

Notes from the Principal

December 15, 2010

IMPORTANT DATES....

Friday Night – Dine and Donate at Sally Tomatoes from 5 to 9 (Christmas Carols included!)

December 20th
January 3rd Winter
Break

School **resumes** on
Tuesday, the 4th of
January

January 17th Martin
Luther King **Holiday**

January 18th **Golf**
class begins after
school

January 20th **PTA**
7:00

February 4th **Talent**
Show

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season! Your children are a daily reminder of the promise and hope of the season. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Enjoy the break and allow yourself some time for relaxation and rest this busy time of year. The short days and long cold nights provide us with an opportunity to bake, read, play games and enjoy the company of families and friends.

For our children a year stretches across a vast expanse of seasons from the long ago days of spring and summer on through the early days of fall. For the rest of us where did the year go? I find it hard to believe that 2010 is drawing to a close. We will see you all on Tuesday, January 4, 2011!



Lost and Found will be donated this week so please have a look if you are missing items.

We will offer another **golf class** beginning January 18th. If you are interested, we have applications in the office.

As you may know our **Talent Show** is scheduled for February 5th. Please note that we will have our annual student **Art Show** in February as well. The art show will run from February 15th through the 24th so now is a good time to be thinking of projects. In the next two weeks I would anticipate some cold, rainy weather which lends itself to in-door projects. More information will come home in January.

We are continuing to collect plastic **bottle caps**. Please save them over the break and send them back to school in January. We hope to put a mural together in time for Earth Day in April.

Next year we anticipate openings on our **PTA board**. If you have any interest, please let Larisa Mar know at bearflag1@sbcglobal.net. She can arrange for you to speak with the person in the current position and even have you observe them in action! Please consider throwing your hat into the PTA ring if you can possibly help out next year.

NEW in the Library!!

We have a new system in the library called Destiny. Using Destiny, students and families can log on from home to browse the library catalog, see what you have checked out, place holds, make book recommendations and other fun library stuff. Please visit at <http://destiny.pet.k12.ca.us>. Another new addition to the library is a beautiful book cover painting by Shirley Cheal. Thank you Shirley. The Penngrove community will enjoy it for years to come!

Mileage Club is every Monday @ lunch recess with Alison Allred (mother of Mason and Brandon). She will be there for primary and upper grade recess (12:00-1:00). Mileage Club involves walking, running, skipping, jump roping or however the student chooses to complete laps around the track. Students can sign up any time throughout the year and their card will stay on file for the year. Students earn a chain with a colored foot after every 20 laps (which equal 2 1/4 miles). It's been a huge success with students. We have almost 70 children signed up already. Approximately 10 children will have earned a chain & foot by this week. This is a part of the Recess Renaissance program and is dependent on parent help. (Either 12:00-12:30 or 12:30-1). We need help marking the student laps and keeping track of total laps/miles.

Anyone interested in helping with mileage club can contact Alison Allred @ alison_allred@hotmail.com or come to the track @ lunch recess any Monday.