

**December 10, 2009**

**Calendar:**

TOMORROW, December 11, PA Holiday Party at the Schiffman Home, 7-10PM

Monday, December 14, Green Committee Meeting, Room 8, 8:45AM

Wednesday, December 16, Parent Association Meeting, Sanctuary, 8:30AM

Friday, December 18, Priority Deadline for Sibling Applications

**Friday, December 18, Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal, No Childcare**

**Monday-Friday, December 21-January 1, Winter Break, No Classes**

Monday-Thursday, December 21-24, Pre-Primary/Primary Winter Camp

Monday-Thursday, December 28-31, Pre-Primary/Primary Winter Camp

**Monday, January 4, Staff In-Service Day, No Classes**

Tuesday, January 5, School Resumes

**MdTL Holiday Party: TOMORROW NIGHT!**

All MdTL parents are warmly welcomed at the home of Jun Hua and Stuart Schiffman tomorrow evening, December 11, from 7-10PM for this year's Parent Association Holiday Party. Just a reminder, this is a festive and fun evening for parents only. We look forward to seeing you there!

**For Small Hands:**

Thank you to all of you who participated in the For Small Hands group order. Since the group order exceeded \$500, MdTL gets a credit for 15% of the total order, as opposed to 10% if our order had been less than \$500, which will give our teachers a credit of \$217.50 to go towards classroom items. Orders will be ready to pick up from school on Monday. Please see Kate in the front office to pick up your items. You can continue to participate in the For Small Hands fundraiser by placing an order on your own through December 31, 2009. Be sure to note the MdTL School code 115001 on your order form or online order.

**Parent Association Meeting:**

Don't miss MdTL parent and nutritionist, Valerie Young, at this month's Parent Association meeting next Wednesday, December 16, at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary. Topics will include tools to use to make sure a meal is balanced, nut-free lunch box ideas, and how to teach nutrition to your children, followed by a Q&A. Earn a volunteer hour while learning great tips about healthy eating for your family.

**Winter Camp:**

Our Primary and toilet-trained Pre-Primary students are invited to our Winter Camp where they will enjoy various winter-time arts and crafts, games, and holiday cooking projects! Megan and Marissa will lead Week 1, Monday – Thursday, December 21-24, and Julie and Anahata will lead Week 2, Monday – Thursday, December 28-31. Space is still available for both weeks. If you would like your child to attend camp, please submit your registration form with payment by tomorrow, Friday, December 11.

**Tuition Assistance Applications:**

Applications for Tuition Assistance for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the Front Office and Business Office. Families currently receiving assistance must reapply each year. Second-year Primary students through Elementary are eligible, as are First-year Primary siblings. We encourage families to apply online as it is less expensive for parents and the reports are available to us much faster. To apply online, visit <https://www8.student-1.com/SSS/> - our school code is 3300. If you have any questions, please speak with Karen in the Business Office. Applications are due by Friday, January 15.

**Priority Sibling Application Deadline: December 18**

Please submit your application with the \$70 application fee for younger siblings who you would like to start in our program next summer or fall. We will schedule child visits for siblings in January.

**eScrip: Holiday Shopping**

If you are shopping online this holiday season, be sure to go through eScrip.com before you make your purchase. Just about every major retailer participates in eScrip, donating anywhere from 1 – 20% back to our school. Be sure to designate Montessori de Terra Linda as your organization if you have not done so already. Also be sure to register your Safeway and/or Macy's cards as both of these stores donate to eScrip. Questions? Email Julia Myers, our eScrip coordinator at [juliaannmyers@gmail.com](mailto:juliaannmyers@gmail.com).

**Volunteer Opportunity:**

- Our Primary gardening table needs a coat of paint. Please email [kate@mdtl.org](mailto:kate@mdtl.org) if you can help with this project.

**Annual Fund:**

Thank you to the Barbiero Family, Mina Family, and Tanihara Family for their generous donations to the MdTL Annual Fund.

**Thank you!**

- Bill Reinke for driving Upper Elementary children to the Vivarium in Berkeley to pick up their new pet, a bearded dragon named Athena Taz Willow.
- Brenda Camp for baking for the Upper Elementary DC fundraiser, and to Andy Simons and Cheryl Jagoda for helping with setup.