

Office Notes

February is the Elementary Classes Parent Visiting Month! Call Ann to schedule your visit.

- **Feb. 2 & 3:** Elementary I level three children do achievement tests
- **Feb. 2-5:** Elementary II class (levels 4-6) doing achievement tests
- **Feb. 5:** 2010-11 Contracts and deposits are due by 4:00 P.M.!
- **Feb. 11:** All classes celebrate Valentine's Day (more info on page 2)
- **Feb. 12 & 15:** Presidents' Holidays - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Feb. 16:** In-Service Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Feb. 20: Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate**, an AFC Event, 7:00-9:30 P.M., at Boulder Creek Winery, Lookout & Spine Roads
- **Feb. 25:** Primary Classes' Parent Visiting Night 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Thank you: To Tracy Miles for giving MSMS two small trash cans, which were the perfect size for use in our reception area!

Belated thanks to Victoria Peterson's family for bringing the staff a *delicious* cake with raspberry filling to enjoy before Winter Break and to the Lewis family for bringing us yummy candy cane taffy. **HUGE THANKS-YOU'S** go to Becky Alexander, Amanda Burton, and Tracy Miles for subbing at the reception desk while Ann was on vacation.

MANY, MANY THANKS go to the following parents who have helped - and continue to help - Jan with various mailings: Becky Alexander, Marisa Aguirre, Jenny Baldwin, Amanda Burton, Diane Cunningham, Suzanne De La Paz, Becky Fossel, Kathryn Harrison, Kyle Kolakowski, Jennifer Marcoulier, Tracy Miles, Shawna Sands, and Lindsay Snow.

We honestly could not do without the help of our *wonderful* volunteers!

From Debby Thompson's Elementary II Class

The last couple of months have been filled with many math and language lessons: Gothic hand, grammar, sentence analysis, capitalization and punctuation, reading comprehension and discussions, graphs, averaging, rounding and estimation, binomials and trinomials, fractions and decimals, and word problems.

New world history lessons have centered on Human Needs and the BC/AD Timeline. Now we begin work with the Middle Ages. Children will pick research topics, character monologues, and service projects to complete their "Pledge of Chivalry". This detailed work will also be part of their homework for the next few weeks. A volunteer interest form will be sent home to solicit your help for our many projects.

Achievement testing is this week. The children have practiced hard to solidify some skills.

Please keep the following dates in mind:

Mar. 4 & 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mar. 17: Elementary II Cultural Presentation, 6:00 P.M. in the MPR

Thank you: To the following parent drivers for helping on our "Going Outs": Tracey Bennett, Diane Cunningham, and Suzanne De La Paz. To Lexi Tompkins and her family for donating a Newbery Award-winning book to our class.

A Glimpse of a Work Morning in Martha Vincent's Elementary I Class

(Recorded by Cicely Henderson and Theresa Dooley)

Brynja is making a Timeline of Humans.

Anabelle is drawing a picture from the Timeline of Life.

Owen is studying the rocks in the Mineral Kingdom.

Helena and Linzee are doing lots of problems with fingerboard.

Alex S. is researching lots of details on snakes.

Sam, Kyle, and Ryan Q. are working on a large fractions (addition) problem.

Mrs. Vincent is giving Megan, Olivia, Taylyn, and Albaraa a lesson on Roman numerals.

Teigan and Autumn are doing lots of fun problems on the long bead frame.

Caleb and Trayton are working hard on the adjective grammar box.

Yumna is doing challenging subtraction problems using fingerboard.

Iza and Saunders are finishing a long division problem on racks and tubes.

Mac is looking up a word in the dictionary.

Dylan and Ryan L. just finished a work and are getting ready to choose another.

Drew is baking blueberry muffins with Ms. Johnson for his birthday.

Jacque and Alex F. are absent today.

Cicely and Theresa are about to set up the Mineral Kingdom work.

