



NIXON NEWS

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To Do List:

- Donate to the Toy Drive.
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- Bring cookies for Staff Appreciation on 12/12.
- Attend the PTA Executive Board and AAAG meetings on 1/5.

CALENDAR

Tues. Dec. 12
Staff Appreciation Cookie Tins

Fri. Dec. 15
Minimum Day, 1:15 p.m. dismissal, *No enrichment classes*

Fri.-Tues. Dec. 15 – Jan. 2.
Winter Break

Wed. Jan. 3
School Resumes

Fri. Jan. 5
PTA Executive Board & AAAG Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

Mon. Jan. 15
No School

Fri. Jan. 19
No School

Principal's Corner by Barbara Welch

Dear Nixon Families,

One great fall feast is done and another is less than three weeks away. Where does the time go? I will be off campus for December 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th recuperating from minor foot surgery. I wanted to get it done before the Winter Break so I could do some healing and learn to maneuver my cast before we return in January.

Toy Drive

For the last several years Nixon has participated, on a voluntary basis only, in the annual holiday toy drive sponsored by the Urban Ministries of Palo Alto. We plan to do so again this year. Urban Ministry is a non-religious, non-profit organization, that works closely with other community

groups to avoid duplication of services and to leverage additional materials and services. Each year, Urban Ministry of Palo Alto provides 26,000 free hot meals, 17,000 bags of groceries, and 4,800 nights of housing through a rotating emergency shelter program. Other support services include housing referrals, a clothing closet, a money management service, and transportation vouchers. In December, Urban Ministries provides new toys to qualified families that live within Palo Alto city-limits or children who attend a PAUSD school. We are very sensitive to the fact that many of our families do not participate in gift giving in December, therefore our toy drive will be very low key and clearly voluntary. The first day of the toy drive is Tuesday, December 6, and we will deliver

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PTA Presidents' Message by Leslie Fiedler and Jan Rossi

The holiday season is upon us. For those families who exchange gifts this time of year, the Nixon Book Fair was a wonderful place to find just the right present for those special people in our lives. Many thanks to our tireless and dedicated Book Fair co-Chairs Ih-Hae Chang, Jo Marcus, and Yoshimi Munch, along with the many other parents, who volunteered their time to work before, during, and after this annual event. A big thank you also goes out to Girl Scout Troop 296 for providing free gift-wrapping on the final day of the Book Fair. And finally, thank you to the families who purchased books to benefit our school. Your contributions made the Book Fair a great success!

As you may know, 25% of the Book Fair proceeds go directly to the Nixon PTA to help fund a variety of programs that enhance the curriculum and educational experience of our children. However, the PTA can only fund materials, programs, and events connected to Nixon. The PTA cannot provide funds to pay for school staff; that is where the Partners in Education (PiE) comes in. Without the annual contributions from PiE, Nixon could not fund teaching specialists (ie, computer lab, reading, or math) and other additional staff, such as our librarian, art, and ELD teachers. In the spirit of holiday giving, please consider making a year-end, fully tax

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Se puede encontrar una edición de *Nixon News* en español en la oficina general de la escuela. Favor de avisar a Gabriela Balas si usted desea añadir su nombre a la lista de distribución.

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the toys to Urban Ministries on Wednesday, December 15. If this is something your family is interested in supporting, consider making it a meaningful experience for your child by involving him/her in the selection and purchase process. Donations need not be large or expensive, but thoughtful. Please do not wrap the gifts. (This is a repeat of a flyer your child should have brought home, but alas some never reach you.)

Colorful Playground Maps

Thanks to the recommendation of parent Vicki Dempsey, two 20 x 36 foot colored maps are being stenciled onto the playground by B. R. for his Eagle Scout project. One map is of the world and the other, the United States. Nixon will cover the cost of the stencils and paint. Several schools have added these to their sites. Their students enjoy them and the teachers have been using them for geography games, which are great for kinesthetic learners. If the maps are not completed by the time you read this, they will be soon.

