

# Montessorigram

DECEMBER 8, 2011

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/8: Kinder Winter Performance

12/5-12/9: Holiday Gram Sales

12/9: YoYo Assembly

12/12: Middle School Business Internship

12/12: 7 Habits, 2:00 @ the Orangevale Campus

12/12: Holiday Gram Delivery

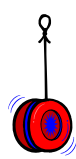
12/15: Kindergarten to B St. Theater

12/15: 4th-6th Wax Museum

12/15: 1st-3rd Winter performance @ Joseph Kerr Middle School

12/19-1/6 Winter Break

## Friday: "School is Cool" Assembly



This assembly will be presented by Around the World YoYo Entertainment Group. It's a fun, fast paced, educational, interactive program. The experienced entertainer will take the students on a learning journey using the yoyo and other fun activities to communicate the importance of school. During the show, students will do some math, learn how their brains work, and watch yoyo tricks. Yoyos will be available for purchase for five days following the assembly. They range in price from \$7.00 to \$15.00.

## Before and After School Car Line



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE pull all the way forward to the front cone and only let your kids in and out of the car on the right side. We believe that this is the best way to keep everyone safe. Please be patient during car line. We know it can be a bit of a wait but if everyone is ready when they get to the front, it should go smoothly and safely.

## New Campus Site Update

We are moving forward!! Our Prop 55 team has had several very successful meetings this past month. One of our meetings focused specifically on the placement of the classrooms and administrative buildings. Our emphasis was on identifying the most family centered and student friendly layout. Special discussion was made regarding parent parking and car loop with regards to its impact during school-wide events. New plans will reflect the changes discussed during that meeting based on the Prop 55 team, Kathleen Merz (Principal), and parent input. We continue to look at the start of the 2013-2014 school year as a "move in" date. While we don't need to start packing just yet, we can all begin getting excited for the change.

**This Week in History:**

Dec 05, 1901  
Walt Disney was born

Dec 06, 1884  
Washington Monument completed

Dec 07, 1941  
Pearl Harbor bombed

Dec 08, 1980  
John Lennon shot

Dec 09, 1972  
"I Am Woman" by Helen Reddy tops the U.S. pop charts

Dec 10, 1901  
First Nobel Prizes awarded

Dec 11, 1946  
UNICEF founded

"There is more treasure in books than all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island"

~Walt Disney

## Parents are Vital to Every Child's Success!

The following are some suggestions of practices that help young people do well in school:

- At dinner, or other daily event, talk about the day's events, with a chance for everyone to speak and be fully heard
- Know your child's teacher, what they do at school, and materials being used
- Expect quality work and good grades. Know your child's strengths, give encouragement and help when needed
- Talk to your child about the future, about high levels of education and vocation

## Updated Vaccinations



If your child has recently gotten any new vaccinations, please give a copy of the shot records to the office.

## Emergency Cards

The cold and flu season is here. Please be sure to keep your child's emergency card up to date with your most current phone numbers and additional people to contact if we cannot get a hold of you. The office will make sure a copy goes to the classroom.

## Kindergarten Winter Performance



Both the Diamond and Sapphire classes will be performing together to sing *The Twelve Days of Winter Break*. We can't wait to hear all of those precious kindergarten voices! The performance begins at 5:00, see you all there.

## Lower Elementary Winter Performance



The first through third graders will also be having a winter performance. Each class will perform a song or poem, as well as performing in their grade level. In order to accommodate all of the families, the show will be held at Joseph Kerr Middle School across the street. If anyone can come early, at 6:30, to help set up chairs, please let the teachers know, it would be much appreciated.

## Minimum Day



The last school day before winter break, December 16th, is a minimum day. If you do not have a Club M contract or punch card, please be sure to pick up students at the following times:

K-3rd @ 11:45  
4th-8th @ 12:00

## Club M Activities

This week:

5 Free Choice	6 Freeze Dance  AM: TBD by Students	7 Winter Art	8 3 Step  AM: 3 Step	9 Movie @3:30
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Next week:

12 Free Choice	13 Freeze Dance  AM: TBD by students	14 Winter Art	15 Relays  Am: Freeze Tag	16 Movie @ 3:30
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Sign-up for Winter Intersession by Monday, December

12<sup>th</sup> by 6:00 PM- In order for Club M Winter Intersession to remain open we must have a minimum of ten students, paid in full, for each day the program is scheduled to be in session.

<p><b>Week One:</b> 12/19 - 12/23</p> <p><b>Find It: Scavenger Hunts!</b></p>	<p><b>Week Two:</b> 1/3 - 1/6</p> <p><b>Ready, Set, Go! Winter Tournament</b></p>
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# Congratulations Allyson!

Allyson is Elk Grove's winner for the California Montessori Project's Holiday Card Contest.

