

Message from The Heads of School

January 8, 2010



What's Happening

Our first week back to school has found the staff and students at CHA rejuvenated from a restful break and ready to take on and explore powerful learning opportunities. Kindergarten will be diving into a weather kit, while First Grade explores penguins. Second grade is learning all about Matter, while Third Grade examines different Ecosystems. Fourth Grade is investigating Earth in Space, while the Middle School students had a visitor from the police department complete an Internet Safety class with them on Thursday. As you can see, CHA students have immersed themselves in discovering new information about the world they live in.

Next week, we kick off our 2010 Ski Season! I don't know who is more excited, the staff and parents or the students. This year, all North students will ski on Thursday and all South students will ski on Wednesday. The decision to move the ski program up a day was to avoid the congestion on Friday. This also allowed for more staff to be available to support our students on the mountain. For those of you with students who are skiing or snowboarding for the first time, I recommend you have them practice putting their clothes, boots and skis on prior to the first day of skiing. This allows you to go through any equipment adjustments that need to be made or offer support and suggestions on how best to adjust clothing in a known environment such as your home. I'd like to thank Coach Aberle for her dedication and time towards the ski program as it wouldn't be possible without her.

Educating for Character

Now that the students have been introduced to and practiced the 7 Habits, it is time to celebrate. Students will be focusing on Habit Six, which is the habit of Synergy. In Habit Six, students will practice valuing and celebrating each other's differences. Synergizing is a creative process that explores new possibilities to benefit all parties involved. Students will use three steps to help them get to Synergy. Those steps are: to check their own willingness to search for a better solution, reflect viewpoints, and create new ideas.

Looking Ahead

- 1.9.10 [Open House - North Campus](#)
- 1.9.10 [Open House - South Campus](#)
- 1.11.10 [Dress Uniform](#)
- 1.12.10 [Student Council Meeting](#)
- 1.13.10 [2nd-6th Grade Skiing](#)
- 1.14.10 [K-1 Skiing](#)
- 1.15.10 [Free Dress](#)
- 1.15.10 [Martin Luther King ALL SCHOOL assembly](#)
- 1.18.10 [Martin Luther King Day - No School, No Childcare](#)
- 1.19.10 [Parent Class- Birds and Bees](#)
- 1.20.10 [2nd-6th Grade Skiing](#)
- 1.21.10 [K-1 Skiing](#)
- 1.25.10 [Dress Uniform Day](#)
- 1.25.10 [5th and 6th grade field trip](#)
- 1.26.10 [Student Council Meeting](#)
- 1.26.10 [CHAPTER Meeting](#)
- 1.27.10 [2nd-6th Grade Skiing](#)
- 1.28.10 [K-1 Skiing](#)
- 1.29.10 [December and January Birthday Celebration](#)

Parenting Classes

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 Amy Lang presents: Birds, Bees and Kids

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 Stefanie Thomas from the Seattle Police Victims Unit presents: Cyber Bullying

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 Holly Senaga and Jodel Kovich present: Implementing Habits in your Home

All classes will be at the South Campus on the Second Floor Gallery.

Childcare will be provided for children ages 5-12. Dinner will be provided for children and appetizers for the adults.



Rowan White completes her duty as Popcorn Colonel an opportunity purchased at last years Auction!

CHA students drop off 350 donated toys to the Seattle Children's Hospital.

