



# The Honor Roll School Early Childhood Express January 2019

# 2019

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*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow" Albert Einstein*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! May good health, peace, happiness and prosperity be yours all through the new year and beyond.

Making connections is at the heart of learning and the second semester is when it all comes together for our students. Recent studies in brain development have shown that in the early childhood years, children's brain cells form millions of connections or synapses. These connections help children structure a frame work or scaffolding on which they can place new knowledge or information. Repeated use of connections, for example, in reading or language skills, form stronger pathways in the brain, making it better suited for learning the more difficult concepts and skills that young adults need to master. Our focus in the second semester will be to continue strengthening our children's academic and social skills and build a strong foundation of learning.

With re-enrollment packets going home in a couple of weeks, this is a good time to think about the next grade level and **chronological age vs. readiness**. The three components of readiness are:

**Physical** - potty trained and independence skills in eating and dressing

**Social/emotional** – includes good verbal skills to express feelings appropriately, follow directions, ability to exercise self-control, etc.

**Academic** –includes knowing letters, sounds, numbers, predict outcomes, critical thinking skills, able to focus, good comprehension and recall skills, etc.

**Readiness** is a process and for the most part in the early childhood years, these three components may not always develop in harmony. It is common to find a child ready academically, but immature socially or visa versa. As educators, it is our hope that parents recognize that academic readiness is not the only skill our students need. Social and emotional readiness is just as important and 21st century learning is so much more about the development of the "whole" child. Children should have the freedom to blossom naturally and at their own pace.

**Our enrollment packets** will go home on **January 22nd** and are due back on **January 31st**. As always, we give our families first preference on seat allotments before opening our school to the community. Your supply and activity fee will hold your child's spot for the 2019-20 school year. Our **Community Open House** is on **January 24th** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. We welcome you, your relatives, neighbors, co-workers and friends to see next year's classes and curriculum. Make sure you visit our ECP, Elementary and Middle School Science Fair that evening, as well.

**Kindergarten Information Presentation** –Calling all TK parents to attend our **Kindergarten Information Morning on January 18th @ 8:30 a.m. in the Dining Room.**

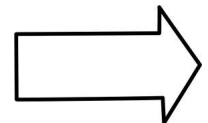
**TK Round-Up** –Our TK information meeting with parents of Pre-K students will be held on **January 30th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the library.** We will provide baby-sitting during the meeting until 7:00 p.m. For staffing purposes, please RSVP by **January 29th** if you need care that evening.

I look forward to a great second semester with you.

Best wishes for a super 2019.

*Joy Dasgupta*  
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Early Childhood Principal

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*Dates to Remember*

**January**

- Jan 18 Kindergarten Information Presentation for TK parents -8:30 a.m.– Dining Room
- Jan 18 PreK-1 Bake Sale
- Jan 21 MLK Day - CAMPUS CLOSED  
No Holiday Care Available
- Jan 22-25 Spirit Week
- Jan 22 Re-enrollment packets go home
- Jan 24 Community Open House  
9-11:00 a.m. and 5-7:00 p.m.  
Science Night-ECP -Middle School 5-8:00 p.m.
- Jan 25 PreK-2 Bake Sale
- Jan 30 TK Round-Up –6:00-7:00 pm in library  
(information session for Pre-K parents)
- Jan 31 Re-enrollment Packets due back

*Thank You*

A huge thank you to the TK-2 parents who took time out of their day to help with our class bake sale. We appreciate the time and effort you put in to help make our bake sale the best that it could be. Your support means a lot to us and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

- Elizabeth Romo (Anthony's mom)
- Tammy Su (Piper's mom)
- Tomoko Ishizaka (Elisabetta's mom)
- Himali Saitwal (Arnav's mom)
- Belinda Lau (Benjamin's mom)
- Sasha Dharani (Hanna's mom)
- Gita Viswanaathan (Arvin's mom)
- Jessica Wang (Allyson's mom)
- Anjana Patel (Niam's grandmother)