



High Meadow Newsletter

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High Meadow School Calendar

Dec. 20th solstice Celebration

Dec. 21st Winter Recess Begins **No School**

Jan 3rd Wed. School re-opens

Jan. 15th Mon. Martin Luther King Day **No School**

Feb 19th-23rd Winter Recess **No School!**



THEATRE LIGHTING PEOPLE WANTED TO HELP WITH NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S PRELIMINARY LIGHTING DESIGN. Contact Amy P. (at school Tues - Thurs 9 am - 1 pm or at home 339-5421)

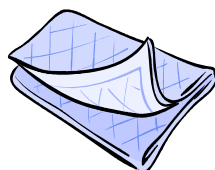
Many, Many, Many thanks and more THANKS to so many people for their help in the **Winter Holiday Sales Fundraiser!!!!** A record number of parents (and grandparents) helped this year, and we got our work finished in record time!!! I'm sure to leave some people out of this list, and please don't take offense if I do; I truly want to thank every single person who made this work! Here's the people I managed to write down! Thanks to Donna, David, and Brittany O'H, Maria F., Manny La-S. H. and Monty H., Sue and Jeff S., Tim O., Melissa P., Kathy C., Gwen and Susan W., Susanne W., and McKenzie, Madison, and Macaela W., Amy W., Stacy G., Leslie A., David., Arielle C., Johanna T., Susan K.K. and Marina K., Ann Marie C., Alicia L., Joan A. and her lovely parents, Erin S., Chris Anna, Sarah and Suzanne B., Sue H., Rachel and Talia C., Kobi P., and Hope W.. I wish I had had a video camera, recording all the lovely community spirit at work as this fundraiser went on - - - it was so beautiful to see and hear everyone working and chatting together, helping in any and every way possible - - I wish everything in life could be just like that week!!!! Special thanks and apologies to those who wanted to help but couldn't this year - - you were an important part of it all too!!!! When we tally how much we made on this fundraiser, we'll get that info out to you; for now, happy holidays and thanks so much again!!! Jan



From Suzanne's Desk...
A very happy and healthy holiday season and New Year to all! See you in 2007!

Solstice Celebration News
-Regular Dismissal Time 3:00

A teacher at High Meadow has brought to our attention that Family House has a new shelter in Kingston. However they have **NO BLANKETS** on the beds! If you would like to donate a gently used or new blanket, please bring it to the 4th Grade class. Thanks.
-Hope



Pre K/K 2:00 Celebration Parents and Treats welcome!
Grades 1-6 11a.m. celebration for students only
7th/8th 1:00 Celebration for students and parents- Hors D'oeuvres Welcomed!

Time is running out... Do your holiday shopping at Nectar and Raise Money for High Meadow!

High Meadow Shoppers should know that 10% of their holiday purchases at Nectar (through the month of December!) will go towards our school! Located on 213 and Lucas Ave. the store offers gifts and many fair trade items from around the world.

LOST AND FOUND MADNESS!

The Lost and Found locker is busting at the seams with unclaimed clothing, shoes, lunch bags, and all kinds of things. If you are wondering why your child's wardrobe has thinned out, check the Lower School Bathroom locker.
Bring a duffel bag!

Snow Closings Information

Inclement weather? Call the Rondout district 687 - 2400 and listen to the message for school closings, listen to WDST (98.1) or check at this website - www.pendellrd.com/snow/.
If H.M.S. has to close early due to a winter storm, how do you want to be contacted? If you prefer a phone call over email, please make sure your emergency contact information is current (High Meadow sent out a form prior to school starting). Please remember that buses do run on the days that school closes early. Each district will follow their own schedule so if you indicated your child should take the bus on a day school unexpectedly closes early, should your child follow that plan or wait at the school for you? If you absolutely can't be reached then the person you listed as your emergency contact would be called.
Typically, High Meadow does not offer aftercare if school closes early but certainly either a teacher of the aftercare person would wait with your child until you arrive. Please make this process as seamless as possible by clearly stating how and at what point you should be contacted and whether your child should follow their plan for the day (bus or alternate pickup for example).
Thanks!