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WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 20 to join us for our annual tree lighting and winter celebration. Please bring a can or box of non-perishable food to put around our giving tree. All donations will find their way to our local food bank. Enjoy our K-5 graders sing non-traditional holiday songs and then join them for a community sing-along with familiar tunes. Pizza and other dinner items will be available for purchase beginning at 5:15, with the program starting at 6:00. Sharing a plate of your favorite holiday treats would be a welcome addition to go along with the hot cocoa and cider served at the end of the singing. Santa and photo opportunities will be available.

WINTER BREAK

We will kick-off the Winter Break with a minimum day on December 21st, with school dismissal at 12:30. The break will continue from December 24th – January 7th. School resumes on Tuesday, January 8th. We look forward to seeing your child refreshed, invigorated, and ready to learn.

GRADE 4/5 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Starting January 8th and continuing through May 21st, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:20-2:00, students in Grades 4 and 5 may elect to learn the flute, clarinet, saxophone, or trumpet. All school instruments are available free for use during class time. If you wish to have the instrument brought home, they are available to rent for a nominal \$10 a month fee. You may use your own instrument if you have one (with teacher approval). To participate in this class, you must pre-register. A registration form has already been sent home with your child. More are available in the office if you need another one.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE LUNCH

A total of 50 students were honored on November 29th, with a lunch party for achieving perfect attendance during the first trimester of the school year. Each student received a raffle ticket for a drawing for either a bike or a \$40 VISA Card., and two \$15.00 gift cards. **Jayden Kelley** (kindergartner) choose a bike and **Kevin Cayabyab** (7th grade) choose a Visa Card. The \$15.00 gift cards were awarded to **Garret Arcand** (3rd grade) and **Caileah Angin** (5th grade). We will be having another party honoring students who achieve perfect attendance for the second trimester, at which time another bike will be raffled, so make sure your kids get to school every day!

We would like to thank **Jim Self** from the Horrace Mann Company for donating the bike and Visa Card.

SOCKS AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

United way of Nevada County is collecting socks and gloves for the homeless to help keep them warm this winter. You can help by donating new socks/gloves at Chicago Park School office. These items will be picked up on December 18th. Please help those less fortunate!

DECEMBER GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

The Geography Challenge has come to Chicago Park! All students are welcome to participate. Simply have them write their name, teacher, and answer on a piece of binder paper and deliver it to the Principal's box by **Wednesday, December 19th**. Families may work with their children to solve these puzzles. All names of students with correct answers will be placed in a jar, and a lucky winner from each grade category will receive a small prize if their name is chosen at the Student of the Month assembly. Happy solving and good luck!

- K-1 - Which two U.S. states are not attached to the other 48?
- 2-3 – List the seven continents in order from largest to smallest in population.
- 4-8 – What is the primary language spoken in the following countries: Brazil? Austria? The Netherlands?

HONORS BINGO WINNERS

All who attended Honors Bingo on November 30th, had a great time. The winners were: **Kevin Cayabyab** (7th), **Nikolena Coonen** (4th grade), **Alliah Cope** (4th grade), **Rebecca Jurado** (6th grade), **Jordan Lake** (8th grade), and **Rachel Peach** (7th grade). We would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring this event.

CHARACTER TRAIT - FAIRNESS

"These men ask for just the same thing, fairness, and fairness only. This, so far as in my power, they. and all others, shall have."

Abraham Lincoln

"Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

LOST AND FOUND

'Tis the season of cold mornings and warmer afternoons which means the Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts! Please check to see if any of your children's belongings are there. The lost and found is located in the gym. We will be donating all unclaimed items to a local charitable organization on December 21st.



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SCHOOL WIDE GEOGRAPHY BEE

For the 11th year in a row, Chicago Park School District will participate in the National Geographic Society's 4th-8th Grade Geography Bee. The qualifying rounds will be conducted between December 3rd -17th, with the top ten students (minimum one from each grade level) advancing to the school championship competition on Friday, January 11th, at 1:00 in the gymnasium. This exciting event is open to the public if you wish to attend. The finalists will be announced at the Student of the Month Assembly on December 21st.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS FOR ADULTS

Chicago Park is excited to offer a ten-week digital photography class for adults on Wednesday evenings beginning February 6th. A detailed flyer with more information is available in the office and will soon be posted on our website. The class is being taught by professional local photographer Julie Sundal. The cost of the class is \$70. If you are interested, register soon as the class is limited to 12 people.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH eSCRIP

During this busy shopping season (and all year long) one simple way to earn money for the school is through escrip. Grocery stores send 10% of every purchase to our school! You can also use the secure site to do all your Christmas shopping! Purchase all your gifts from the comfort of your home! Get the latest gadgets at great prices, while earning money for the school. It is that simple! Please make sure you are signed up for eScrip by going to: www.escrip.com (click on "At The Online Mall" to start earning today!)

KID'S ART ON DISPLAY

Sue, the new owner of the Chicago Park Store, has generously donated wall space to show our kid's art projects. Check out the work of Ms. Jacobson's 3rd/4th grade and Ms. Watters' 1st grader's as well. We will be rotating the gallery monthly. Don't forget the kindergartener's work is on display at the CP Post office too!

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

Have an angelic voice at your house that sings out for a place to thrive? In your Friday folders is a flyer from the nonprofit Foothill Children's Chorus. The chorus gives kids from 3rd through 8th grade voice coaching and excellent musical training. Call 272-8848 to get more info and an audition.

E-WASTE FUNDRAISER

Chicago Park PTA will be holding an E-Waste fundraiser with CEAR on January 26th, from 9am till 1 pm, CEAR will be here collecting e-waste. For more information you may call Cyndi Peach at 274-7202.

CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Week of: December 17 – December 21

Composer: Bach

Piece: Fragments from Anna Magdalena's Notebook

Week of: January 08 – January 11

Composer: Schubert

Piece: Piano Quintet "The Trout" 3. Scherzo

DECEMBER CALENDAR

14 – Kids Movie Night/Cookies 5:00 in the gym

20 – Strum Bums 10:45

Community Sing 6:00

21 – Student of the Month 8:45

Minimum Day Dismissal 12:30

24-31 – Winter Break No School

JANUARY CALENDAR

01-04 – Winter Break No School

07 – Staff Development No School for Students

08 – School Resumes

10 – Site Council/Charter Committee Meeting 3:15

11 – School Wide Geography Bee 1:00

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