Gentle Reminder

One of the unique aspects of Nixon is that we have a large open space accessible to our classrooms, which we use as a multi-media center (library and computer lab). We think of it as a hub of learning. Both areas house our most expensive and vulnerable instructional materials. Additionally, the area is used as a hallway and gathering center. Most of us forget that these two areas are the classrooms of Janice

Mulholland and Barbara Vana. When these instructors do not have a class, they use the time to plan, research, and reflect. It is hard for them to do this when there is a lot of commotion. I am asking you to be mindful of how these learning areas are used and respectfully use optional routes when possible. Some of you wait for your students who are in classes adjacent to the multi-media area. If you want to chat, or if you have small children with you, please consider talking or waiting in the LRCI room, when it is too chilly to wait outside. You are always welcome to quietly read or work at the far end of the library at the round tables during school hours. Parents are welcome at Nixon and these thoughts are just to remind us of how we can continue to preserve our educational goals within our facility.

Thank you for your understanding.

The staff at Nixon wishes each of you a relaxing, enjoyable Winter Break, and we look forward to seeing you in 2007.

Barbara

Holiday Cookies!

The Staff Appreciation Committee would like to put together cookie tins for the Nixon Staff on Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the teachers lounge. If you plan to contribute, please email me and include the type of home-made cookies you plan on bringing. You can drop the cookies off at the front desk or bring them to the teachers lounge before 11:30 a.m. that day.

Thank you for your support.

From your Staff Appreciation Committee,
Karen Yang, Susan Nicholls, & Cheryl Wu

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deductible donation to PiE, if you have not done so already. Any amount is welcome, and your gift will make a difference in your children's education. Contributions to the "Campaign for Elementary Schools" can be made online (see <http://papie.org>) or mailed to the following address with a notation that you are a Nixon School parent:

Palo Alto Partners in Education
Department 33329, Post Office Box 39000
San Francisco, CA 94139-3329

Two more final thank you's: one goes out to Lori Abe, van Cole, and the volunteers who helped them with the Sally Foster gift wrap orders. The other goes to everyone who helped with the Nixonnames School Directory. Sandra Nadim co-Chaired the production of the directory this year and she has kindly volunteered to head up this effort next year as the Chair. Thank you, Sandra!

It's hard to believe that the last school day of 2006 is almost here. The two plus weeks of Winter break is a much-needed time to take a trip, catch up on sleep, share memorable meals and moments with family and friends, relax, and reflect on the past and upcoming new year. Whatever your plans may hold during the break, enjoy this special time of the year.

Happy holidays to everyone in our wonderful Nixon community!

Leslie and Jan

Second Harvest Food Drive

The food drive began on October 25 and ended on November 17. The days before, student council members had visited their buddy classes, alerting students and giving out envelopes for checks and bags for food. Twelve bins were placed strategically around the school, and at the end of the two weeks and a few days, all of the bins were full of lovely dried or canned non-perishable foods. Thanks to a little 'pod' competition this year, Nixon contributed more than 2277 pounds of food—over 1 ton!

Thank you Nixon staff and students for helping contribute food to those in need!

Photos by Sean McDaniel

FIT FOR LEARNING is happening at Nixon!

The PTA, alongside the traveling PE teachers, and the YMCA (at some school sites) are excited to start adding more to your child's nutrition and fitness curriculum! Each month look for an installment in our newsletter re-capping the month's theme and the handout that comes home, too!

Our first FIT FOR LEARNING segment teaches our children about the new food pyramid. If you have Internet access, visit www.fitforlearning.org or www.MyPyramid.gov with your child to get gender, age, and activity level specific information.

20 Ways to make your Child FIT FOR LEARNING

- 1) Have your child list one new food he/she would like to eat from each food group. Post this on your refrigerator and add to the shopping list.
- 2) Eat vegetables with your child.
- 3) Try one new whole grain product.
- 4) Pre-cut fruits and veggies for easy access.
- 5) Encourage eating fruits as dessert and snacks.
- 6) Involve your child in grocery shopping and food preparation.
- 7) Give your child fat-free or low fat milk.
- 8) Eat dinner with your child.

