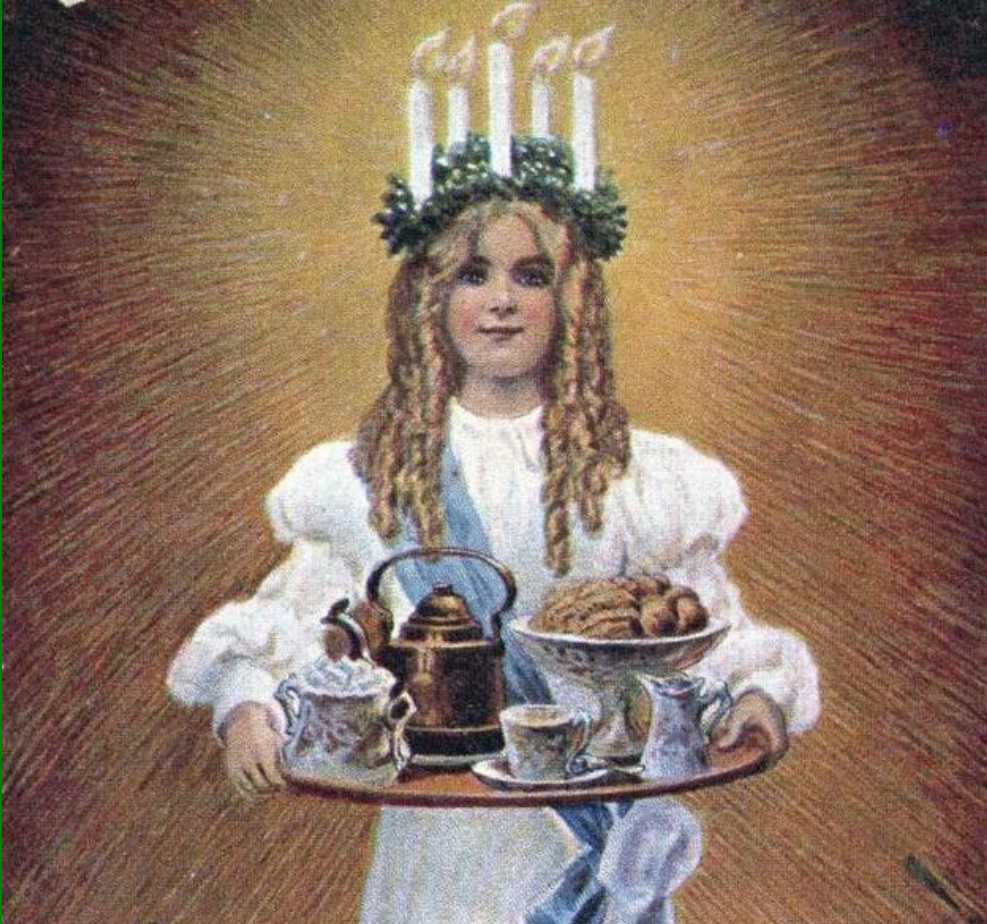


# Santa Lucia School Parent Letter

December 8th 2015



## Upcoming Events

### School cleaning:

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

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

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

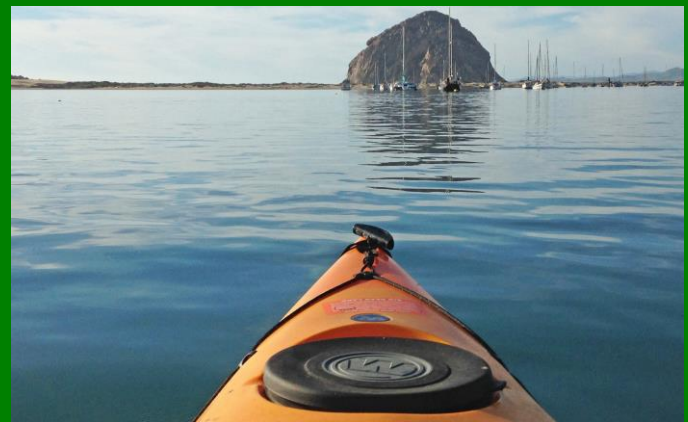
Thurs, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 11:00 am. Minimum day. School dismissed at 11:30am. No after school childcare this day.

Fri. Dec. 18th - Sun. Jan. 3rd  
Winter Break

Yellow Door kayaking in Morro Bay  
Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> is our all day kayaking adventure. Please remember to dress in warm layers.

### Creek Days: Blue and Yellow Door Classrooms

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



## Snow Trip

We had over 100 people sign up for our Sierra trip to Montecito Lake Resort. Yeah, let it snow!

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

WE HAVE OUR SPOT FOR VINE STREET SHOWCASE - 1537 VINE STREET

This Saturday, December 12, is our Santa Lucia Night. We will participate in the Vine Street Victorian Showcase in Paso Robles. Meet at 1537 Vine Street, on the corner, kitty-corner from Bauer Elementary School.

Thank you to those have signed up to participate. We need more, especially at 6:40 and 7:00 p.m. Remember to dress warmly. Adults can help sing the Santa Lucia song; children will be "Swedes dressed in pajamas" :

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.



Snickerdoodle bakers: thanks for signing up to provide the treats St. Lucia will distribute to the crowds on Vine Street. You can bring the cookies to school on Thursday if you are not planning to come to the event.

## Parent Participation opportunities

We need able bodies for a couple of tasks:

Fill pot holes in the parking lot with decomposed granite

Tighten up the desk legs in the classrooms

## Santa Lucia School Benefit Celebration

We promised you a date, and here it is: Please mark your calendars for this highly important event; March 6<sup>th</sup> at Castoro. More details to follow.

## 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.

### Chicken Pox Alert

We wanted to let parents know that we've had two cases of chicken pox reported in our student body. If your children have not had chicken pox, please watch for the signs. We appreciate being informed when these contagious diseases come around.

Thank you: To the Willis/Renteria family for cleaning the school over the weekend. Thank you for driving the Blue Door class on their field trip yesterday: Camy Morud, Marijke Priest, and Alexandra Eberle. One of the nice things about living in a small community is the students got to ring the bell at the Swedish Lutheran Church and assist the local firefighters in testing their high pressure water nozzels.

### St. Lucia Day in Sweden



Santa Lucia Day is a festival of lights celebrated in Sweden, Norway, and the Swedish-speaking areas of Finland on December 13 in honor of St. Lucia. In Scandinavian countries each town elects its own St. Lucia. The festival begins with a procession led by the St. Lucia designee, who is followed by young girls dressed in white and wearing lighted wreaths on their heads and boys dressed in white pajama-like costumes singing traditional songs. The festival marks the beginning of the Christmas season in Scandinavia, and it is meant to bring hope and light during the darkest time of the year. Schools generally close around noon on the day of the festival so that families can prepare for the holiday. Families observe St. Lucia's Day in their homes by having one of

their daughters (traditionally the eldest) dress in white and serve coffee and baked goods, such as saffron bread (lussekatter) and ginger biscuits, to the other members of the family. These traditional foods are also given to visitors during the day.