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Cheers to 2020

By Isabela Arellano

New Year’s Eve is celebrated on December 31. We count down to 12am and say, “Happy New Year.” We also see fireworks. I interviewed Mr. Dennis, here's what he had to say: He celebrates New Years by going to different friends and family member's parties. He loves seeing the fireworks. New Years is also his wife's birthday, so he sings Happy Birthday to her. Happy New Year everyone!



Holiday Show

By Sophia Acosta

The holiday show is a Christmas show. The holiday show has different kinds of music. It is on December 19 at 10 a.m. in the gym. Primary, Intermediate, and STRIDE students are a part of the holiday show. In primary, Ms. Rachel’s class will be dancing to, “Santa Shark.” Mrs. Bernice’s class will be dancing to, “I want a hippo for Christmas.” Ms. Iris’s class will be dancing to, “Michael Buble Christmas.” In Intermediate, Ms. Angie and Mrs. Stephanie’s class will be dancing to, “Santa Claus is coming to town,” by Jackson 5. Also, Ms. Adri and Ms. Johana’s class will be dancing to “Christmas tree farm,” by Taylor Swift. In STRIDE, Mrs. Ana, Mr. Dennis, and Mrs. Molina’s class will be dancing to “All I want for Christmas is you.” Lastly, Ms. Lambda and Ms. Jenny’s class will be dancing to, “Like it’s Christmas,” by Jonas Brothers. Parents will be able to watch and enjoy the show. Merry Christmas everybody!



Happy Holidays

By Andres Manzur

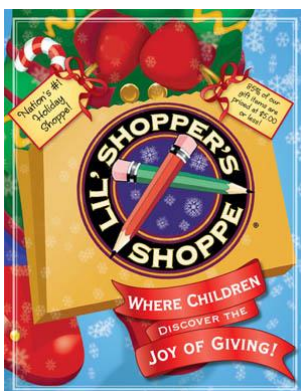
In December, we celebrate 3 holidays: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Christmas is a Christian holiday and is on December 25th every year. A nativity set is put out. Children receive gifts under the Christmas tree. It is a time to listen to music and put lights on the house. Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday and is from December 22, 2019 - December 30, 2019. It is also called the festival of lights. A menorah is lit for eight nights. They eat fried food like potato pancakes called latkes. The dreidel is a toy that children play with during Hanukkah. Kwanzaa is on December 26, 2019 - January 1, 2020. It honors the African American culture. This holiday has 7 core principles and lasts 7 days. Each day they light a candle from a kinara. The candles are black, green, and red. On the 7th day everyone gets gifts called zawadi. So Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa to you and your families!



Spreading Holiday Cheer

By Kevin Deive

Learning Links had a toy drive to collect toys for the patients at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital. The toy drive was from December 3rd to 18th. Some ideas for toys are art and crafts items, board games, and dolls. Primary students brought toys for children from birth to 18 months. Intermediate students brought toys for children from toddler to 5 years old. STRIDE students brought for ages 6 to 12 years old. Finally, PACE and STEPS brought for ages 13th and up. Some PACE students delivered the toys to the Children’s hospital.

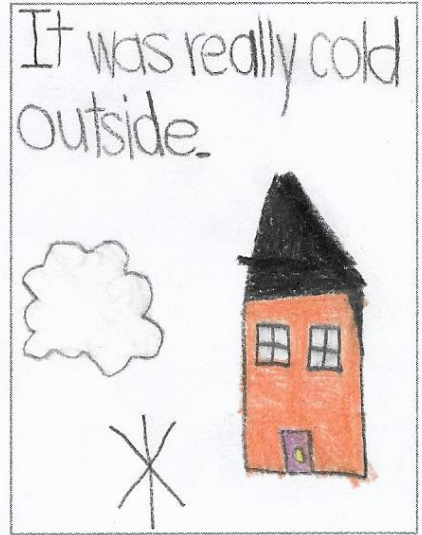
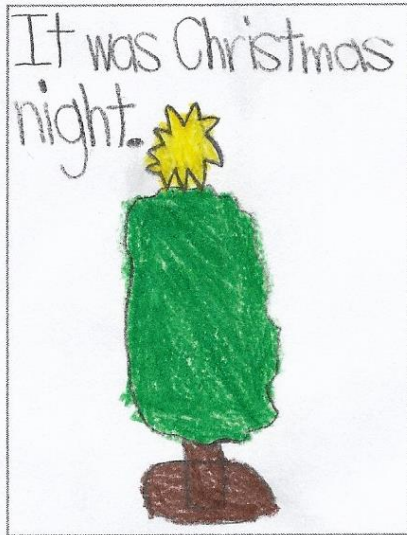


The Gift of Giving

By David Guerra

The Lil’ Shoppers Holiday Shop is a shop built in the Links Library for parents and students to buy gifts for their family and friends. It starts on December 16th from 9:30 to 11:00am for students. For the parents it will be open 9:30 to 3:00pm. The PACE students will be working at the shop. The gifts will be starting at 25 cents to \$10. Make sure to bring money to buy gifts for your family and friends to enjoy. Happy Holidays everyone!

