

MAGIC APPLE SCHOOL

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DEAREST FAMILIES:

Welcome back to Magic! We are looking forward to seeing you all this week as we begin a new year. We hope you were as impressed as we were with our student's efforts at our annual holiday show—it was truly an amazing display of student talent and we couldn't have been prouder. Along with the impressive choreography and lyric mastery we hope you also noticed self confidence, enthusiasm and the wonderful mutual appreciation Magic Apple students show one another. If you hadn't already heard, our students raised a total of \$1700 for charities with the proceeds - **Loaves and Fishes of Watsonville** received \$700 and \$500 went to **Sister Flora's orphanage in Haiti** and an Aptos neighbor-to-neighbor program run by **Resurrection**

Full Day Session Monday Feb 11? We are considering offering a full day session to be held on the campus of APPLE AFTERSCHOOL *if there is enough interest*. We would be open from 7:45-5:30 and the rate would be \$35; please send an email ASAP if interested—we hope to make a decision by the end of this month.

MAGIC APPLE SCHOOL POETRY CLUB: Maya Angelous's wonderful poem, " **Still I Rise**" will be the poem to memorize in February (see poem below--note we have left out one stanza as we felt it wasn't appropriate for our student's ages). Each student learning the poem will be not only able to select a prize from our box, but will also be treated to a special bowling outing. Younger students in grades 2-3 may learn the first six stanzas if they prefer; although it should be noted that our last poem had a huge amount of primary students participating. Students learning four poems this year will be inducted into the Magic Apple Poetry Society and presented with a medal and special field trip TBA.

IT'S STUDENT BODY ELECTION TIME at Magic Apple School: Seeking an office at Magic provides invaluable benefits, and we hope you will support your student's efforts in this regard. Many Aptos Jr. and High School student body officers were former Magic Apple students who learned about the value and satisfaction of being a student leader at an early age. Please be sure to review the list of offices below with your child to encourage participation. This is an experience unique to Magic Apple as our candidates bring in posters and campaign materials, give speeches and answer questions. All students take the process very seriously and our candidates are supported in executing their offices after the elections a well. Although this may sound a daunting task for younger and/or shyer students, please remember that most become motivated to seek office after watching their more experienced peers at Magic. It is also important to remember that ALL Magic Apple students are incredibly supportive and appreciative of each other's efforts as well, and speeches are always greeted with thunderous applause. Each interested student should bring one poster but have 3 positions in mind (guaranteed to win one) as wells as an age appropriate speech. *UPPER GRADE STUDENTS NOTE, speeches will be held to a one-minute mark (no videos, puppet shows, etc.)*

Please note all offices have junior (grades. 2-3 versions) unless noted:

Friday 1/18: Sports, Sergeant-at-Arms, Poetry Club Helpers , Study Hall Helpers, Lego, and Cooking helpers

Tuesday 1/22: Student Store Gr. 5-6 (M-F students only), Art Helpers, Greenhouse Helpers, Room decorators, Dance Helpers

Wed. 1/23: President & VP Gr. 6, Jr. President & VP Gr. 5, Jr. Jr. President & VP gr. 4 (*note: Presidents must attend 5-days per week*), Secretary, Meditation Helpers

Thursday 1/24: Science Helpers, Drama Helpers, Video Game, Roller Racer, School Nurse, Bell Helpers

Friday 1/25: Make up elections for open offices or students who were ill