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HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Paula Kinney

Dear Students,
Families, and Staff,

With the holiday season before us, it is a good time to reflect on our many blessings, such as having the many privileges that we share in our country; being in good health; being provided food and shelter, and knowing that there are loving people who care about us. It is a good time to reflect on the things that we should do to make life better for others, such as taking clothes and food to the homeless shelters; visiting nursing homes; giving toys to children at Doernbechers Children's Hospital; writing a letter to a lonely relative; and making amends with the person(s) with whom we have hurt.

During this coming New Year, it is also important to think about the things that we need to do to take care of ourselves, such as getting rest; eating healthier foods; exercising more; laughing a lot, and forgiving ourselves for the mistakes that we have made.

Throughout the new year let us try to remember that, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is good, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let our minds dwell on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

I pray that each and every one of you have a wonderful holiday and a very blessed New Year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kinney



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WINTER WEATHER

If we are having inclement weather Park Academy will follow the Lake Oswego District's decision on late starts or closures. Please check your local news stations about school closures on any morning we have ice or snow. Stay warm and safe.

WELCOME ELI CHAVEZ

Please welcome Park Academy's new Spanish teacher Eli Chavez!

Ms. Eli is teaching High School Spanish.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

All school field trip to "Do Jump" December 6th.

Upper class Drama will see "A Christmas Carol" Dec 20th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 4th Lunch orders due
- Dec 6th Do Jump
- Dec 7th Professional Development No school for students
- Dec. 12 New Parent Tour 9-10 am
- Dec 20th A Christmas Carol
- Dec 21st Last day of classes before Winter Break
- Jan 7th Students return to school

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PARENT TOURS

Word of mouth has been our most powerful method for recruiting new students. **The Board has re-opened enrollment for January 2008.** We welcome referrals and applications at all grade levels. If you have relatives, neighbors, or friends from sports clubs, camps, work, activities, temple, or church who might be interested in attending Park Academy please direct them to the Park Academy website www.parkacademy.org or have them call Hannah Fener at 503-697-6213.

Park Academy will be hosting tours for new families interested in our program.

Dates for Parent Tours are:

Dec 12th, Jan 9th & 23rd, Feb 6th & 27th and March 12th. New families will have an opportunity to hear about the program, and visit classrooms. Tours will start at 9:00am and end at 10:00am.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Elementary has been observing the weather every day for the month of November. We recorded the temperature in Fahrenheit and Celsius, the barometer, the humidity and sometimes the rainfall. We designed wind vanes and never had a windy day all month! Now we are beginning the process of making a graph of our data.

Our famous debate on when and why it's a good idea to bring a wild animal into a human habitat helped us understand two points of view, as each student had to argue for both sides.

Middle School students are busy learning different ways of writing paragraphs, which will lead us into writing stories next semester. We're wrapping up our study on the solar system and Earth Science, and moving into the world of Atoms!

After copying the master art of M.C. Escher we are continuing our journey into the world of multi-variable algebra.

High School Metabolism! Nutrition!

How healthy are we and how can we treat our bodies better? Right now we are studying our caloric intake and how the nutrition facts on the foods we eat actually are processed in the bodies, systems.

Algebra, algebra, algebra, we can never get enough Algebra!

Drama: Students are working on original musical improvisational scenes.

Music: Our musicians have come a LONG way in the past month. Studying the great works of our favorite composers and learning the technique and skills to emulate them on guitar! We took a trip to the Experience Music Project for a world of FUN and musical enlightenment!

Happy Holidays from all of us!

PARENTS RESOURCES

The **ORegon Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (ORBIDA)** focuses on increasing public awareness of how dyslexia affects both children and adults.

<http://www.orbida.org/>

Oregon PTI is the statewide parent training and information center serving parents of children with disabilities. Our goal is to educate and support parents, families and professionals in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages birth to 26. We are a regionalized model with staff living in the area that they serve.

<http://www.orpti.org/index.htm>

PTO CORNER

PA Parents,

We are looking into either "Toys for Tots" or a "Giving Tree". If you'd like to help organize this endeavor, we would greatly appreciate it. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with our holiday parties. If your child is in elementary or high school, we would appreciate your help with this event! Our party will be held on Dec. 21. Thank you for your support.

Amie Fiedler

FUNDRAISERS

This years poinsettias were beautiful! Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser.

Middle School is still collecting pennies for the Children's Eternal Rainforest. We have over \$40.00 towards our goal of \$100.00. Keep bringing in those pennies we want to surpass our goal of \$100! We appreciate everyone who has visited our room and emptied their loose change and pennies.