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2009

# Phoenix Newsletter

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## Winter Edition

### From Joy's office

It's been a busy few months at Phoenix and as we head into the holiday season it looks as though we are about to get even busier!

I would like to thank all the families that participated in the magazine fundraiser. We raised approximately \$300.00 that will go towards much needed renovations in our playground.

We are always searching

for new and innovative fundraising ideas. If you have any suggestions that you think would work for our daycare please let us know! Keep in mind that **Phoenix is a charitable organization and will issue tax receipts for monetary donations.**

We have a few exciting events planned for December. We will host a fundraising **Holiday Pyjama Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>** and the

**Children's Christmas party** will be held **on December the 18<sup>th</sup>**. Keep reading for further details

It has been brought to my attention that some of our parents have been parking in the front driveway when dropping off their children. The front driveway is a kiss and ride only-under no circumstances should anyone be parking in the front at any time. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### Holiday Fun

Do you have any last minute shopping to do, how about a date with your spouse? Well on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** we will be giving you a night off - but it's going to cost you! We will be having a **Holiday Pyjama Party** for the first 30 children to take advantage of this special evening. It will be a great night of music, crafts, pizza, hot chocolate and a special snack. The cost is \$20.00/child and \$10.00 for the second. All funds raised will go to our playground initiative.

More information on this fabulous fundraising event will be sent home with your child. Watch for it!

Santa will be visiting our classroom on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Parents are welcome to join in the festivities. Donations of "treats" for our party are greatly appreciated. Please be sure they are nut free.

## Reports

Children's reports are completed for the preschool and kindergarten group. Reports reflect your child's overall progress as well a brief overview of class activities. If you would like to discuss your child's report or performance in the classroom you may arrange an interview with your child's teacher.

Reports will be sent home on December 18<sup>th</sup>.



*Children's Reports  
December 18*



## Preschool News

The preschool children have successfully completed their first project of the year on volcanoes! The children were very enthusiastic learners and acquired many new skills throughout the duration of the project.

We hope that everyone had a chance to look at the documentation posted throughout the classroom.

A special thank you goes out to the families that contributed to the children's learning. Your interest and input is valued.

In lieu of the H1N1 virus the preschool children have been discussing germs, healthy living and preventative strategies. The children have shown great interest in the transmission of common

viruses and some very interesting conversations have been recorded!

Make a point of taking to your child about all topics being explored in the classroom.

## Kindergarten News

Both the junior and senior kindergarten children have spent the past few months studying the rainforest. They had much knowledge to share with us, particularly about the animals that live there. We studied the various plant life and tasted many of the foods that originate there. We also discussed how this valuable and beautiful environment is threatened and wrote

letters to a children's environmental group to do our part to save this resource. This project seems to have run its course, but provided the perfect segue to our current project...Gorillas! We look forward to learning as much as we can about this fascinating animal. As the children are all beginning to feel the excitement of the upcoming Christmas

season, we will of course be incorporating this into our program. If you have any family traditions that you would like us to include, please let us know!



## School Age News

Our school age program is running smoothly and judging by the happy peaceful atmosphere and groups of busy children we believe that they are enjoying their afternoons!

We have been reading a series of Gordon Korman books during our meeting each afternoon. The children are attentive during our oral reading and are enjoying this authors very much.

We do like to provide the children with choice during the program as much as possible. This includes outdoor play, however

there are times that the teachers will have to override the children choice to stay in and go outside. It is important that you provide your children with appropriate outdoor clothing. It is cold out there!

As December draws near, the, the children are eagerly anticipating Christmas and all the activities that the holiday brings. We would really appreciate donation of "beautiful junk" (paper rolls, egg cartons, small boxes, wrapping paper, old Christmas cards)

please bring it in.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Donations of peanut free treats are always welcome.



## Holiday Hours

The last day of classes for Seneca Hill Public School students is Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. The daycare will remain open until Thursday December 24 at 12:30 pm.

We will return on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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Joieux Noel, Craciun  
Fericit, Happy Hanukah  
Happy Kwanza and any  
we may have missed!"*