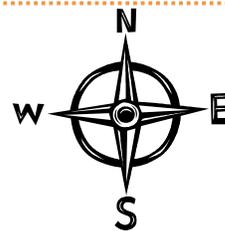


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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 23 - Jan 3 - **NO SCHOOL**
Winter Break
- Jan. 11 - E-Cycle from 9-noon (school lot)
- Jan. 14 - Common Core Presentation @ 2:30 pm
- Jan. 16 - Common Core Presentation @ 5pm
- Jan. 17 - JMUG @ 9 am
- Jan. 20 - **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan. 29 - Spring Showcase (formerly Open House) @ 6pm
- Feb. 14 - **NO SCHOOL** - Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 17 - **NO SCHOOL** - Washington's Birthday



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Donations: Our HomeStart bin is always ready to accept clothing, food and other small household items for at-risk families in the community.

Winter Festival Update

Thank you to everyone who donated time, materials and energy to this year's Winter Festival.

Even with the rain drops, families had a wonderful time and JMAP raised over \$2100 to support programs such as dance, MAD SCIENCE, archery, gardening, teacher wishes, and field trips. ☪

Common Core

There has been much discussion around campus about the new standards, known as Common Core, being implemented across San Diego County and throughout the rest of the United States.

At the heart of the Common Core philosophy is the desire to build creative, innovative, critical thinking, problem solvers who are ready for college and the work force.

Principal Bellofatto has decided to do a couple of after school meetings with parents to explain these new standards and how they will affect our school. There are two dates available: January 14th at 2:30pm or January 16th @ 5pm.

Parents who wish to read more about the Common Core Standards specific to their children's grade levels should go to the California Department of Education website or type in the following link.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/> ☪



Winter Break Activities

Here are a few suggestions of activities to do during the Winter Break.

Try having your kids read books, do puzzles, play board and card games, write thank you notes, help out in the kitchen, and visit the library.

Outdoor activities suggestions are taking a walk around Balboa Park, taking a hike in one of the many canyons in San Diego County, riding bicycles down in Mission Beach or around the Bay or maybe checking out the Holiday light displays around town.

Whatever you find to fill the days, have a safe and wonderful break! ☪

The Paideia topic for December is generosity and charity. The seminar days were on December 12th and 13th.