



Parent Workshops

What After Mandala

Wednesday January 20, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Church

Child Care available - \$10.00 per child – call office to reserve child care by Tues. January 19.

- **How do I find the right elementary school for my child?** This workshop has been designed to help parents sort through the choices and gain tools to choose a school that best suits their child and themselves. Parents who have attended this workshop in the past have found it full of valuable information.
- **Elementary school parents will share their experiences.** We will review a representative group of local private, parochial and public schools. This workshop is meant to give guidelines and information, not to rate or recommend specific schools.
- **Kindergarten Readiness** – We will talk about what makes a child ready for kindergarten. Some children are ready for school academically but are not ready socially or emotionally. We will talk about how readiness leads to future success in school.
- **Come talk about your elementary school** – If you have an older child in elementary school, I would love to have you come to this workshop to share your experiences. This will cover volunteer hours. Please, call me, 251-8633 or email me mdrino@yahoo.com if you want to speak. You will talk about 5 to 10 minutes.

Thank you from the Teachers and Staff



All year we feel so privileged that you share your children with us, that in itself is an incredible gift that we want to thank you for. We also want to thank those who gave to the Holiday Bonus Fund and to those who gave cards, gifts, pictures. We appreciate your thought. We know how fortunate we are to have such supportive families.

Changes in the Office



You may have noticed changes in who is working in the office. Suzi Azevedo is no longer working at Mandala. Ysenia Arranaga will be at the front desk every morning during January and when school starts she will be at the front desk Wed. – Fri. Morning. Penny is now working Monday, Wednesday and Friday Morning in the office.

Second Harvest Food Bank Donations



Thank you to all the families who brought food to the school for Second Harvest Food Bank. Your generosity will help families have food on their tables. It was a great learning experience for the Preschoolers to bring a can of food as their Small Group Activity.



Speech and Language Screenings - Jan. 26, 28 and 29

Innovative Therapy Services are coming again this year to do Speech and Language Screenings for those children whose parents sign up. The Screening will be done during class time for a nominal fee. This is a great opportunity to have your child screened to get a base line of his speech and language development. More information with permission slips will be sent home in the next week. If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development I encourage you to sign her up for this screening.

Class Openings for January

Early Preschool: No openings

Preschool: We have openings in all classes.



And Now We Look to Next School Year!!!

Summer and Fall Registration for 2009/2010



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 for Continuing Families and Alumni

Tuesday, March 2



Make certain you register on registration day. That way we can guarantee a spot in the class of your choice. A letter with more information will be sent home the middle of February. We will be registering our new families in the school starting Wed., March 3.

News from the Board



Fundraising

Family Night Out: Tuesday, January 19... 4:00-9:00... Fresh Choice at the Great Mall

This can be an especially fun evening if you talk to other families to meet at a specific time. The children love seeing their friends and eating together. Parents have fun chatting. Remember to bring the Invitation flyer that was put in your file. Extra's are in the office.

E-Waste Drop Off: Saturday March 6...Mandala Parking Lot

Many of us clean out our closets, garages, home offices after the holidays. Remember to set aside that old monitor, computer, television set, keyboard, DVD player or other e-waste and bring in to the Mandala parking lot on March 6th. This is a great way to clear these items out of your house, protect the environment and make some money for Mandala. Let friends, neighbors, family, co-workers know about this so they can rid themselves of extra electronics.

Recycling

Save your bottles and aluminum cans and drop them off at our recycling bins. All clear bottles or containers with #1 marking are especially wanted. Items such as water bottles, soda bottles, juice bottles, shampoo bottles, dish washing, liquid, plastic cookie containers and fruit containers from Trader Joes, Ketchup bottles, to name a few. I know this is extra work to keep these separate from your other recyclables but it is worth it as a pretty simple fundraiser for the school and you don't have to buy anything.



Mandala Children's House will be closed for Martin Luther's Birthday on Monday, January 18 and for a Teacher Inservice on Tuesday, January 19.