- 9) Be selective when eating fast foods.
- 10) Remind your child to drink plenty of water.
- 11) Provide a pleasant eating environment.
- 12) Limit TV, video, and computer games to one hour per day.
- 13) Help your child be physically active for one hour each day.
- 14) Moderate your child's sugar intake.
- 15) Reduce junk food in your house.
- 16) Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast each day.
- 17) Choose and prepare foods with less salt.
- 18) Replace white bread with whole wheat bread.
- 19) Hike or ride a bike together to/from school.
- 20) Be a good role model.

Questions, please contact Tena Cherry.

DONATE OLD SOCCER UNIFORMS: Palo Alto Girl Scouts are collecting clean, used soccer uniforms to donate to children in our sister city in Oaxaca, Mexico. No soccer shoes, please; only shirts, shorts, and socks. Look for the box labeled "Oaxaca" inside the front doors by the main entrance to Nixon.

Donations gladly accepted until Thursday, Dec. 14th. Questions: contact Susan Nicholls.

Nixon Night Out at California Pizza Kitchen

Save the Dates:

Tuesday, January 16th & Wednesday, January 17th

(A Nixon PTA sponsored event)

Our next NNO benefit is at **California Pizza Kitchen**, 531 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA (on Cowper St. between University and Hamilton). California Pizza Kitchen offers a variety of foods and a great kids' menu at very reasonable prices. So, don't worry about what you are having for dinner – dine-in or carry-out. 20% of your tab will go to Nixon school.

IN MEMORIAM

Passing of bus driver Ray Raymundo

With great sadness we report the passing of Ray Raymundo, a PAUSD bus driver who is known and loved by the Nixon community. Ray passed away on Monday morning, November 27, after fighting a brave battle with cancer that was diagnosed this past June 2006. Ray joined the District transportation department in March 1993, and he drove a generation of children to and from school each day.

Ray approached his work, mostly on the Hills bus, with energy and a ready smile. He considered his work as something that went beyond providing transportation. He thought that getting the kids to school ready to learn and in good spirits was as much a part of the job as getting them there safely. Upon arriving at school in rain or shine, Ray always stepped off the bus first, and then helped each child off the last step, smiling, and either shook their hand or patted them on the back, and wished them a good day. Each afternoon, Ray greeted the children in the same upbeat tone as they boarded his bus, and at many stops along his route, he was quick to bolt out of the bus with a stop sign in hand to assure the children safely crossed tricky intersections.

We entrust our kids with a number of adults as they go through school, and Ray was one of the very best. He made a lasting impression on all who knew him, and we are greatly indebted to the unyielding kindness and care Ray imparted to all who were lucky enough to know him. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service to honor Ray is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday December 9, at 1:30 PM at the Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 4243 Alma St. , Palo Alto. A reception will follow the memorial service in the Nixon Theater, children are welcome. For more information, please contact the Nixon office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a resounding success! We sold over \$15,000 of books and other merchandise, netting about \$3,750 for Nixon PTA. We will also receive a customer reward voucher of \$540, which will be used for additional books for the school. The One for Books Program collected about \$125, which will go towards books for the library. Our success would not have been possible without all of the enthusiastic support of many parents who volunteered their time and energy, and of course so many more who opened their wallets for a good cause!

We would like to extend a big thank you to the teachers who brought their students to preview the fair and to Janice Mullolland who created a buzz during library time. A special thanks to all the parents who volunteered at the fair; helping set up, sell merchandise, and take the fair down. We really cannot thank you enough for all your hard work – you made it happen!

Christine Abraham	Nancy Tevanian	Susan Nicholls
Nikki Horton	Nancy Campbell	Barbara Zhang
Jan Rossi	Brenda Liu	Debra Fong
Nazila Alasti	Guadalupe Vazquez	Eundo Park
Sheryl Humble	Theresa Chung	Abi Okunuga
Suzie Russell	Kelly Mahoney	Mika Furukawa
Donna Alkadri	Leisa Washura	Pam Rasmussen
Joyce Hung	Van Cole	Becky and Ginny
Eve Scott	Aki Masuda	Cassandra Gencarella
Gioia Allegretti	Ellen Waxman	Katrin Richter
Liselotte Jorgenson	Jane Do	Girl Scouts
Barbara Sourkes	Cecilia Miu	Robyn Keal
Gabriela Balas	Pam Wicks	Melisse Lusin
Amy Ladd	Leslie Fiedler	

Ih-hae Chang, Jo Marcus, and Yoshimi Munch
Book Fair Co-chairs

Photos by Joe Young

*****Kindergarten Registration*****

It's time to start thinking about registering for Kindergarten 2007-08. Open registration is from January 4 to February 2, 2007. Make sure you register **before** February 2! Visit the district website (www.pausd.org) for more information.

