

The Buzz

Bush Site Monthly Newsletter

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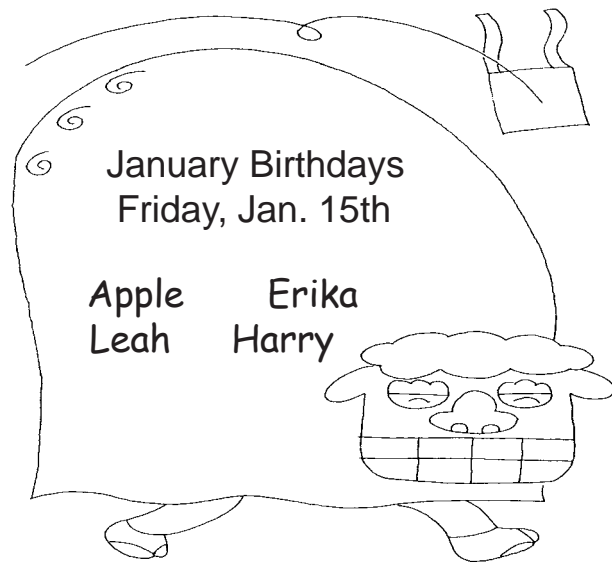


HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Kids Focus

Curriculum: The groups have been focusing in-depth on the winter season, New Years, domino/numbers, leaves, potatos and recycling. If you have any resources you would like to share on any of these themes such as coming in to talk to the children about your culture, please let your child's group teacher know.

The children will begin practicing for the dance performance fundraiser on Tuesday and Thursday starting next month. They will be doing their version of the "New School Building" based on the children's ideas and wishes.



Reminders

Please take your child's blankets home to be washed on **Friday, January 29th.**

The school will be closed on **Monday, January 18th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Holiday.

NLF'S tax identification number is: 94-2325686.
Please keep your receipts to use for your taxes. Thank you.

Coming Events

Family Outing: Our annual ice skating family outing scheduled for Sunday, January 31st at the Yerba Buena Ice Skating rink has been **POSTPONED** due to Super Bowl activities at the Moscone Center. More information will be made available once the new date in March is confirmed.

Dance Performance Fundraiser: The teachers are finalizing their ideas and dance movements for the upcoming dance performance fundraiser on Sunday, February 28th at the Palace of Fine Arts. A detailed letter with information on how you can help was placed in mailboxes.

Please check whether or not your child will be performing on the sign up sheet which will be on the parents' table soon.

Parent Workshop: Our next parent workshop will be on Thursday, January 14th from 5:30-7:00pm at the Sutter Site preschool. The guest speaker, Namie Idura, is our mental health consultant who will continue discussing more about routines, setting limits and social and emotional development. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. A sign up sheet is posted on the parents' table with more information.

Oshogatsu Matsuri (community New Year's Festival) will be held this **Saturday, January 9th from 11-3:00pm** at the JCCCNC. The children will be performing a few songs at 12:00pm. Please sign up if you can volunteer to help with our arts and crafts table. A sign up sheet with more information is on the parents table. Thank you to those parents who signed up to help!

Respite Night: The next respite night is on Friday, January 22nd from 5:30pm to 10:30pm at the Bush Site preschool. The cost is \$6.00 per child with dinner provided. Priority will be given to those on the waiting list from the last respite. Please sign up on the sign up sheet which will be posted on the parents' table next week, if you're interested in having your child participate.

Auction Item/Ads Needed

Auction Donation/Advertisements needed: The Auction and Public Relations Committees are looking for auction items and advertisements for the March fundraiser. Great auction items are gift certificates from stores or restaurants, airline tickets, computer games, kitchenware, children's toys, as well as **any new items that can sell for at least \$10 or more.** We are also in search of more advertisements from businesses and organizations. Additional forms are in the box on the parents' table. If you would like to make a donation, please complete a Donation Certificate form located in the box on the parents' table. Please turn in your donation or take out a personal advertisement by Friday, January 30th. Please help!

Thanks for Your Help

Mochitsuki: Thank you to everyone who participated in the winter family social Mochitsuki. The children did a great job with their performance and everyone enjoyed the mochi, and the delicious potluck lunch. Special thank you to Kagami Kai for providing the mochitsuki, and to those parents who helped with set up and clean up, and to Mika sensei, Ryoko sensei, and Megumi sensei and everyone who helped with the event.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks go to Andy & Erika and family for the cupcakes for the staff; Shailen & family for the containers, styrofoams, and cupcakes for the staff; Sabrina & family for snow peas; Rosie & family for the flower jello for the staff; Sasuke & family for the Japanese tea and cookies for the staff; Rocket & family for the box of chocolates for the staff; Momoko & family for the pastries for the staff; Apple & family for the chocolates for the staff; Kenji & family for the cookies for the staff; Remi & family for the donuts and boxes of chocolates for the staff; Sora & family for the cookies from Japan; Kai B. & family for the gifts for the staff and pastry from Japan; Hannah & family for the cookies for the staff; Angel & family for the turkey wraps for the staff; Isabella & family for the box of chocolates for the staff; Sakura K. & family for the box of chocolates for the staff; Owen & family for the bag of Sakura popcorn for the staff; Sakura J. & family for the cookies for the staff; Maya & family for the boxes of cookies from Japan for the staff; Kate & family for the gifts for the staff; Quinlan & family for the chocolates and gifts for the staff; Maggie & family for the dim sum for lunch for the staff; Ryu & family for the gift for the staff; and Nolan & family for the cookies.

We apologize if we missed acknowledging any families for the month of December.

Items we are in need of year round include: paper towels, scotch tape, crackers and 5 oz. paper cups.

We truly appreciate your continued generosity and support!!



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