

MAGIC APPLE SCHOOL

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January 21, 2013 Reminders:

ELECTIONS THIS WEEK: Not surprisingly our students began this Friday with a wonderful effort (be sure to see adorable attached photos by student photographer Ellia Borba). Interested students need a poster and an age appropriate speech. Students wishing to run for office on a day they do not normally attend may be brought by their parents (elections begin at 3:00). This is a wonderful experience and our students are outstanding at appreciating and supporting each other's efforts as well.

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

Friday 1/25: Bus, sergeant-at-arms, sports, study hall and permitted make-ups

POETRY CLUB INDUCTION: We are thrilled with our 20 students who have already memorized Still I Rise by Maya Angelou. The poem is attached and students are encouraged to commit these powerful words to memory to earn poetry club membership and a medal after four poems have been learned.

FULL DAY SESSION FEBRUARY 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 8:00---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.

SCIENCE—THE GREAT EGG DROP: Wednesday students were treated to a wonderful lesson, “The Power of the Curve” by Fran. Students saw cardboard become strong enough to stand on (once shaped into a cylinder) and we piled over 40 books onto a single eggshell before they wavered. They also learned about the geodesic dome and the importance of the circle in Native American culture. Afterwards we divided into groups to pack raw eggs into boxes; students were able to use hay, grass, and leaves and then they watched their eggs being dropped from the roof. They had a blast and really learned a lot of important concepts—especially density after only 2 eggs survived!

NATURAL SCIENCE: Students this week will learn about the amazing continent of Antarctica. Please see our question sheet that follows the lesson and see how many you are able to answer! BTW, you do need refrigerators to live there—to keep the food

warm so that it doesn't freeze!! Afterwards we'll discuss the impact of severe cold on the body (thank goodness our own weather has warmed up recently) and then try writing our names after immersing our hands in ice water for 60 seconds.

MUSIC AND DANCE: Kathleen, our talented choir teacher will return on Tuesdays. We greatly appreciated all the wonderful comments about Carol of the Bells and the incredible way our students were able to sing different harmonies. We will be working on new songs to be presented at our annual show at Aptos High School's Performing Arts Center in May (we submitted all paperwork for the tentative date of May 11 back in November and are still waiting for PVUSD to confirm) with Kathleen. Gina Hays, our Hip Hop teacher works with every grade on Wednesdays and her dances will also be in the show so please avoid early pickups (before 4:00) on Wednesdays as we learn new steps.

GREEK MYTHOLOGY: Last week's students learned the exciting story of the gorgons and Medusa. Students were spellbound to hear of Perseus' epic battle against evil and greedy kings and how Zeus finally helped justice and goodwill prevail among mortals. This week students will hear of another epic struggle in the story of Jason and the Golden Fleece. This time the goddess Hera intervenes to help Jason battle fire-breathing bulls. We particularly enjoy presenting Greek mythology as it often leads to great discussions on important topics afterwards—very often even the quietest students willingly share lofty opinions about character, values, legacies, love and even death.

ART: We will be working on water coloring giant sequoias with the enhancements of salt, coffee beans and watercolors this week. Students will also create leaf paintings as we use artificial and real leaves for striking results.

COOKING: Last week students learned how to create two different types of Chex cereal treats—spicy (garlic salt, Worcestershire Sauce, and butter) and sweet (Muddy Buddies with peanut butter and chocolate). This week students will choose from peanut butter, jam or cream cheese as they create our famous, **Won Ton Wraps**—watch for the recipe.

Have a great week,

Jan and Fran