Below is Nixon's list of incoming siblings, based on information from our current students' emergency cards. If we have missed listing your child or you plan not to send your child to Kindergarten next year, please notify the Nixon office as soon as possible. (Note that even if your child is on this list, **you still need to register him or her with the district office.**) Siblings have priority, but must register between January 4 and February 2, 2007. ***It is very important not to miss this deadline.***

Incoming Kinder Sibs (2007-2008)

(names omitted for privacy reasons.)

PTA WARDROBE CLOTHES CLOSET and SNOW CLOTHES RENTAL SERVICE

The Wardrobe (a PTA Council service since 1934) stocks a variety of clothing, in sizes from infant through adult. It's available at no charge to families in need. The Snow Clothing Rental service helps support the Wardrobe, by providing individuals and families with rental snow gear (jackets, pants, snow boots, scarves, etc.) -- adults \$20, kids \$15, for a two-week rental. It's located in a portable at Jordan, 750 N. California Ave. (Enter from Middlefield Rd.; it's behind a red fence.)

Hours: Wednesday, 2:00 -5:00 p.m., & Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Phone: 858-0654

Closed on school holidays

Donations are welcomed during open hours: clean, gently used clothing and books; new underwear and socks are especially appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts are available.



PALO ALTO PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

TRIPLE YOUR MONEY! There's never been a better time to donate to Partners in Education. An anonymous foundation will match **every** donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$150,000. And that's not all! If you've never donated to PiE previously, your first donation will be matched 2 for 1. Your \$10 becomes \$30, \$50 => \$150, & \$1000 => \$3000. Where else can you find returns like that? Look for the letter from PiE that arrived last month, or just go to www.papie.org.

Send what you can, as soon as you can. Every student thanks you! Questions? Visit <http://www.papie.org>. We're just over halfway to our \$2 million goal. **THANK YOU** to every family that has sent a donation. For those who haven't, there will never be a better time than right now!

Wrapping Up

A Nixon PTA-Sponsored Program

THANK YOU so much to everyone who participated in the annual Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser! Special thanks go to new committee chairpersons, Lori Abe and Van Cole. Through your support by purchasing gift wrap, Nixon will receive almost \$4000! Remember, you can still order online at sally-foster.com until January 15; 50% of online orders will be given to our school! Be sure use our school account number, 357650, when checking out.

Are you following the Area Attendance Advisory Group information?

Rising enrollment in Palo Alto means possible boundary changes for your neighborhood! Don't wait until new lines have been drawn. Come to the Nixon PTA meeting on Friday Jan. 5 at 8:15 a.m. in the teachers lounge. This is your opportunity to add input, discuss, and share information on possible changes to the PAUSD area attendance boundaries. Our AAAG representative, Ellen Waxman, will be available for questions and answers. She will prepare recommendations from the Nixon community to present at the upcoming Jan. 16th AAAG meeting. For more information on proposals being discussed, go to: www.pausd.paloalto.ca/community/about/news/downloads/AAAGminutes.pdf

Classroom Happenings

5th Grade

Budding Entrepreneurs?

The President and VP of Finance from ‘Wrist Warmers’ prepare their ‘pitch’ to the Venture Capitalist for funding. So do all of the other Bizworld Companies. Fifth graders are about to begin a real life simulation game called Bizworld that will teach them about the world of business and entrepreneurship. They will discover what it takes to start and run a company. Bizworld’s hands-on approach is designed to make business fundamentals come alive, as it provides a real world context for everyday subjects, such as math, economics, social studies, and language arts.

Lesson one: Revenue – Expenses = Profit (or Loss). The students (I mean stockholders) must keep this formula in mind as they prepare to launch their companies.

