec. 21
 - Conferences
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 1
 - No school – Christmas Break
- Jan. 4
 - Return Back to School
- Jan. 15
 - No school – Inservice Day
Latchkey available
- Jan. 18
 - No school – Martin Luther King Day
No latchkey
- Jan. 28
 - Open House 7-8:30pm



Christmas Around the World

On Monday December 14, the 2nd through 6th grade classes will present Christmas Around the World at 3:00 in the Worship room upstairs. Everyone is invited to attend. Groups of students looked up Christmas traditions around the world and will share what they learned at their presentation. Each group will make a traditional Christmas food from their country and share it with everyone. We hope to see you there.

Reminders

Inclement Weather/School Closure:

- Check local TV / radio newscasts for information
- Check our website: www.wichitafriendsschool.org
- Closures normally posted by 6:00 am

Warm Hats, Coats & Gloves:

- ✓ We go outside unless the temperature or wind chill is 15°F or below
- ✓ Please provide your child with weather-appropriate coats, hats and gloves



Ms. McElroy's Class

Financial Reminders

As the 2009 year is closing, a few reminders are in order. All charitable contributions you wish to make to WFS need to be received by December 31, 2009. Any donations which are mailed in to the school must be postmarked by December 31, 2009 in order to qualify as a 2009 tax deduction.

Likewise, all payments on latchkey accounts or tuition which you are planning to include on your 2009 taxes must be received by December 31, 2009. We advise all parents to check with their tax preparers as many payments are tax deductible.

Help Us, Help You!

This year the semester ends on December 18th and conferences are December 21st. With no school that week, we are trying to assess the need for latchkey services on Monday or Tuesday. All day latchkey sessions cost \$18 per day per student and are added to your weekly latchkey statement. In order to be able to provide this service we need to have at least 5 children who are signed up by Tuesday, December 15th. Please look over the sign-up sheet in the front foyer and let us know what your need might be. The sooner we know what the need is, the sooner we can address it. If you have any questions, please call the office. Your help with this is appreciated.



Referral Rewards!

Refer a friend and do some kid free shopping! Remember that with the Referral Rewards program you can cash in on a free latchkey session (for your currently enrolled student) whenever someone you refer to the school comes for a tour. There are 8 slots open in the pre-kindergarten program for next semester. Coupons are available in the foyer.

Operation Holiday

We are partnering with Inter-Faith Ministries' Operation Holiday to provide new or gently used coats, gloves, hats, scarves, mittens, etc. to area children. Items may be placed in the box in the foyer.



4-H Happenings

The 4-H club has been using a slightly different format on Thursday afternoons. December has been a month of "project-a-rama's." All 4-H participants have compiled notebooks that they use during club time to amass project information. The children have been able to select the project(s) they are most interested in and work on those during club time. December 10th will be devoted to working on Christmas projects. We will have a Christmas Party on December 17th - if you are interested in helping with treats, please contact Valerie Norton at sgsenior98@hotmail.com



We will be conducting a food drive to support the backpack program in connection with the food bank. Please place donated items in the box in the foyer.

Preschool and Junior Kindergarten Go Medical!

The Early Childhood classrooms would like to thank **Dr. Sam Heck and Miss Anne Bakker** for coming to our classes and discussing what it is like to be a doctor and a nurse. Dr. Heck is the father of Rebekah (2ndGrade) and Sammy (5thGrade) and Miss Bakker is our latchkey/lunch helper, substitute teacher and front office help. Both Dr. Heck and Miss Bakker spent sometime talking about ways to stay healthy, how they help others and that they are not really scary even though they sometimes have to give us shots. They also talked about how important school is if you want to become either a doctor or nurse and how they chose their professions. The kids had some pretty amazing questions for our community guests and we might have some future doctors and nurses in our school. We love having people in our community come share their jobs with us and we can't wait to have more guests in next semester.



Good News

We want to thank all of you internet surfers for using **GoodSearch** as your search engine. The school received a check for \$75.36. YEA! This means that parents, grandparents and friends who use GoodSearch instead of Google have generated \$75.36 by doing nothing more than clicking the mouse. If you haven't made this your homepage yet, check it out! www.goodsearch.com

Great Gift Ideas!



"Cooking in the Classroom" cookbooks are full of taste-tempting recipes compiled by WFS students, parents, faculty and friends in 2001. There is a copy at the Parent Information Board. These cookbooks make a great gift and are available at the school office for only \$10.00!

Short of time? Thanks to the Dillon's gift card kiosks you can use your **Dillon's Certificates** to purchase gift cards from a wide range of shops and restaurants. The certificates are available in the school office or by mail, just contact office@wichitafriendsschool.org with any questions.

