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December 2009



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In this Christmas Season, we honor a divine child. In thinking of children, I came across a quote: "Making the decision to have a child—it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body." *Elizabeth Stone*

It was as true for Mary and Joseph as it is for each parent now. We, as teachers, recognize your love for your children and want you to know that they have a place in our hearts, too. They are one of the most fulfilling "gifts" in our lives.

Susan Kirby

Calendar

Dec. 9	PK Class Assembly
11	Christmas Program* 10 a.m. PK families & Last names A-J 2 p.m. Last names K-W
15	Sundance Rental Fittings 9:30 a.m.
16	Music Talent Assembly
16	<u>Deadline for Ski Registration</u>
18	Last ½ day of school—DISMISS at 11:00
Jan. 4	School resumes
Jan. 11	First Ski Day/Early Out Day

World Studies: Europe
Values: Love and Peace

*Christmas Programs: Dec. 11th

We will be performing here at the school in two performances. In order to have sufficient seating:
10:00 AM – All families with preschool students and last names A-J
2:00 PM Last names K-W.

This is a great way to feel the Christmas spirit – join us for a heartwarming visit.

Promptness: a Priority

Arriving on time is a habit which is good for all of us. Last term teachers gave some leeway with recording tardies. This term we are consistently checking attendance at 8:45. Mrs. Kirby will come inside at that time. If the gate is locked, please have your student come to the west door. Beginning on time maximizes our learning experience.

Class Concludes at 2:45

To fit in our curriculum, teachers use every minute available. Teachers spend the last 5 minutes of class having students load their back packs with their homework folders and any texts they need for homework.

When parents come early, it is very stressful for teachers. Please pick your children up between 2:45 and 3:00. If you do need to come early because of an appointment, we recommend that parents speak to teachers first thing in the morning so they are prepared for the early dismissal.

Sundance Ski Sign-Up: Dec. 12th

Immediately after Christmas break, we begin our ski program. Prices are as follows:

Cost is:	\$200	Includes 2 hour lesson and lift pass
	\$145	Lessons only (student must have own Season pass)

Rentals from Discount applies to *6-week package*

Sundance

Skis: \$ 90

Snowboards: \$120

One-time rentals are available at regular rental rates.

Rentals from Discount applies to *6-week Nyman's package*

Skis: \$60

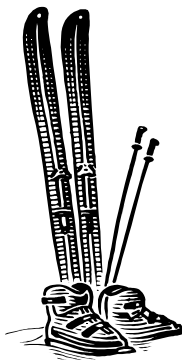
Snowboards: \$75

For the Season:

Skis: \$ 90

Snowboard: \$125

- All students are to wear a helmet. For safety and liability reasons, participants need to be at least **8 years old to participate, 9 years old to snowboard.**



Please make checks for lessons and rentals payable to Ivy Hall Academy **by December 15th**.

- No refunds will be given once the program has begun.
 - No refunds for missed lessons, late arrivals, or late sign ups.
 - Students must have everything paid for in advance. No one will be allowed to participate until payment is received.
 - Rental & Liability Release forms need to be turned in to the office before students are allowed to participate
- Semi-Private Lessons for 6 & 7 yr. olds** will be available at \$275 for the 6-week package which includes a 2 hr. lesson and lift pass.

A Watch for Christmas?

If you're buying a watch for your student, we recommend not buying a digital watch. An analog watch helps children visualize time so much better than a digital one.

No Lunches for Half-day Students

For the fall term, half-day students could stay for lunch and leave at 12:10. Because winter weather is unpredictable and these students would be in the office for indoor recess, we will not have them stay again until spring.

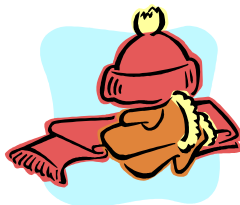
Friday Treat—Thank You!

Parents, we hope you know how much our staff looks forward to the Friday treat. It's a bright spot at the end of every week. Thank you so much for your kindness.



Homework Helps

It is known that making life too easy for children results in failure when the “rubber meets the road.” Having them live up to their responsibilities is key to success. We ask for your support in having your children complete assigned homework. It will help them as they learn coping techniques for life. Being Proactive is a lifelong advantage.



Warm Clothing

Now that winter has come, students need warm clothing and boots for outdoor recess. We go outside for fresh air and exercise unless it is wet or unseasonably cold. **Names in coats** will assure their return to your student and not Lost and Found.

Ongoing Fund Raisers

We have Xtreme Sponges (\$2) and Krispy Kreme cards (\$10) available in the office at all times. Proceeds from these 2 items are used to purchase playground equipment.



Thank you for Power Hour Support

Thank you so much for your donations to our November Power Hour. We are always happy to support school families who have a son earning their Eagle. “It takes a village” – and we’re proud to be citizens.

Our next Eagle project is for Christian Rather, a Junior High student here. He’ll be collecting winter coats and jackets for those in need. More details will follow but send in any coats you’ve outgrown now and we’ll give them to Christian.

Box Tops for Education

We will collect box tops for the remainder of the year and send them in at the end of May. Ask friends and family to clip them for you. It’s an easy way to help the school.

Recipe of the Month

Caramel Fruit Dip

- 2 8 oz. pkgs. Cream Cheese (room temperature)
- ½ cup butter (room temperature)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2-3 Tablespoons Vanilla

Whip with an electric mixer until sugar is dissolved and mixture is light and fluffy—about 10 minutes.