The first full week of our service project, the school-wide donation drive for Help for Haiti, has been a success. Thank you for your contributions; we have filled about one and a half boxes thus far, but we would like to give more! We will be accepting donations until further notice, so please continue to add the requested items into your cart at the grocery store.

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February Pizza Fridays!

If you have ordered pizza for your child, please remember that the next delivery days are February 5th, 19th, and 26th. Thanks for your support! The Elementary II Class



Martha Vincent's Class (con.)

If you have any questions about these items, you may refer to the lists attached to donation boxes, or with Ann in the reception area in the main building.

Thank you to Dylan and Trayton Tepedelen for providing crickets for Brownie. Thank you to Ryan and Kyle Quinlan, who gave our class a gift certificate to Borders in celebration of their 8th birthdays. Thank you to Megan Robinson, who gave us two research guides in honor of her 9th birthday: one about birds and one about dogs. Thank you to Cicely's father, Todd Henderson, for giving us a presentation on architecture, and for inviting the third-year students to visit his architecture firm. Thank you, also, to Karen Duea for driving us on this Going Out.

From Koral Walters' Primary Class

We would like to welcome to our classroom and to Mountain Shadows Elsie Sladden, Lucia Gomez-Colunga, Alex Shaler, Jack Bollenbacher, and their families. We are very excited that you are part of our class! The children have been helping their new friends get settled.

Next Thursday, February 11th, our class will celebrate **Valentine's Day**. Please bring 30 *unaddressed* valentines from your child for his or her classmates.

The children are busy with new lessons and generally helping each other with them; they are starting to think about all the lessons they want to show their parents on **Parent Visiting Night**, Thursday, February 25th, 5:30-7:30 P.M. We hope to see everyone for a fun evening!

Thank you: To Liam Brown and his family for taking such good care of our birds and to Gavin Robinson and his family for taking care of our tadpoles during Winter Break; our class pets had a wonderful holiday, too! To Jackson Lewis and his family for bringing our class a drum from his trip. To Alaya Vincent for giving us a book in celebration of her 4th birthday; the children love the story! To Laine Collins and her family for giving our class delicious oranges; the children love to squeeze their own juice! A huge "THANK YOU!" to Genevieve, Daria, and Josh Carter for making a cash donation to our class.

To the following families for bringing us healthy and delicious snacks: Elijah Potter's family, Tamsin and Alex Horne's family, Clio Peterson's family, Alaya Vincent's family, Liam Brown's family, Timo and Briac Le Huerou's family, Genevieve Carter's family, and Roysse Marcoullier's family.

From Betty Coleman's P.E. Program

We're having a great time working on Basketball skills and lead-up games. A lot of running, passing, shooting, cooperation, and fun going on in P.E.!

From Dawn Parrot's Primary Class

Just a reminder: If you have any gently used books you are no longer using, please donate them to our class' Silent Auction project. Work on the Auction project will begin after Spring Break.

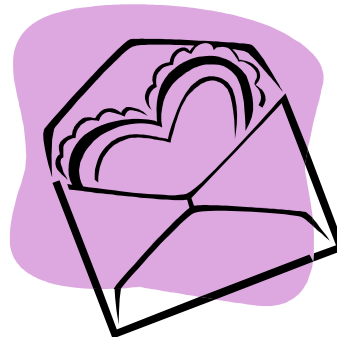
Thank you, once again, for all the yummy snacks these last few months. (Please remember to bring a bouquet of flowers for our flower-arranging lessons during your snack week.) Thank you so much for providing *so* generously for the children! Thank you also for assisting your children in choosing something to bring for "Show and Tell". The children really enjoy hearing about their friends' interests, and those who bring something really enjoy sharing information with the class!

Valentine's Day Plans for the Classrooms

The **Primary** classes will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 11th. We are asking children to bring a valentine for each child in the class. Please have your child sign each card, but **DO NOT ADDRESS THEM**. (If candy is attached to the valentines, it will be taken home for their enjoyment!)

