



HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 8 for T-Th Classes
Wednesday, December 9 for MWF Classes
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In the Church

Please, bring a small plate of cookies or other types of foods that can be eaten with your fingers. It is especially nice if the food represents your culture.

- **Early Preschoolers come to the church with their parents.**
- **Preschoolers may be taken to the classroom. They will come in and sing after the Early Preschoolers are finished.**

PLEASE NOTE - The program is meant to be fun for the children. For some introverted or shy children getting up in front of a group of people is not fun. If your child would rather stay with you and not sing, please let him/her do that. I know as parents we like our children to be part of the group and we want those cute pictures but it is not worth traumatizing the child. Another option is to go up with your child to give support. If you have any questions, talk to one of the teachers.

Visits from Steve Chaney and Cornelius as well as Santa

After the children perform they will sit down in front and watch Steve Chaney the ventriloquist and his puppet Cornelius perform. Then Santa will come. Children who want to may talk to Santa. Please, be patient with us as children visit Santa. We have a lot of children and one Santa. I do my best to keep things moving but I don't want to rush the children either. While your child is waiting get some refreshments, visit and enjoy yourself.

Supervision of Children – Remember to watch your children and please keep them off the stage when Cornelius is performing.



"Two-Can" Monday and Tuesday

Bring 2 Cans of Food & Help Hungry Kids

We have barrels from Second Harvest Food Bank. As a part of Small Group we are talking about sharing and giving to others.

We thought it would be fun for the children to bring in Two-Cans and put them in the barrels during Small Group on Monday and Tuesday next week.



Staff Luncheon - On Tuesday December 15 the teachers and office staff will have their staff holiday lunch. **Please arrive at 11:30 or a little before to pick up your child** so we have plenty of time for our lunch. For the afternoon class we will be back in time for class, never fear, but we might arrive right at 1:00. Thank you for your cooperation.

Class Openings for January: **All Preschool Classes have openings.**

The EPS is full with a waiting list.
honored through January.



Coupons will continue to be

□ News from the Board

Fundraising

Thank you for your support: We want to thank all of the families who ordered See's Candy. If you haven't picked up your order, it is waiting for you in the office. We made about \$800 this year. Also, thank you to the families who bought toys from Learning Express and/or ate at Pizza My Heart or Red Robin.



Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. Card

This is a great fundraiser that cost you nothing. Every-time you shop at Save Mart give them your S.H.A.R.E.S. Card and we receive 3% of the sale. We are averaging about \$200 a month from Save Mart. **Extra cards can be picked up in the office.** Remember to pick up extras for family members who shop at Save Mart, Food Maxx or Lucky stores.



Escrip

Escrip is another great way to fundraise for the school without costing you anything. You should have received an email on how to sign up for escrip. Please, do so today. Half of our families have signed up so far we are reaching for 100%. Also a reminder if you signed up before September 2009 you need to renew your Safeway, credit/debit card and Macy's card information.



For Small Hands Catalog

There is still time to place orders from this wonderful Montessori resource catalog. Place your order by December 10th and your delivery is guaranteed for Christmas. See their website, www.forsmallhands.com for details. Remember, to mention Mandala's customer number: 112769 to credit the school.

Chico Bags

We still have Chico Bags for sale in the office for \$5.00. This is a great holiday gift or stocking stuffer.

Summer and Fall Registration for 2010/2011



Open House for New Families

Saturday, January 30, 2010

10:00 to 11:30 am

If you know someone who might be interested in attending Mandala, please invite them to our open house. Also have them call the school for a tour.

Registration Day for Continuing Families and Alumni

Tuesday, March 2

Make certain you register on registration day to assure you get the class of your choice. A letter with more information will be sent home in February. If you have an Early Preschooler moving over to the Preschool next year, call me for a tour of the Preschool classroom.



Winter Vacation starts Monday, December 21st

We will be open on Friday, Dec. 18th.

Save this date: Wednesday, January 20th 7:00 - 9:00 pm. for the What After Mandala Workshop. We will talk about options for elementary school. More info in January Newsletter.