



January 12, 2012

Dear CMP-Elk Grove Families:

Please accept our sincere and heartfelt wish to all of you for a happy and healthy 2012! As we reflect back on the past year, we truly appreciate how involved and supportive the families of CMP-EG are, and we look forward to continued success in the coming year as well.

Now that the students are rejuvenated after three weeks of vacation, we hope that all are prepared for the new challenges and learning opportunities that will be introduced in the coming weeks. January is usually a very productive month in the classroom. It is an exciting time!

As you are aware, Prop 55 funds have been released and the search for a permanent campus site has been a high priority for CMP's administration. Mickey Slamkowski, CMP Director of Programs, has been meeting regularly with Gary Bowman, CMP Executive Director, and Phil Hendricks, Project Manager, in this effort. They are currently in the process of finalizing the selection for the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) consultant. In the interim, we have secured a lease with CSD through the 2012-2013 school year and will be remaining at our current location in the upcoming school year.

As state budget cuts continue to impact our campus budget, one area in which we as a community can make a difference is through student attendance. We are budgeted for an attendance rate of 95%. Currently we have an attendance rate of 96.6%, with 72 students (24% of our student population) having 100% attendance. However, if we can reach an attendance rate of 98%, our campus budget will not be in deficit. To help keep everyone informed, we will be including attendance information in our weekly Montessorigrams. *Together, we can reach 98% attendance!*

To further support our efforts to raise our revenue, a CMP-EG Grant Writing Committee is being formed. The first meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Experience is not necessary and all are welcome. If you are interested in participating, please contact the school's office at 916-714-9699.

As we plan for the next school year, student reenrollment packs will be distributed in early February to our currently enrolled families. **If you have a prospective Kindergartner (sibling) enrolling in CMP for the 2012-2013 school year, please stop by the office or go to the school's website at www.cacmp.org for the 2012-2013 Lottery Application.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by the office. Your suggestions and feedback have and do make us a stronger learning community.

Sincerely,


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