A
Christmas
Snowman
By: Orlando Llera



The
End

Art Show Recap

By The Newspaper Teachers

The Art Show was on Friday, December 6th. It was an exhibition of artwork created by the students of Learning Links. Wine and beer were available for adults to purchase as they admired all of the art. Of course, there was yummy snacks to munch on as well. The students' artwork consisted of work with paper, wood, clay, stencils, and acrylic paint among other materials. Students also made jewelry, coasters, and home décor all of which were available for purchase. There was a silent auction table featuring collaborative pieces by each class. Also featured in the silent auction, were amazing art pieces by our very own director Yarisa Valle and 2 nights of thermal hog hunting with Coach Od. The auction ended at 9pm and the highest bidder won the piece they bid on. Holiday pictures of our students were also available for purchase. A few of our PACE students worked as cashiers, bar tenders for water and soda, and as helpers in the merchandise area selling shirts, jewelry, baked goods, coffee travel mugs and regular mugs, candles, lip balm, wine holders and coasters. We Coach Foundation had a canvas piece created by Yarisa Valle for everyone to participate in coloring throughout the night as they will be having a "Coloring for Adults Night" on January 24th. The Art Show is an annual event, so if you missed it, be on the lookout next year. Overall, it was a good night. Thank you to all the families that made it out and supported us.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By Alia Jamaledin



Mr. Christian



Q: What do you want for Christmas?
 A: A real life Godzilla
 Q: What is your favorite food?
 A: RAMEN.
 Q: When is your birthday?
 A: June 27.
 Q: What is your favorite dessert?
 A: Flan.
 Q: What is your favorite pizza?
 A: Hawaiian.
 Q: What is your favorite show?
 A: Cowboy bebop.
 Q: What is your favorite movie?
 A: Pacific rim.
 Q: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
 A: Cake batter.
 Q: What is your favorite flower?
 A: Rose.
 Q: What is your favorite art?
 A: Manga art.



Ms. Nicole



Q: What do you want for Christmas?
 A: Air pods
 Q: What is your favorite food?
 A: Sushi
 Q: When is your birthday?
 A: March 16
 Q: What is your favorite dessert?
 A: Chocolate chip cookies
 Q: What is your favorite pizza?
 A: Cheese pizza
 Q: What is your favorite show?
 A: The office
 Q: What is your favorite movie?
 A: The Lizzie McGuire movie
 Q: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
 A: Chocolate
 Q: What is your favorite flower?
 A: Orchids
 Q: What is your favorite art?
 A: Pop culture art

shout OUT!

Congratulations to Primary, Intermediate, and STRIDE on your holiday show! It was the perfect ending before the winter break.



Welcome back Mrs. Erica! We missed you while you were on maternity leave.



- 1/2 David Guerra
- 1/3 Bryan Curbelo
- 1/3 Max Ferro
- 1/3 Mrs. Molina-Bardino
- 1/9 Victoria Ares
- 1/10 Aiden Balseca
- 1/13 Daniel Guerra
- 1/17 Ms. Rachel
- 1/20 Ms. Johana
- 1/20 Ms. Sally
- 1/22 Jackson Walker
- 1/24 Ms. Adriana
- 1/25 Alex Concepcion
- 1/27 Kalyn Atehortua
- 1/27 Vitali Cardozo

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 6 Return to school
- January 15 Miami Children’s Museum visit (Primary and Intermediate)
- January 16 End of grading period
- January 17 Beginning of grading period
- January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20 No school
- January 22 Early Release Day
 - Primary & Intermediate 12:00pm
 - STRIDE 12:15pm
 - PACE & STEPS 12:30pm
- January 24 We Coach “Coloring for Adults Night” event
- January 30 100th Day of School!



Student Reminders:

The School Store is open for business every Friday from 12:00-1:30pm. Remember to behave good to earn your money!



Staff Reminders

The Coffee Club is open for business on A days (Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Friday) from 9:30-11:00am.



- Stephanie Lopez
- Lucia Lizarazo
- Mark Petcherski
- Dominick Arisso
- Victoria Ares
- Jeremiah Marrero
- Briella Navarrte
- Jonah Boruck
- Danabet De la Torre
- Adrian Jacomino
- Julio Nuñez
- Devin De Leon



Look out every Friday for our Farmer’s market. Our PACE students will be out in carpool every Friday selling baked goods, lip balms, and candles. You may also place an order online our school website, your order will be ready for pick up in the afternoon.

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