The **Elementary I** children are planning Valentine's Day celebrations for Thursday, February 11th. If your child chooses to bring valentines, one should be brought for each child in the class. They should be alphabetized by first name for easy distribution. (If candy is attached to the valentines, it will be taken home for enjoyment!)

The **Elementary II** children are planning Valentine's Day celebrations for Thursday, February 11th. If your child chooses to bring valentines, one should be brought for each child in the class.



MOUNTAIN SHADOWS' TEACHERS WISH LISTS 2009 - 2010

(Please keep these lists for gift ideas in honor of your child's birthday, or if you would like to donate like-new used items to the school. The lists start with the most-needed items. Since Mountain Shadows is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, your donation may be tax-deductible.)

WISH LIST FOR DAWN PARROT'S PRIMARY CLASS

- Bird seed
- New birdfeeders
- Small dry erase board with dry erase markers (lo-odor, please!) for snack area
- Nature items from family trips (sea shells, gemstones, fossils, rocks, starfish, etc.)
- Children's books (geography/travel and beautiful picture books)
- Old magazines, catalogs, calendars with pictures of plants, animals, art, scenery

WISH LIST FOR KORAL WALTERS' PRIMARY CLASS

- Wild bird seed and bird suet
- Bird feeders
- Gift cards to: PetsMart, King Soopers, Target, Jo-Ann's, Michael's
- Magazine subscriptions: *Your Big Back Yard* and/or *Ranger Rick*
- Flower bulbs for Fall planting
- Seeds and bulbs for Spring planting
- Wagon
- Post cards from cities, states, countries, etc.,
- Currency from other countries
- Classical music CD's

We can always use anytime:

1. Empty tea boxes (cardboard)
2. Empty pasta boxes
3. Old magazines: travel, art, etc.
4. Art paper scraps
5. Large buttons
6. Fabric scraps

WISH LIST FOR THE PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

- New and gently used trikes, scooters, wagons
- Playground ball, soccer balls
- Hula hoops
- Sand buckets and sand toys

WISH LIST FOR DEBBY THOMPSON'S ELEMENTARY II CLASS

- Gift cards for our classroom pets' supplies (PetsMart or Petco)
- Bird seed: black oil sunflower, critter crunch, thistle, suet cakes, safflower
- Gift cards – book stores

WISH LIST FOR MARTHA VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY I CLASS

- Magazine subscription: *Kid's Discover*, *Ranger Rick*, *Zoo Books*, *Your Big Backyard*, *Tracks*
- Binoculars: Wild Bird recommends Bushnell and gives a 20% discount if purchase is for a school.
- Various seed for birds: black oil sunflower, mixed niger, suet cake, peanuts, etc.
- Stationery (lined)
- Hard-bound books
- Gift cards to Lafayette Feed, PetSmart, Borders, Barnes & Noble, Target, etc.
- Indoor plants
- Outdoor bulbs
- Cultural objects from around the world, for display or to use for storing materials in the classroom

WISH LIST FOR BETTY COLEMAN'S P.E. PROGRAM

- (8) Softball gloves (6 right & 2 left)
- (1 set) Body balls (\$159.99 in *Sportime* catalog)
- Small golf pull-cart (used okay - please donate used one to school golf program)
- One or more sections of fencing for basketball court
- Someone to construct four more hurdles like the ones we already have (I have the directions.)
- Someone to donate materials and construct two new balance beams or gift card for Home Depot to purchase two 8'x 4"x 4" beams and construction-type glue
- Traversing wall package for 20' wall, with safety locking cover (\$2,999+ in *Sportime* catalog)
- Adjustable chin-up bar for the gym (\$105)
- 9-hole disc golf game (\$359/set in *Wolverine* catalog) or Economy super loop, 9-hole golf set, only \$99.99 in *Sportime* catalog