They move through the process of start-up, where they name their company, procure financing, apply for positions, and design the prototype of their product, friendship bracelets. Next comes the actual manufacturing of the bracelets, including packaging and pricing. The real fun begins when each company builds a marketing campaign, along with a slogan, ad copy, and a live ‘commercial.’ All along they keep close watch on financials in the company ledger.

B. A., VP of Finance for the “5 Braceleteers”, breathed a sigh of relief “after yesterday’s financials were done, we still have 40 bizbucks left”. Then Mr. McDaniel writes on the whiteboard, “marketing package, ten bizbucks”. All groups (companies) are astounded, as he explains how much a 30-second commercial on TV might really cost. “The only way we can get this money is by going back to the Venture Capitalist,” says Q. D. from “Bracelets R Us.” J. C. is more concerned with quality control of the bracelet production at her company. Business continues as groups work on marketing or buying raw materials (string), but always remembering to save about seven bizbucks for tomorrow’s rent and salary. The class is very excited; tomorrow is the sales bazaar with the 4th graders who are the shoppers.

The big day arrived. Everyone is ready, to sell-sell-sell all their bracelets. The morning starts out with the groups readying their advertisements. M. R. belts out his rap song to the delight of the audience. The 4th graders have their bizbucks. There are shouts, yells, and bargaining. It was total chaos. Every company wants to sell completely out, and all but one does. After the sales bazaar, company rep-

resentatives ran around comparing revenue with each other. They had learned a lot, but along with that, they had a lot of fun, too.

Photo by Vicki Dempsey

3rd Grade and 1st Grade

Artists at Large

Miss Curtis’ 3rd grade students Pumpkin Art is on display in the Children's section of the Mitchell Park Library. It will be on display until mid-December, so stop in and take a look. Thanks to Alice Engelmores, the Nixon Spectra Art teacher, for presenting this lesson and celebrating our efforts in public! And, thanks for supporting PiE with your contributions to make Spectra Art possible.

Artwork done by Nixon 1st-grader, E. T., was chosen out of all the work in the district-wide student art show to be presented to an internationally-distinguished researcher in the field of art education at his retirement ceremony at Stanford. E. was a kindergarten student of Deborah Schweninger when she created this work.

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1st Grade

Giving Thanks

“Soup from a stone? Fancy that!” We love stone soup! On Tuesday, Mr. Young’s and Ms. Kim’s (Peckenpaugh) classes had their “Celebration of Thanks.” It was such a great time of sharing, enjoying each other’s company, and having some great tasting soup! The students all showed such great table manners! They were so excited to try the soup and corn bread muffins they all made together. SHARING! What a great lesson for Thanksgiving!

Photos by Joe Young

Beyond Nixon...

Websites for Kids and Parents to Explore

From Alison Curtis

General Resources/Mixed Activities

Nixon Computer lab: <http://staff.pausd.org/%7Ebvana/index.shtml>

Yahoo kids (Formerly Yahoooligans): <http://kids.yahoo.com>

Scholastic: <http://www.scholastic.com/kids>

Education Place: <http://www.eduplace.com/kids>

Math

SuperKids math worksheets: <http://www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/math/>

Fact practice: <http://www.kidsnumbers.com/>

3rd grade math (links to 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc.): http://schools.katyisd.org/groups/pathways/Instr_Ctr/linkslessons/elem/3rd/ma/3rd_ma.html

Reading

American Library Association’s booklist: <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnotable/notablebooklist/currentnotable.htm>

City of Palo Alto Public Library: <http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/library/kids-teens/calendar.html>

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Holiday in the Garden and Children's Puppet Show

Green sale and holiday items, unique floral arrangements. "Nutcracker" puppet show, \$10 in the Carriage House. Dec. 9, 10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m. call for reservation for puppet show and floral arrangement 329-1356. Visit www.gamblegarden.org. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto.

