



# Principal's Page

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## WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. 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 singing holiday favorites. Bring your camera for photo opportunities with Santa. Sharing a plate of your favorite holiday treats would be a welcome addition to go along with the hot chocolate we will serve after the performance. Note: Please take your child (K-5<sup>th</sup>) directly to their classroom by 6:15, so they may get ready for their performance. No children should be in the gym until they are accompanied by their teacher.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve is once again sponsoring "Toys For Tots". This year they have placed a box in the school office so that the community may drop off unwrapped toys for children in need. The toy drive will end on December 19<sup>th</sup> and all toys will be donated locally. For more information you may visit their website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

## TRIMESTER II CHARACTER TRAIT

Our character trait for the second trimester will be focusing on Fortitude. Fortitude is defined by the Merriam-Webster online dictionary as "the strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage."

## FORTITUDE QUOTES

"Attitude with gratitude supported by fortitude will take you to the next altitude!"  
— Bayode Ojo

"Fortitude is the marshal of thought, the armor of the will, and the fort of reason." —Francis Bacon

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thanksgiving break will begin on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, with school resuming on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will take time to be grateful for the good things in your life. CPS gives thanks to our PTA who once again are giving a slice of pumpkin pie to all students and staff on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## PARENT SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

We are asking each parent to take some time and complete the on-line Parent School Climate Survey that is in this Friday's Folders. On the flyer you will find details and directions. If you did not receive the information you can find it on our website at [www.chicagoparkschool.org](http://www.chicagoparkschool.org). Go to Parents>School Documents>California School Parent Survey. Please pay close attention to the name of the school at the top of the form. All parents that have their children registered in Chicago Park Elementary School, please use the instructions for that school and the parents of children in Chicago Park Community Charter, please use the instructions for that school. If you do not have access to the internet, you may come to the school and we will be happy to let you use one of our computers. If you have questions, please call Dana Winquest at 346-2153 ext 215.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is coming!! The book fair will run December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>, and be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Friday. The book fair will also be open for parents only during the PTA Parents Night Out event from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Look for the new Wimpy Kid book, as well as other student favorites.!

## CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Week of: December 01-05

Composer: Corelli

Piece: "Christmas Concerto" 3. Adagio

Week of December 08-12

Composer: Handel

Piece: The Messiah "For Unto Us a Child is Born"



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## PERFECT ATTENDANCE LUNCH

A total of 63 students were honored on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 \$35 VISA Card., and two board games. **Miles Lorang** (1<sup>st</sup>) chose the bike and **Kenny Foucek** (5<sup>th</sup>) chose the VISA card. The games were awarded to **InaMay Dobbins (KN)** and **Yuba Roach** (4<sup>th</sup>). 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 the gift card.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 25 – Student of the Month 8:45
- Dismissal (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) 2:05
- Boys' Vball @ Ready Springs 5:00
- 26–28 – No School Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 01 – Boys' Vball @ Grass Valley Charter 4:30
- 02 – Boys' Vball @ Home 5:00
- 01 – 05 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 05 – PTA Parents Night Out
- 05 – 06 Boys' Vball Tournament TBA
- 11 – Board Meeting 4:30
- 18 – PTA Meeting
- 18 – Community Sing 6:30
- 19 – Student of the Month 8:45
- Minimum Day
- Dismissal (K) 12:05 (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) 12:30
- 22-02 – Winter Break No School

## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 01 – Resolve2Run
- 05 – Teacher in Service No School
- 06 – School Resumes

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Article Deadline – December 1, 2014

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

By Teresia Heinzle

One of the most precious gifts you can give your children is helping them develop healthy habits. This is not something that can be achieved quickly or easily. It will entail constant attention and may even require that you change some of your own habits, but your actions today may very well prevent illness in your child down the road.

*Eat whole grain foods.* Make the switch to whole grain foods. Processed carbohydrates like white flour and white rice have been stripped of nutritional value. Eating fiber-rich whole grains will make you feel full which in turn can prevent snacking urges. In time you may actually prefer the richer flavor of whole wheat bread, brown rice and whole wheat pastas. If you're already eating whole wheat, try the sprouted grain or multi-grain breads.

## PTA CORNER

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The PTA is hosting a Parents Night Out on Friday, December 5th from 5pm to 9:30pm. It's one of the busiest times of the year and we thought it would be nice for parents to have a kid-free night to go out to dinner or Holiday shopping. The cost is \$10 per child which covers the cost for dinner, drinks and popcorn. It will be a night of games and a movie chosen by the students. All children that are potty trained are invited to attend. Parents sign in/out required at the school gymnasium. Hope to see you there!