



Paradise Place December News...

Christmas Program - Wednesday, December 14th

Christmas Party - Friday, December 16th



WONDERFUL THINGS COMING UP

Paradise Place Committee: Next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8th from 11-1.

Christmas Program: Please join the Lambs, Doves, Lions, Whales and their teachers as they present a Christmas program at UCC on Wednesday, December 15, 2008 from 5:45- 7:00. After the performance there will be a potluck dinner for all to enjoy. The sign-up sheet for the potluck will be posted in each classroom. Mark your calendars!!

Christmas Party: Friday, December 16th, 2008

Who: All Paradise Place students, parents and **Santa!**

When: 9:30-11:00 (Students who do not attend on Fridays are welcome to come for the festivities)

Where: In each classroom

Parents are asked to sign-up to bring *healthy* goodies to the party.

During the party parents need to supervise their own child, especially the parents of children not enrolled on Friday.

Fall Harvest Family Mission: Together with your child, go searching in the pantry or cupboard for food to share. Paradise Place will be collecting canned food for the '**Care and Share**' **Food Bank** at Oh Be Joyful Church. They are especially looking for smaller size bags (2-5 lbs.) of rice, flour, and sugar along with any canned or dry items. Please bring food items to the Whales' classroom. We hope to share our blessings with others this holiday season.

F.Y.I.'S

Christmas Enrolment: Forms are out for Christmas enrolment.

Please return them by **December 2nd**. Remember this is a separate enrolment from the Fall and you must sign up to attend. We will be open our normal hours, 7:50 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., except for, **December 24th** we will be closed. In order to schedule our staffing needs, it is important that you sign-up your child for your anticipated childcare needs.

Drop-ins will be allowed if space is available and you have telephoned first

Prayer Box: Remember to place your concerns and joys in the prayer box that is in the front foyer. The Family Liaison group will pray each month. All information is confidential.

Extra snack: Is one of the easiest ways to get those parent hours done. The whales could really use some "growing food" backups right now.

Lions Parents: Still need family pictures if you haven't brought them in yet.

GREAT PARENT IDEAS!



Traveling with Kids-Holiday Travel Tips for Parents --

Save your sanity and holiday cheer with these family holiday travel tips and travel games.

Car Travel

You're about to take a long road trip. If history repeats itself the trip will be riddled with whining, bickering and the usual nagging. This trip CAN be different if you try some new tactics. During the Holidays kids are bouncing off the walls and in a car the walls are much smaller. You'll want to provide simple entertainment for close quarters. Contrary to what some kids think, torturing siblings in not an acceptable form of entertainment. However, these suggestions are perfectly acceptable: Use a shoe box to make an activity box for each child. Fill it with surprises; stickers, notepads, stamp sets, Silly Putty and small toys. A walkman for each child and a book on tape can provide hours of peace and quiet.

*Sit down with your kids, a map and markers. Show them ALL of the travel plans. Where you are staying, how long the drive will take, how many stops you plan on making and where you will eat meals. Provide a calculator, pencil and paper in the car. When they ask "How much longer", you say "We are driving a total of ___miles, we have driven ___ miles so far." Use your calculator to find your answer.

Plane Travel

Much of the suggestions above apply to airline/train travel as well. For traveling with babies call your airline ahead of time to see if any special accommodations can be made for space, bottle heating, nursing privacy, feeding and diaper changing. If you have been seated apart from your husband, older children or adult helper...politely ask the passenger next to you to if they are willing to switch. Most passengers are MORE than willing to switch seats. If your baby is crying when you ask - all the more convincing.

Travel Games

Take time during your trip whether car or plane to play with your kids. Sing silly carols, play word games like 20 questions or ask questions that require a thoughtful answer:

"If Santa fell off your roof, what would you do?"

"If you saw a child that had little or no Christmas presents, how would you respond"

Travel safely, sanely and with a smile - after all
"tis the season to be jolly"

Church Information



Sunday Services: Union Congregational Church (UCC): 9:00 a.m.
Queen of All Saints Catholic Church: 8:30 a.m.
Oh Be Joyful Baptist Church: 9:00 a.m.
All Saints in the Mountains Church: 5:00 p.m.



Birthdays – Happy birthday to our **December** birthday kids and staff:

Tyler -12th

Reminders

Winter Weather: Let it snow!! Please bring enough warm clothes for your child to be outside. Everyone needs a hat, coat, snow pants, boots, and mittens. Please label your child's clothes. It's been muddy too! So, **please make sure that your child has an extra set of cloths at school.**

Parent Participation: All parents who help with the **Christmas**

Potluck please be sure to **record** you parent hours. Here are some ideas to help in other ways:

- We need **help** in the basement still!!
- *Extra snacks* to keep on hand
- *Getting donations for Winter Fundraiser*

Christmas Program: Ask your teachers what song your child will be singing for the program and practice at home.

WISH LIST

CD player for Lamb's room
Stockings for Lambs
Lions need little mason jars

- When donating used toys and books please make sure they go to a staff member. Please don't leave them in the room. Thank you

THANK YOU

All the families that came to the giving thanks lunch and helped with food, set-up & clean up.

Alan B. for the snow cat ride and the tour of CS Irwin

Laurie V. for the turkey craft, very fun and creative

All who have contributed canned goods for our canned food drive.

Crested Butte Bank for the great tour. Thanks Tina

Marry C for the felt food

Leslie W for reading to our classes

KID QUOTES

Whales:

Dayla's response to her cute layered shirt look "Yeah and I didn't even glue it together."

All of the kids when greeting Rev. Tim "Hey I saw you with that God book one time..."

Lions:

Mr. Ben "What are you thankful for?" Luke W. "Everything in the whole wide world!"

Merrick "When you have a girl, that means you are in love...I'm in love."

Doves:

Madalyn "Monkey eat blue fish" Miss Gwyn "What do blue fish taste like?"
Madalyn "Chicken Nuggets!"

Merrick "I love to clean it makes me happy"

Gwyn "what dries up all the rain?" Floyd "Towels!"

Buzz to Liam "You have Dora on your pull-up. That's cute also."

Gwyn "Levi, what did you see when you went swimming?" Levi "I saw the Lochness Monster and a raccoon."

Amanda "What happened to your manors?" Hugh "I lost them at the pool."

Liam looking at the letters "Y! For yak!"

DECEMBER THEMES:

Lambs: Christmas and Red & Green

Doves: Christmas and Hanukkah

Lions: Christmas and Snow

Whales: Christmas traditions & letters: m, e & j

Love and Thanks, Ben, Julie, Rebecca, Gwyn, Michelle, Amanda, Allison,
Ryann, Hillary, and the Kids

Merry Christmas from us all!



Office Hours

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| Monday: | Ben - 8:30-5:00 | |
| Tuesday: | Ben - 8:30-4:30 | |
| Wednesday: | Ben - 8:30-3:30 | Hillary - 10:00-12:00 |
| Thursday: | Ben - 8:30-5:00 | |
| Friday: | Ben - 8:30-5:00 | Hillary - 10:00-12:00 |

Paradise Place Committee Members (school board members)

Ben Poswalk
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