



Pacific Primary

SUNspots

DECEMBER 1, 2009

CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 1 5:00pm-6:15pm

Parenting Workshop, "Handling Power Struggles and Encouraging Cooperation," presented by Lynn and Belann

Wednesday, December 2 8am-8:45am

Auction Info Coffee

Thursday, December 3 and Friday, December 4

PP Winter Wear Sale 8am-10am

4pm-6pm

Parent-Teacher Conferences - SIGN-UP in

CLASSROOM

YSS December 1-14

OSS December 7-18

Friday, December 18

Winter Sing-Along

December 24 - January 1

School Closed **Winter Break**

School resumes January 4

TOURS OF THE SCHOOL

Tours for prospective parents begin tomorrow at 9:00am -10:30am and will be held every Wednesday through February 17 (except for December 21).

Please try to bring your child by 8:45am or after 9:15am to avoid the tour group as it can be overwhelming for some children. Approximately 40 people will be on each tour and we will divide them into 3 groups when we briefly visit both schools and the classrooms.

WINTER WEAR SALE

Look for our brand new line of winter PP clothing

featuring our new bike logo. The new clothes and shopping bags will make great holiday gifts, so please stop at the tables to check out what's available! We still need help with the sale, so please contact Sue Rochman at sue.rochman@earthlink.net.

CONGRATULATIONS

Brian Silveira, Panda Lead Teacher, Senior Lead Teacher and Diversity Coordinator, was presented with an award at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference held in mid-November at Washington, DC. Brian was presented with the 2009 David Givens Award from the NAEYC LGBT Interest Forum for his outstanding work as a Teacher, Leader, Author and Change Agent. His award, in part, states "Brian creates a supportive, nurturing and safe classroom for all children and their families. He contributes to making his workplace an exemplar of diversity." We are incredibly proud of Brian and his impressive accomplishments! Brian also conducted workshops for NAEYC participants.

WEEKLY JOURNALS NOW ON WEBSITE

Each classroom prepares a Weekly Journal and displays it in the classroom. The journal is a snapshot of an ordinary moment in the day. Each journal takes the teacher's time to observe, and then highlight with text and photo what makes that moment extraordinary. It is a great way to better understand our educational philosophy and see what is happening in your child's classroom. To view on line you must go to our website www.pacificprimary.org and go to Community Pages and use the password: `pacificprimary2009`

ECKERS AND PRESCHOOL FOR ALL

We are very pleased to announce that all 8 classrooms have completed the Environmental Screening Rating and all were given scores that are well above the baseline that determines high quality preschool classrooms. This means that we can now apply for Pre-School for All and will hopefully be a PFA site sometime in January.

Parents will receive a reduction in tuition (for 2.5 hours per day - dollar amount for the year has not been determined) only if the following criteria are met:

- San Francisco residents
- Child(ren) is four-years-old by December 2 (or older).

Additional information will soon be available and we will share it with you as soon as we receive it. We are also able to apply for Quality Improvement Grants for each classroom at a maximum of \$3,000 for each classroom. We will let everyone know what the money will be used for as soon as we complete the grants. Congratulations and special thanks to our teachers and staff for their patience and hard work in going through an evaluation at the very beginning of the school year!

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