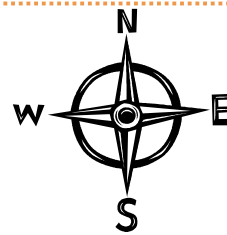


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## Upcoming Events

- 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. 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Fundraiser @ Islands.
- Feb 6 - Paideia Pizza Night and JMAP General Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Feb. 14 - **NO SCHOOL** - Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 17 - **NO SCHOOL** - Washington's Birthday



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## 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 school meetings with parents to explain these new standards and how they will affect our school. There are two dates available: **January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm** or **January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 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/> ☸

## California Fertilizer Association Grant

Thank you to the California Fertilizer Foundation (CFF) for their generous grant of \$1200 from their School Garden Grant Program. This money will be used to buy items for the school garden including hand shovels, gloves, and a hand cart to further build the garden program at John Muir School. ☸



Be sure to ask your kids about the cow that visited school on their first day back from Winter Break.

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**Donations:** The Sixth Graders are collecting old shoes to help pay for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp in March. Please place shoes, tied in pairs, in the collection boxes near the office.

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*The Paideia topic for January is RESPECT and DECENCY.*