

The Buzz

Bush Site Monthly Newsletter

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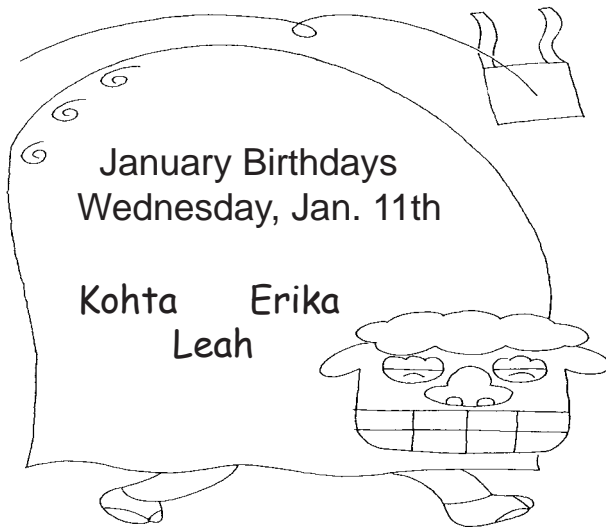


HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Kids Focus

Curriculum: The groups have been focusing in-depth on various topics. Please check your child's group bulletin board for more information. If you have any resources you would like to share or would like to come in to talk to the children about, for example, your culture, hobbies, expertise, etc. please let your child's group teacher know.

The children will begin practicing for the dance performance fundraiser on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at the end of this month. They will be doing their version of the "Giving School" which will feature various emotions and giving back to the school.



Reminders

Please take your child's blankets home to be washed on **Friday, January 27th**.

The school will be closed on **Monday, January 16th** 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 will be on **Sunday, February 5th** at the Yerba Buena Ice Skating rink. More information will be made available at the end of this month.

Dance Performance Fundraiser: The teachers are finalizing their ideas and dance movements for the upcoming dance performance fundraiser on **Sunday, February 26th** at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. 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.

Raffle tickets: We have plenty of raffle tickets available for sale. Please try to sell to family and friends. Grand prize is an Apple iPad!

Parent Workshop: Our next parent workshop will be on **Thursday, January 12th** 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 7th from 11-3:00pm** at the JCCCNC. The children will be performing a few songs at 11:30pm. 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 20th** 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 February 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 27th. 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 Holly sensei and Kai sensei and everyone who helped with the event.

Condolences

We were very sadden and shocked when we learned of the sudden death of Veronica, Isabella's mother on December 26th. Funeral services will be held next Thursday, Feb. 12th at 11:30 at St. Dominics Church. A link is provided below if you would like to help make a donation towards funeral expenses:
<https://www.youcaring.com/petermellettandfamily-724441>.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks go to Sasuke & family for the case of paper towels and Japanese cookies for the staff; Sora & family for the Japanese pastry from Japan and case of paper towels; Sabrina & family for the Snapea Crisps for snack; Kohta & family for the Peet's coffee and pastries for the staff; Eden & family for the boxes of manju for the staff; Willis & family for the case of Kleenex tissues and box of cookies for the staff; Holland & family for the box of chocolates for the staff; Amelie & family for the chocolates for the staff, substitutes and teachers; Renji & family for the Japanese cookies and treats for the staff and the rolls of scotch tape; Isabella & family for the box of baby wipes and cookies for the staff; Axyl & Kyran and family for the cookies for snack and Stollen for the staff; My Tra "Mimi" & family for the coffee for the staff; Kai G. & family for the chocolates for the staff and many packs of baby wipes; Kai B. & family for the gifts for the staff and rolls of scotch tape; Natoma & family for the pinata; Leina & family for the jugs of water; Erika & family for the jugs of water; Quinlan & family for the boxes of gloves; and Ayla & family for the dried cherries and rice roll crackers for snack.

Special thank you to Pat, Natoma's dad for cleaning and assisting with the fish tank and for the 2 algae eater fish.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the families that contributed toward the teacher/staff gifts for the holidays and to Junko, Yaichiro's mom, for organizing the collection and purchasing all the goodies such as dim sum, coffee, tea, chocolates and macademia nuts along with the monetary gift!

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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