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November 2017 Newsletter

Our next field trip is to a Pro Musica Youth Concert on Nov. 3rd and we all enjoy the day's adventure which includes a walk to downtown. Please help them be prepared with hat, walking shoes, water bottle and a large lunch.

Pajama Day will be on Nov. 10th. Regular shoes for park will be needed as well as plenty of food. We all deserve a relaxed day of fun and a way to celebrate the end of Fall Term. Lots of amazing learning and mentoring has happened in every class. We are proud of how quickly our little community has come together during the start of this lovely year.

Parents' Week is Nov. 14th-17th. Welcome to the new families enjoying their first Parents' Week. Visiting school during class time will give you experience with the rhythms and players. Talk with the staff or veteran parents for tips and encouragement. Pass your project ideas by Tara or Eliza soon, either by email or in person, so you're ready for your time here. We need to know what each planned project is ahead of schedule. The sign-up sheet will be up by Thursday so stop by and pick your slot!

Starting Nov. 14th, everyone should be at school by **8:53** during Parents' Week and the Crafts Weeks. School buildings are open at the usual time for those still needing early drop off. After a focused first ten weeks of school, we relax the schedule and enjoy a slower school pace.

Thanksgiving Break is from Nov. 18-27th. We return to school on Tuesday, Nov. 28th. **Winter Break** is from Dec. 16th through Jan. 1st. We return for the Hard Nine Weeks Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

Crafts Weeks are the three weeks before Winter Break. We will be focusing on crafts during this time, with some reading and medi-

tation thrown into the mix. Beading, embroidery, basket making, pagan tree decorating, felting, tin and leather work will be the main crafts. Please do remember that adult elves are always welcomed during the Crafts Weeks. Come in and be part of the crafty fun!

Reading is important. With no academic work being done, all students should use some of their time at home to read favored books. We also have plenty to loan if they have an interest. We encourage that you read to your children as long as they will let you (thankfully many will into their early teens).

Mind/Body Integration and neurological development are greatly enhanced by the fine motor building of crafts. These activities also help build and align the school community. Did I also mention that we have fun, produce unique crafts and beautiful gifts? It is a pleasure to teach students how to make beautiful heartfelt gifts with their own hands!

Jimmy Carter was correct; we all can wear sweaters as the first step of winter warmth. At school, the classrooms are kept at a temperature where a light sweater over a warm shirt, is the appropriate attire. Less energy use and less greenhouse gases; more alert students; are all good things.

Adolescent hygiene becomes a greater need as the weather turns colder and the windows and doors are kept closed. Bathing and deodorant should be liberally applied.

Please continue to notify me by e-mail in the morning if your child will miss a day or is injured and cannot walk a lap. Also, please e-mail notifications for planned absences, that way I have a record and will not forget.

Tara