

January 2010

Morningside Elementary School
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Important Dates to Remember. . .

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday
School begins at 8:10 a.m.
and ends at 2:20p.m.

Every Wednesday
School begins at 8:10 a.m.
and ends at 1:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6

January, 2009
Thurs., Jan. 14
Skate Night

Mon., Jan. 18
Holiday

Fri., Jan. 29
Awards Assembly
10:10 Primary
1:30 Upper

February, 2010
Fri., Feb. 5
Non- Student Day

Feb. 12 & 15
Holidays

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Dear Parents and Families,

The Morningside Staff and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!! The beginning of the year is always a time for New Year's Resolutions.

Students usually begin each new school year with excitement and enthusiasm. The anticipation of a new class, new friendships, and renewing old friendships provides real motivation for daily attendance at school during those first few weeks.

Sometimes, after a brief time students, particularly those who are having difficulty with lessons, become careless about regular attendance. Missing a few hours or days, seems inconsequential to them. School officials are charged with the responsibility of enforcing compulsory attendance laws.

There are several reasons why regular attendance at school is important. First, it is difficult for young students to learn if they are not in class. The teaching-learning process builds upon itself-each lesson presented to students is based upon or related to the lessons that were taught earlier. Just as we can never regain a moment of time wasted, the child who misses a day of school also misses a day of education that cannot be retrieved. All research shows that those children who attend school regularly are more likely to be successful during their school years.

From experience, most educators know that students' success in their school years is directly related to the importance that parents attach to education. When parents believe that consistent attendance is important and communicate that belief to their children, unnecessary absences from school will be drastically reduced.

Students should attend school every day, unless an illness or emergency prevents them from doing so.

It is also extremely important that they be on time as well. 5 minutes a day may not seem like very much, but the 5 minutes adds up to 25 minutes a week, 100 minutes a month and approximately 3 days a year!

MONTHLY AWARDS

November



Education Code Section 48260 provides:

" Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without valid excuse more than three days or tardy in excess of 30 minutes on each of more than three days in one school year is truant."

Each day, each minute of instructional time is precious and valuable learning time. Please help us help your child, by making sure they attend school and are on time each day.

Student Council:

Congratulations to our 2009-2010 Student Council Officers:

President:	Kimmy Phan
Vice President:	Javier Martinez
Secretary:	Jenny Vo
Treasurer:	Catherine Co

Student Council collected over 820 canned goods for the Hope Foundation in Garden Grove. Thank you for your support!! We are fortunate to have Ms. Hendrix and Mrs. Winn as the advisors.

Parent Workshops

We have been very fortunate this year to have had several parent workshops that have been well attended by our parents.

On October 29, Christena Harper conducted an Early Literacy class for kindergarten and first grade parents. We thank the following parents for attending: Ruth Urrutia, Maria Covarrubias, Alsa Gonzalez, Fatima Serna, Dung Le, Minh Nguyen, Thui Ng Dinh, Hung Luu, Phu Hanh Bui, Duyen Nguyen, Nguyen Nguyet, Phuc Pham, Phuong Nguyen, Nhan Nguyen, Chyen Chi Nguyen, Thoa Nguyen, Michael Tran.

During the month of November, we were fortunate to have Maria Villa, Coordinator from California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), present 4 Project Inspire classes which provided educational information and resources for our parents. We thank the following parents for attending:

Santos Cantoran, Maria Cantoran, Juana Ortiz, Maria Covarrubias, Ruth Urrutia, Silvia Fuentes, Maria Sanchez, Orea Leticia, Ana G. Aleman attended our Project Inspire workshops.

During the month of November and December we had another session of the **10 Educational Commandments** presented by our Community Liaison, Hang Nguyen. Thank you to the following parents for attending:

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