

# Santa Lucia School Parent Letter

December 1st 2015



## Snow Trip

Reservations were due yesterday for our all school family weekend in the Sierras Feb. 5 - 7, 2016. Thank you to everyone who responded. If you're still planning on attending (we hope, we hope), please get your Response Form in ASAP! Jan has to get a final count in this week.

## Green door Salinas River clean up

On Wednesday November eighteenth, the green door class went to pick up trash along the Salinas River and because of the lack of rain, we also cleaned up in the river bed. After collecting, we sat down in the river bed and drew the scenery for our Wednesday art class. When we got back to the classroom (for math) we separated and counted all of the trash. Just one group picked up over 150 pieces of trash. Then each team made a graph of the trash we found. We will return to the river in the spring to collect and compare Novembers clean-up. For language arts we will write a brief comparison paper.

## Upcoming Events

### School cleaning:

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Willis/Reneria

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Reeves

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Helberg

### Snow Trip Reservations were due!

Mon. November 30<sup>th</sup>

### Yellow Door Class: Tall Ships of

Morro Bay, Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
departing 9:15, returning 11:45am

### Map walk of Templeton: Blue Door

Classroom field trip, Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-2:30

### Yellow Door Class: Kayaking in

Morro Bay: Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> all day

### “Santa Lucia Night” Sat. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

as part of Vine Street Showcase,  
Paso Robles, 6 - 8 p.m.

### Trading Fair at school

Thurs, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 11:00 am.  
Minimum day. School dismissed at  
11:30am. No after school childcare  
this day.

### Fri. Dec. 18th - Sun. Jan. 3rd

Winter Break

~Olivia

### Yellow door field trips

The Yellow Door class will be making two field trips to Morro Bay: Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will visit the tall ships (9:15-11:45am) and Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> is our all day kayaking adventure. Please remember to dress in warm layers for both these events.



### Heart to Home

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Heart to Home fundraiser! Your home-crafted items were wonderful and great

conversation starters. We all got to know each other just a bit more because of your amazing and generous creations--that Santa Lucia School benefited from your time and talent was just an added bonus!

I am so thankful for those of you who volunteered to work a shift (or in some cases several) so that we could stay open throughout the day - Lori Johnston, Tim Hawkins , Kari Helberg, and Kait Hallmark --you all did such a wonderful job, especially managing the children during their breaks. I am eternally grateful to Cyrena Wood, Alexandra Chamberlain and Vallar Walba who showed up in the cold and early morning to set up and label all of our treasures.

This year we had more items than we have ever had and received special selling assistance from a few of our students: Elizabeth, Julia, Sydney, Kiana and Madison. Madison, was serving as the Personal Shopper for many students and was overheard putting together affordable gift combos for those on a budget, and upselling to those who were not. So far, Heart to Home has raised \$2,381.17. I say so far because if Joe is silk-screening a t-shirt for you or your child, the \$10 that you are giving for the honor of wearing Joe's fantastic artwork is being donated to Heart to Home (thank you, Joe!).

I am deeply touched by your commitment to Santa Lucia School and by your kindness.

~ Sylvia Barker

Thank you Sylvia for all of your hard work with coordinating this important fundraiser!!

### Unicef

Great job everyone! We raised \$777.96 for Unicef this year!

### Vine Street Victorian Showcase for "Santa Lucia Night," December 12

Unfortunately, we learned last night that our traditional Vine Street house is not available. If anyone knows of a house we can use that is on Vine Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street, please see Jan. We will keep you updated and hopefully will announce our new venue in next week's Parent Letter.

We are doing something different this year. Instead of our Winter Program, we are participating in the Vine Street Victorian Showcase in Paso Robles on Saturday, Dec. 12. Our "scene" is to depict the Swedish Christmas tradition of St. Lucia. The festival is from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. We perform a short procession every 20 minutes from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We ask that students sign up for 2 times, as a dozen or so participants is all that's required at one time. Parents help by singing along with the Santa Lucia song.

Costumes are white dresses/skirts for the girls over warm clothes and white pants/sweats and shirts for the boys. Swedish children would be in their pajamas, so that's the look we're going for. If not white, light colored, please. We will provide the rest of the props: wreaths, star boy hats, tinsel, candles, or wands.

Please sign up for a couple of time slots at the Kiosk, if you are able. And there is one other thing we need . . .

### Snickerdoodles

As part of the St. Lucia pageant, our "oldest daughter" passes out snickerdoodle cookies to the passing crowd. We need about 10 people to bake snickerdoodles for Dec. 12! Nanette has a recipe for a large batch, if you want it. If you have a favorite snickerdoodle recipe, that works, too. You can bring them to school the Thursday before, Dec. 10, if you are not planning to come to the event Saturday night. Again, please sign up at the Kiosk.

### Creek Days: Blue and Yellow Door Classrooms

Please bring a small poncho to leave at school for creek days: Mondays for the Blue Door and Thursdays (or occasionally Tuesdays) for the Yellow Door class.

### Thursday, Dec. 17, Minimum Day and Trading Fair

Our one minimum day of the year is Thursday, Dec. 17. Classes are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. We do not eat lunch at school that day. There is NO AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE. This is the morning of our Trading Fair. Students bring a minimum of 10 items to trade with their friends. Hand crafted items, art, natural found objects, and food which meets the nutritional guidelines are popular. Trading goes on until 11:00 a.m. and then we all clean up and get ready to go home at 11:30 a.m.



Thank you: To the Lipper family for having the school cleaned over the weekend. And thanks, Aurora for the amazing lesson in rockets!