

Unity School News

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Program Directors News...

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and spent some quality time with family and friends. Thank you for all of the wonderful 'Wish Tree' gifts. We really appreciate them and all of the classes are having a blast with the new items!

What a wonderful turn out we had for the winter celebration! Thanks to all the families who came and spent the evening with us. The children did an amazing job on their performances and

the yummy treats they made for the event were scrumptious!

We want to take a moment and acknowledge the *fabulous* staff we have at Unity School! Your kids are taught by tremendous team members that care for each other, are creative, encouraging, supportive, and committed to young children and Unity. The staff has done a remarkable job learning and implementing more High/Scope aspects, utilizing our garden space, volunteering for Pet Care on the weekends, and doing both

field trips and community service projects with their classes! We are really proud that we have such an awesome team to guide your children and make their learning experiences the best they can be! Take a moment and thank a staff member, letting them know how they've done a super job for you lately!

Here's to a wonderful year ahead,

Crystal & Susanne

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PANDAS

Panda Families

Welcome 2012!!

We are anticipating a great new year! All of our pandas are growing and progressing so fast it seems. We are looking forward to celebrations, milestones and some awesome field trips. We want to start off by saying goodbye to our amazing assistant Gina as she will be returning to school to pursue her degree in teaching. We hope to see her in the near future. Also, Please be on the lookout for dates and times of upcoming field trips.

With it still being winter please remember to have your child in adequate clothing. If they are feeling under the weather please help keep us all healthy by keeping them home and allowing sufficient time for healing.

The pandas would like to thank all the families that chose a star from the wishing tree and donated those items to our classroom. We greatly appreciate those wonderful gifts!

Heres to a great new year!

Cherri and Coriana

CATERPILLARS

Hello Caterpillar Families! Hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and the time spent with family and friends. We had such a great time teaching your children to sing for the winter celebration and are so proud of the amazing performance they gave for you all.

December has flown by and we are now into the New Year. We again remind parents to please send your children with appropriate coats, hats, gloves, and winter gear to keep them warm as we do play outside even in the chilly weather. Please let us know if your child needs help with these clothing items as we do have extras.

We also would like to remind families to take blankets home on the weekends to be washed and brought back to school the following week. This helps keep germs and sickness to a minimum in the classroom. Feel free to check the art files daily as the children are always busy making masterpieces.

Thank you for continuing to do such a great job communicating with the teachers about when your child will be here. It is such a great help to us! We are so excited for what the new year will bring and so blessed to be working with your wonderful children!

Teacher Ally, Teacher Michelle, Miss Kayla, Teacher Penny

Ladybugs

'With Just One Small Voice'... we thank all of the Unity families that attended our annual Winter Party!! It was great to see new and old faces journey through the classrooms and see all the work the kids have been focused on lately. The performances were wonderful and the children were fantastic!

Also, a big thank you to all the families that have brought in items from the wishing tree. The classrooms are so much more fun when there are new items to enjoy. We hope your holidays were just as much fun.

The Ladybugs have been exploring a variety of topics from dinosaurs, snow, and family time to shapes, and games, take a look at your child's art file! We are all hoping to celebrate our pom pom party soon (something the kids have been earning for the last three months), with bubbles, ice treats, and balloons! We are also hoping to journey out of school to our long awaited tumbling experience. Keep your eyes on our door and your mailboxes for upcoming information.

Thank you for bringing in warmer coats and accessories for colder weather, the kids have been enjoying outside time much more. Remember to take home nap stuff and art on Fridays and let's all have a great new year.

Love,
Teacher
Dorothy,
Teacher
Jen, James
and
Chrystal.



LETTER FROM CAROL

Welcome to a great new year! I hope you all had wonderful holidays, and some refreshing time off. Thank you so much for the many gifts for the school and staff. We enjoyed sharing with all of you at the Winter Party. Thanks to all the teachers and staff who worked hard to make it a lovely party.

I hope you will also join us for the Unity School annual corporation meeting coming up on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 PM. Unity is a nonprofit

corporation, and all permanent staff and parents of enrolled children are members of the corporation. The annual meeting is a great chance to meet other Unity families and Unity School Board members and talk about ideas and plans for the school. As we celebrate 37 years of service for Unity School we'll be talking about how we're doing and about goals for the future. So, if you have questions or ideas please come to the meeting!

We are holding the meeting at an early hour in the hope that it will make it possible for lots of people to attend - please watch for the signup sheet if you would like childcare during the meeting. If you can't come but have questions, or ideas you'd like to share, drop me a note or stop in the office. Your input is important to us!

Have a great month - and enjoy that slowly increasing light each day. Spring is coming!

Butterflies

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a magical holiday season!

We sure had a lot of fun with your children this past month, especially while doing all the awesome art work to decorate our room for the winter festival! The field trip to the library was great! Thanks to Jill and Amanda for joining us.

Another thank you to the families who donated all the great art supplies, Dollar Tree gift card and Matchbox cars! We are so very grateful for your kindness and generosity!

Have a wonderful, safe and prosperous 2012!

Smiles and Hugs,
Butterfly Team

Otters

Dear Otter/ Otter pup families,

Hello! Welcome to the New Year. I can't believe we are already half way through the school year! Like I always say, time flies when you are having fun, as the otters always do!

The end of the year sure was busy! The Otters worked really hard on planning and preparing their performances for the winter celebration. And most of them loved getting in front of you all to show you what they had been working on! Thank you all who were able to make it and cheer all of the classes on in their performances.

I wanted to let you know that we have made some adjustments to the Otter schedule. Check it out the Otter parent board, and let me know if you have any questions. The main changes are that the Otters and Otter pups will be doing separate large group activities in the afternoon, although there may be times when we do a large group activity together.

Another thing is that if your child comes from Buena Vista or Gilham, there will not be classroom time to do homework until after 4:00 so that the kids can enjoy the outdoors earlier and have activity time after outdoor time.

Thanks and I hope you all are doing well and staying warm. Take care, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jessica and Stephanie



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