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Family Involvement Team

We know that this is a busy time of year but we really need the family involvement commitment forms turned in. These forms were due on December 3rd. They were distributed at conference time.

The cover letter, the family involvement job descriptions and the sign up form are available on line in the e-packet if you need to make a copy.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the volunteer coordinators. Their contact information is available in the cover letter.

Morgan Hill Christmas Parade

The annual Morgan Hill Christmas Parade will be held this Saturday. The Charter School will be represented by singing students and staff riding in the Gagnon's pinzgaur (Swiss Army vehicles) and walking. Everyone is invited to be part of this event!! Meet at the Gagnon's house located at 10110 Hale Ave. at 1:00 pm to decorate. Adults and children are welcome to come and feel free to bring a snack. Students should begin arriving for the parade between 5:00-5:15 pm. We will be gathering on Depot Street by the train station. Look for the red and yellow pinzgaur. Be sure to dress warm for the parade – it will be chilly.

It should be a fun evening and we look forward to having lots of students in the parade!!

Tree Decorating

Lori Mosher and Heather Lashbrook collaborated this season in order to create meaningful decorations for the Morgan Hill Holiday Tree competition. CSMH has been the proud winners of the competition two years in a row, so we are back to defend the Charter School's title!

The theme for the tree this year is World Peace. All of the art students, Kinder through eighth grade, have created small pictures of what peace means to them or what the world needs in order to have peace. As a play on the word "peace," we ordered a puzzle of the world, and we will hang the pictures from each "piece" of the world. A "Piece of Peace" has become our tree theme this year.

As a community extension to the project, we are



asking for donations to Heifer International in order to help needy families around the world support themselves. Go to www.heifer.org/myregistry/csmh in order to make a small donation!

Come help decorate the tree on Saturday from 11:00-3:00 at the Community Center!

Opera in a Box

On Thursday, students were treated to an introduction to opera from the Opera San Jose production of Opera in a Box. Four professional opera singers gave students a combination history lesson and performance through an entertaining play about a girl who thinks opera is boring. After learning about the origins and various styles of opera including comedies and tragedies, the girl in the story was able to appreciate opera more fully. This was an excellent introduction for our students to a beautiful art form that is often overlooked as being of interest to children. We would like to thank Helen Conway, a family friend of 5th grader George Gault, who donated the money for these delightful performances.

Way to Go Cheetahs!!

Sixth grade Charter students have the opportunity to participate in community wide tournaments each year. In past years, there have been tournaments for soccer, basketball and volleyball. All the District schools send a team. The sixth grade boys and girls participated in the soccer tournament yesterday.

Our boys and girls played some great soccer and demonstrated our Charter School values on and off the field. Congratulations to our team on their great play and their third place finish!! It was some very competitive soccer.



Thank you to Mr. Chagnon for coaching our team. Thank you Mrs. Hagiperios for once again organizing the entire tournament and for arranging for this year's tournament to be played on the city's new turf fields.

Be sure to attend the 6th – 8th grade talent show tonight at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 6 th	Tree decorating at Community Center Morgan Hill Christmas Parade
December 8 th	Middle school boy's soccer at 4:00 at CSMH Middle school girl's basketball at 5:00 at Crossroads Academic Chess
December 9 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
December 10 th	Minimum day - staff development 7 th -8 th grade awards assembly at 11:30 am Middle school boy's soccer at 4:00 at Southside Middle school girl's basketball at 5:00 at Oakwood
December 11 th	Middle school boy's soccer at 4:00 at CSMH
December 12 th	Student Council Spirit Day - Crazy Hat Middle school dance
December 15 th	Academic Chess
December 16 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
December 17 th	1 st and 5 th graders on field trip 3 rd graders on field trip
December 19 th	4 th graders on field trip
December 22 nd	Start of Holiday Break
January 5 th	School resumes

Be sure to wear your crazy hats next Friday!!