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Family Fun

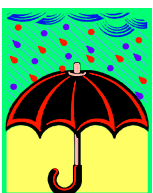
Some families have been wondering about special "holiday events" that the children can enjoy. Here's a short list:

The town tree lighting ceremony this Thursday at the Plaza, Eat out somewhere for Dining Out for Life Night too!

Snoopy Ice Show at Redwood Empire Ice Arena call 546-7147 for details, Fairyland in Oakland is tons of fun as is the Oakland Museum (it's only one hour away), Finally, just hanging out with family is fun. Doing puzzles, playing games and singing together.

Rainy Season is here. Remember Rain Gear!!

In the event that the weather gets really treacherous, listen to KZST fm 100.1 about school closures.



From Darkness to Light

It's hard to believe that the days will be growing longer in just three short weeks. During this short month we always celebrate the coming of the light and how different cultures celebrate this festive time of year. We'll begin with Hanukah, Christmas and move onto Solstice. Making candles, holiday gifts, wrapping paper and cards usually fill our month.

The Spirit of Giving will be discussed and we'll collect toys for children and bring them to the fire station. Please bring in an unwrapped toy for the toy drive. Going through your child's things and talking about others who are not as privileged as we are is a sweet activity to do with your child. Pick something out that she/he doesn't use anymore

to bring to the fire house if it is still looking new. We'll have a box by the door for all donations.

This week is also the Dining Out for Life Event for the Aids Food Bank. Glenn and Franny will be hosting at the French Garden on Thursday night.



Try to eat somewhere that night that is contributing to this very important organization. Mombo's Pizza is also contributing for a more inexpensive place.

Measuring the sun's shadow each day with a stick is a fun way for children to observe that the sun is getting lower and then higher in the sky. Provided we get some sun, we'll mark the length of the stick on the patio. Notice with your child how dark it gets before dinner. Wishing your family a safe, joyful and loving holiday season. Peace!

Creating Community

Thanks to all who came and helped at the Harvest Feast last week, especially Ellen and Duncan for doing the dishes. And bringing strawberries. Thanks to Travis for the bread. The Stone Soup was delicious as were the pies and cranberry sauce. The children really cooked everything and had a fun time.

On Friday, the 4th we will have our Winter Soiree. The children have been working on their lanterns and practicing singing some songs. We hope you can join us for a potluck dinner. Our Lantern Walk and singing begins at 5 and then we will eat. We would appreciate some helpers that day as well. We'd like to string up lights and build a fire for roasting potatoes.

Dress Warmly, we will be outside the whole time. Let's hope the weather holds for us!!

This has been such a glorious Thanksgiving Weekend! We hope you had fun.

Dates to Remember

Friday, Dec 4 Winter Soiree 5:00 Lantern Walk
Wednesday & Thursday, December 16 & 17 Bring Food and Toys to Fire Department

No School December 19 until January 4th



