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Wichita Friends School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 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

Latchkey services will be provided on Monday, December 21st. The standard fee of \$18.00 will be charged for this session. Students will be making their lunches; there is no need for a sack lunch to be sent.

This service will *not* be available on Tuesday, December 22nd due to the lack of interest.

If you need help with childcare over the holidays, please feel free to contact either Kelly Nash 871-7806 or Travis Duckett 300-8011. They are both interested and available for work. Both would come with our positive recommendations. Ms. Atwater would also love to help but is only available on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Families interested in latchkey services for their student during their conference time only on Monday, December 21st should sign up in the foyer. Conference latchkey services are free of charge if you have signed up. There is a \$5.00 fee for drop-ins.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sabrina Duckett or ask at the front office.

Santa and his Elf arrived at WFS in a helicopter on Polar Express Day!!



November SPICE Awards

Jorah Reynolds: Jorah always has a hug, high five or smile for everyone around her. She loves to draw, write and play games and shows equality and community by including all her friends. She shows stewardship by taking special care of all her things and by organizing the class library when the books are not put back correctly. Jorah is a very hard worker and has such a kind and loving heart. She brightens up the classroom and everyone's day with her smile and laugh.

Asher Switzer: Asher is a very kind and caring boy. He never complains about doing his work and loves learning new things. Asher always has a story to share and has a laugh that puts a smile on everyone's face. Having Asher in our class is lovely!

Envy Tinajero: Envy brightens our days with her smile! She is an extremely hard worker, giving 100% effort to all that she does. She is also a wonderful listener and always has an encouraging word ready to help her friends. Envy's classmates rely on her sense of fairness and honesty to help resolve conflicts on the playground and in the classroom.

Samantha Kuns: Samantha always sees the positive in everything and everyone. She works diligently and is always willing to take the time to help others. Samantha accepts and gives friendship to everyone in our school, from the youngest to the oldest! She has a kind, patient, and loving heart. These attributes shine through in all she does. We have been blessed to have her attend Wichita Friends School.



Jorah



Asher



Envy



Samantha



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Christmas Around the World

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.



Congratulations to the Villatoro Family!

We rejoice with Joseph Villatoro and his parents Claudia and Melvin in the birth of their baby boy. Joseph's new brother was born Monday 12/14 and weighed 2 pounds and 11 ounces. Please pray for this family and rejoice at the birth of this new baby!!



Free Latchkey Session!

You will receive one free latchkey session when 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.

Simple Gifts of Love

The past few weeks have been busy ones for the Kindergartners! We read about the first Poinsettias that, according to legend, grew to honor the gift of song and love that a poor peasant girl from Mexico gave Jesus at his birth. The children have been hard at work creating and wrapping their own gifts of love for their families. The children also had fun learning about customs from other countries and faiths. The students learned and sang songs about dreidels and then made their own dreidel so that they could practice the game played by Jewish children. As they played, they also learned about fractions and polished their addition and subtraction skills. They also authored their own holiday books and shared some of their family traditions. They all agreed that, while getting presents is exciting, giving a gift that shows how much we love someone is a joyous part of Christmas that can last all through the year. Thank you for sharing your little blessings with us this year! May your holidays be filled with love and joy.

