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CALENDAR

Friday, January 14 9:30am

Annual Peace Parade and Birthday Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday, January 17 SCHOOL CLOSED

Dr. King's Birthday

Monday, February, 21 President's Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, February 22 Staff Development Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday, March 5 SAVE THE DATE

Pacific Primary Auction

ANNUAL PEACE PARADE AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

You and your family are invited to join our annual Peace Parade to honor the legacy and birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. Both schools will come together on

Friday, January 14th at 9:30am. Our community walks around the block, led by Melodi and Kevin, and sing songs of peace and love, while we celebrate the ideals of peace and solving problems without hurting each other. Some classrooms will carry the children's words and art work inspired by Dr. King. The teachers talk about the work of Dr. King throughout the year and keep the discussions appropriate for young children by highlighting the lessons of peace, love and kindness.

Schedule for Friday, January 14th:

- Meet in child's classroom at 9:30am
- Parade will get started and the YSS will cross the street to join the OSS school on Baker Street. We will circle the block while singing. Both groups will return to their school for a story and birthday celebration with the celebration ending at approximately 10:20am.

We hope you can join us for this memorable event! We are very proud of our graduates (in kindergarten) who have introduced and inspired their new schools to honor Dr. King in a similar way.

TUITION ASSISTANCE- DEADLINE TOMORROW (Jan. 11th)

All families interested in applying for tuition assistance must turn in their application and pay-stubs by tomorrow, Tuesday Jan. 11th.

Families must re-apply for assistance each year. Applications are available on our website, www.pacificprimary.org under the admissions section. For questions, please contact Amie Haiz, amie@pacificprimary.org.

PACIFIC PRIMARY'S AUCTION!

Auction excitement is building! We hope that many of your questions regarding the Pacific Primary Auction were addressed in the auction newsletter distributed last week.

The Intake Committee reports that donations are flowing in but, as always, more are needed to insure an auction that will successfully support our children through funding the Tuition Assistance and Creative Arts programs. A friendly reminder that donations are due on Wednesday, January 12! Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

SIGNING IN & OUT- AN IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY

Please remember that you (or whoever drops off or picks up) must sign your child(ren) IN AND OUT EVERY DAY at Pacific Primary. This is for your child's safety. If there is an emergency and we need to leave the building, the first thing the teachers need is the sign in and out clipboard so we can get an accurate head count. If you have not signed them in or out - well you can IMAGINE the stress and confusion!

Your daily signature needs to be legible as this is a legal document also required by state licensing. If you are a PFA family, we keep track of your attendance as part of our agreement with PFA and will let you know if you have exceeded your excused absences for the school year. All families should please let the teachers know if your child was absent because of illness.

LOVE IS A FAMILY

The family diversity that the children experience and talk about, often daily at Pacific Primary, is very real.

Below is a sample of one child's experience that occurred over the winter break. Thank you to his family for sharing.

"On our recent airplane trip to Santa Fe, Ben (a Coyote) struck up the following conversation with a girl, Wendy, in the seat behind him.

Wendy: "Is that your mom?" [gesturing to Julie]

Ben: "I have two mamas -- my English momma and my Spanish-speaking mama."

Wendy: "Don't you have a papa?"

Ben: [not missing a beat] "No. All families are different."

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