

Sydney's School December Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 6th:
PTA Meeting
Rm 23 - 8:45 am
- ◆ Dec. 12th -16th :
Mixed Bag
Orders arrive
- ◆ Dec. 16th:
Holiday Program
11:00 am with
Early Dismissal
at 12 Noon
- ◆ Dec. 19th - Dec.
30th : No School
Winter Break

News from the Office

Dear Parents,

Hard to believe it's now December and the holidays are right around the corner. We have a lot going on over the next two weeks. The children are continuing to work hard in class and are busy learning and preparing for the holiday program on Friday, December 16th. The children love showcasing their talent and a visit from Santa is always a big hit. Program details went home on Thursday and another reminder will be posted at the gate. We look forward to seeing family and friends here in the fellowship hall on December 16th! The program starts at 11am and ends at Noon with early dismissal.

The holidays are a wonderful time to give back and this month we start our first service project the Sydney's Angel Project. The children will be sending holiday cheer to our local military from MacDill AFB. Each child will make a card, stuff a small stocking and decorate it. A Christmas CD and cookies will be

included. They will be shipped to the men and women overseas in Afghanistan. The soldiers are sure to smile and will feel the holiday spirit when they receive this special greeting from home!

Also on the Agenda in December will be our December PTA Meeting this coming Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 8:45 am. The meeting will be held at Sydney's School in Rm. 23. This is a very exciting time for our PTA. We have three parents who have graciously taken on the roles of Pre-k 3 and VPK Lead, KG-Grade 3 Lead and Volunteer Coordinator. Please bring your ideas and welcome Julie, Jennifer and Wendy who are ready to begin this new endeavor.

Finally, on the fundraising front we have our Mixed Bag Winners! A big thank you to everyone who participated, our fundraiser raised \$640.00 for our school. Parents if you can attend the PTA meeting on the 6th you may pick up your prize.

Events & Fundraising ~ Mixed Bag Design Contest Winners

Classroom Winners:

- 1st - Liam Thomas
- 2nd - Joseph Caramato
- 3rd - Sam Purdy & Adam Thomas

Staff Winners:

- 1st - Marcia Massey
- 2nd - Jennifer Kerschner
- 3rd - Anita Maurer



December 4th

The Westshore Mall will host a Sensitive Santa Photo Event this Sunday, December 4th from 8am - 10am. The Santa area will be "sensory friendly" with lower lighting and quieter surroundings.

There is a limit of 100 families. Email westshoreplazaevents.com to RSVP.

December 17th

The Lawyer's Autism Awareness Foundation will present a Sensory Friendly Santa on Saturday, December 17th from 9am - 1pm. Go to www.theLAAF.org for more information and to register. Every family will receive a 5x7 photo of their visit and be able to attend a resource fair based on educational alternatives.

Jewelry Fundraiser ~ Designs by Ja9

*Happy Holidays
to all the
families, friends
and staff
of
Sydney's School,
Advanced
Behavioral Systems,
&
South Tampa
All Children's
Therapy Center!!*

*We look forward
to your
return on
Monday,
January 2nd.*



Give the gift that gives back this holiday season!

Designs by Ja9 (www.designsbyja9.com) will donate \$10 to Sydney's School for each Autism Awareness puzzle piece that is purchased. Your favorite teacher, caregiver, doctor or friend deserves a special, meaningful gift this year.

Please visit www.designsbyja9.com to order these beautiful Autism Awareness Items and support Sydney's School!