"The Nutcracker"

Presented by Western Ballet. Featuring choreography by Gonzalo Espinoza, with students of the School of Western Ballet and guest artists Katherine Wells, Travis Walker, Ramon Moreno and Olivier Munoz. Dec. 8, 7 p.m.; Dec. 9-10, 1 and 6 p.m. Adults \$23/children/seniors \$18. For more information, call Bernadette Connolly at 903-6000 or e-mail bernadette@westernballet.org or visit www.mvcpa.com. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

"Pied Piper"

Written for preschool and primary children, performed by high-school aged PACT participants. "Participation plays" based on familiar stories. Dec. 9, 2:30-3:15 p.m. \$4 children/\$8 adults. For more information, call Michael Litfin at 463-4970 or e-mail Michael.Litfin@cityofpaloalto.org. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Based on Clement Moore's poem and presented by Dancers Repertory Theatre and Menlo Park Academy of Dance. A cast of 100 dancers perform classical and traditional holiday music. Dec. 9-10. \$16 adults /\$12 seniors and children. For more information, call Coleen Duncan at 323-5292 or e-mail cduncan@twasthenight.org or visit www.twasthenight.org. Woodside High School Theater, Woodside Road, Redwood City.

Gunn High School Winter Choral Concert

featuring the Treble Choir, the Concert Choir and the Chamber Singers under the direction of William Liberator. Thu., Dec. 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5/\$3 students. For more information, call Rebecca Sanders at 269-4194 or e-mail gunnchoir@aol.com or visit www.gunn.pausd.org. Spangenberg Theater, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto.

Peninsula Pops "Jolly Holiday" Show

The Pops with conductor Kim Venaas features holiday music made by Bing Crosby, Mel Torme, and the Grinch. Guests the Bay Bells Handbell choir. Tickets available online. Dec. 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults \$20/seniors \$16/

students \$10/kids free with adults. For more information, call Peninsula Pops Box Office at 856-8432 or e-mail peninsulapops@yahoo.com or visit www.peninsulapops.org. Spangenberg Theater, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto.

Model Train Show

The West Bay Model Railroad Association's Christmas Show Dec. 8, 7-10 p.m.; Dec. 9, noon-6 p.m.; Dec. 10, noon-5 p.m. Model Trains will be operating plus railroad artifacts and photos on display. Free; donations accepted. For more information, call Lauren Mercer at 322-9335. West Bay Model Railroad Building, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park.

"Classic and Timeless Toys"

Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy World and the Museum of American Heritage present "Classic and Timeless Toys," an exhibit featuring over 75 classic toys of the 20th century. Learn the history of toys and the story behind their inventions. Fridays-Sundays, Oct. 6-Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Laurie Cvengros at 321-1004 or e-mail admin@moah.org or visit www.moah.org. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto.

"Winter Salon"

Thirty (30) artists present contemporary art and fine crafts for Holiday shopping. Wall art, jewelry, sculpture and ceramics created by local artists. Through Dec. 24; opening reception Thurs., Nov. 30, 5-8 p.m. Gallery 9 Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 941-7969 or visit www.gallery9losaltos.com. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

Bonfante Gardens Holiday of Lights

Daily December 15-23, 4:00-9:00 PM. Home for the Holidays Parade featuring live entertainment, floats, and Santa, Ice skating, traditional Holiday Feast and Family Fun. Bonfantegardens.org/hoilidaylights or (408) 840-7100 3050 Hecker Pass Highway (HWY 152 W), Gilroy.

Nixonames School Directory Distributed

The *Nixonames school* directory was distributed during the last week of November. Many thanks to the expert eyes of our volunteer proof-readers who perused a huge amount of data: Joyce Hung, Sophia Mah, Balaji Pitchaikani, Yusong Rogers, and Daisy Zook. Your time and help is greatly appreciated!

For those of you who ordered and prepaid for a directory in August, they were sent home with your child. If you did not order a directory, you still may purchase one. Directories cost \$6/each. If you would like to order a directory or if your prepaid directory was not received, please contact Sandra Nadim or Leslie Fiedler.

Finally, if your family information was incorrect in the *Nixonames* directory, and you would like to have corrections printed in the next edition of the Nixon News newsletter, **please e-mail corrections no later than January 4** to either Sandra or Leslie.

Sign up for Nixon e-News!

Nixon has an e-mail list for parents and staff interested in receiving weekly updates on school events. To subscribe (or unsubscribe) from the list, send e-mail to: majordomo@laki.pausd.org with the words "subscribe nixon" (or "unsubscribe nixon") in the body (not the subject) of the message.

If you have items that should be publicized in e-News, e-mail Linda Baker.

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