

# SNOSPRINGS ❄️ SCHOOL

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## **Briefs from the Chief – January, 2012**

### **Two New Classrooms Proposed**

As some of you may know, we are in the process of obtaining a building permit for a prefabricated structure that would contain two classrooms and two restrooms. All of the engineering, architectural, health, fire and site plans have been prepared and are now awaiting final review and approval from King County Department of Development and Environmental Services. Their office is under staffed, due to budget cuts, and applications are backlogged. However, we are very confident about our proposal and we would expect to receive final approval within 4-8 weeks. The structure will take two months to build, which will have it finished in April or May, well before the first day of School, on September 4, 2012. We will keep you up to date on the permit status as it becomes available.

### **Fall 2012 Enrollment and Class Projections**

Thanks to all of you that have made a commitment to return to SnoSprings next Fall. There are currently 12 second grade students plus 4 on a waitlist ( to be added after acquiring our building permit for a total of 16) There are 7 first grade students plus 2 on a waitlist (to be added after acquiring the building permit to total 9) There are 16 Kindergarten students with 2 seats remaining. (9 more K-1 students may be added after acquiring the building permit). With the anticipated addition of two new classrooms, we are tentatively planning for two Pre-K classrooms, one Kindergarten classroom, one K-1 multi-age classroom and one second grade classroom.

### **Open House for New Families**

Please tell your friends and neighbors that we will be holding an open house and registration for new families that are looking for a school for their children. The dates are Friday, Jan. 20, 4-6PM and Saturday, Jan. 21, 1-3PM. All Pre-K students must be at least four and Kindergarten students must be five by August 31. This is an excellent time for new parents and their children to meet the teachers, review the curriculum materials and tour the classrooms and grounds. Thanks for your assistance.

### **Cub Clubs**

Registration for the January/February Cub Clubs is now closed. The next series of clubs for March and April are in the planning stages. If you have an idea for a cub club topic, please send me an email with the details or the name of the activity and instructor or specialist.

### **New Spanish Teacher**

Last month Maria Paz informed us that she would not be able to continue teaching Spanish at SnoSprings after the first of the year, due to other work commitments. Therefore, Anne Welch has happily assumed the role of our new Spanish Teacher for the remainder of the school year. Anne is very excited to be back at SnoSprings. She has four children that attended SnoSprings in years past and she also taught Spanish here at that time as well. Anne received her teaching degree in California, where she taught Kindergarten and First Grade for seven years. She is looking forward to getting the children excited about learning Spanish through song, interactive activities, group time and some table work. She will also be sending home a monthly newsletter with tips and suggestions on how to keep your child interested in speaking Spanish at home.

### **Up Coming Holiday and Vacation Dates**

For those of you that would like to make vacation plans, please mark your calendars for the following days off. Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 16; Mid-winter break, beginning Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and running through Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and Spring break will be April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> .

### **January and Quarterly Tuition Now Due**

This is a reminder that the January tuition of \$920 is now due. In addition, for those families paying quarterly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payment of \$2,754 is also due at this time. Thank you.

Respectfully, *Joe Drovetto*, Chief Administrator