



March 2010

Dear Parents,

Spring is just around the corner! The fun and enriching environment at the ELC continues to be a joy for our children. Thank you again to Senora Juanita and the excellent teachers and staff for all that you do.

St. Patrick's Day at School

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated at school. The children should wear their regular school uniforms but they will be making a "green" art project that they can wear later in the day. It should be a fun day!

Elkus Ranch Field Trip – March 12th

This year the ELC will be going on all school field trip to Elkus Ranch again on Friday, March 12th. Elkus Ranch is located at 1500 Purissima Creek Road, Half Moon Bay. Please be sure to RSVP to the evite. It's sure to be a great day for the kids!

Read Across America

The week of March 1st - 5th the National Education Association is calling all of America's children, both young and old, to reward their learning by celebrating the joys of reading and honoring the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. The Early Learning Center will be joining the nation in this celebration of reading all week long with many exciting events! An outline of the festivities scheduled for the week has been placed in your box.

Spring Social

The annual Spring Social is coming up on Thursday, March 4th! We are in the process of finalizing all the details and are hoping the majority of our families will attend and join in on the fun! Thank you!!!!

March PAB Meeting

The next ELC Parent Advisory Board meeting will be held in the ELC classroom on Wednesday, March 24th beginning at 6:30pm.

Poem of the Month Spring

Put up your umbrella

When the rain comes down.

Wear a happy smile

And wipe away a frown.

Splash in all the puddles

And do a little dance.

Rain is just the thing we need

For new spring plants.



Snack Week Volunteers needed

Snack volunteers are needed for March, April and May so please contact Debbie Conliffe or Jan if you can help with this. Thank you!

Community Outreach

Thank you to everyone who donated to our One Warm Coat collection. Your generosity will keep someone in need more comfortable during this cold and rainy season.

We will be contacting the Ronald McDonald house located in Palo Alto shortly to find out if they have any needs that our ELC community can help with. More information will be posted as soon as we identify a need we can fill. As always, your help with these outreach projects is very much appreciated. It is nice to be able to share our ELC community spirit with those in need.



A note from your PAB Chair

Get your raffle tickets in! Only a few more days until our March 4th drawing. We are really looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Social. The money raised will go to help support programs like our Mandarin Culture and Language Curriculum. A few weeks back the PAB brought the San Francisco Zoomobile to our students.

We were also able to fund the field trips to Bounce U, Hiller Aviation and Coyote Point Museum with your donated dollars. In the coming weeks an outdoor shade curtain will be added to the porch so that the children can enjoy the outdoors rain or shine. So please turn in those raffle tickets and come join us for a fun evening.

If you are interested in our Social Chair position please contact me. Our Social Chair organizes the Welcome Picnic, the Pumpkin Patch Trip, the Christmas Party as well as our Spring Social. All of these functions of course include a committee of volunteers. If you are a great party planner, we need you in order to make these events possible for our children.

Looking forward to seeing you March 4th at 6:30pm.

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Director's Column



Dear Parents,

February came in like a lion and ferocious at that!! So it makes sense that March should both come in like a lamb as well as go out like a lamb.

This month begins with two of the most important and exciting events of the year. The first week is dedicated to the celebration of reading. The curriculum committee has elaborately planned over a period of months. You will all have a flyer in your box with details of each day's activities and guests. There are instructions for an "at home" project to bring in to the school as well. Be sure to read the flyer so you can have conversations with your child about the things that happened at school. Thank you to all the parents who have and are contributing their time to this week.

Then, of course, we have the Mandarin Casino night in the same week-Thursday, March 4. It is such a chance for families and teachers to get together and have fun. It will be held in the ballroom for the first time. Those that have worked on the social have put extra creativity and planning into this year's event (and this is an understatement). I must say, I'm looking forward to a chance to wear my Chinese dress that rarely has left the closet. This promises to be a night of nights that will be remembered for years. It will be a chance for a trip to the far east without even going to the airport.

Every spring, we offer a round of optional school pictures. These photos are different in that they are in black and white and in free dress. They are individual photos (and/or with siblings). March 10 is the day. **IT IS A FREE DRESS DAY** that is not on the regular school calendar.

The artists from the Blue group will be exhibiting ton March 11.

Each spring, we have an all school field trip to a farm setting. We are going to Elkus ranch on March 12. The teachers are preparing the children in terms of curriculum. This week they have been discussing the difference between farm and zoo animals. For example, they will also learn about edible flowers, the parts of the plant, how seeds are distributed, and composting. They will learn how the sheep provides wool and the steps involved for the wool to become clothing.

Thank you,

Senora Juanita and the ELC staff

