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OF THE PENINSULA

McNeil Family Clubhouse Happenings

A Monthly Newsletter for Parents and Members
December 2009



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News! News! News!

Breakfast with Santa & Family Day



The fresh smell of coffee, pancakes, sausages and eggs awaited our guests as they arrived, some of them showing up before 8:00 am. Santa's helpers, who consisted of Keystone & staff members, manned the stations. Emerald, Keystone President, managed the Teen Room that entertained our young ones with holiday movies, including Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Elf. The Christmas Tree

station was a huge success due to Eugenia Brown, our wonderful parent volunteer, and Keystone members, Sigori and Rema, who were by her side to assist. Since there was a Santa Claus mailbox present, everyone had an opportunity to write a letter to him and then take photographs with the man himself. Santa, of course, had a big bag of surprises and was able to hand each child a bag of candy as a parting gift. All in all, this event was definitely something to build on for years to come. All 163 participants of varying age enjoyed themselves. We were ecstatic to share in the joy of a child's smile as their faces lit up with the excitement of what Christmas is all about--giving! A very special thank you to Teresa Rutledge, BGCP Board Member, Ellen Lynch, BGCP Associate Director of Annual Giving, and BiRite for donating all of the food items and paper products for our breakfast event!



Art in Action

BGCP has recently started the Art in Action program at the Redwood City, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto clubhouses. Art in Action is a series of art lessons based on famous art pieces throughout history. Each lesson begins with the introduction of a famous piece and a discussion about the history of the piece and the artist. Members then create art based on the work they were shown, using the concepts and techniques they were taught in that lesson. Art in Action sends all the supplies and the lesson plans, as well as high quality prints of the famous art work. Art in Action gives members the opportunity to explore art in an environment that is both academic and creative. BGCP is able to participate in Art an Action through a generous donation from the Palo Alto Weekly. Please review our upcoming winter and spring brochure for more information.

Jingle Jam of 2009

On December 4th the Menlo Park Clubhouse hosted its first Jingle Jam, a holiday dance for 7th to 10th graders. The dance began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:30 pm. Teens had a blast dancing the night away to the beats of DJ Grubber!



Member of the Month



Jackie Jimenez is in the second grade and attends Beechwood School. Jackie is an all-star. She continuously asks, "Can

I help you with something?" or is always finding something helpful to do. You can find Jackie organizing the books in the Learning Center or putting pieces back to a board game. Jackie is a spectacular student. She finishes her homework during Power Hour and loves to read books. Jackie always keeps a smile on her face and knows how to make people laugh. Jackie is part of Achievement Matters and is striving for the best. Congratulations Jackie for being December 2009 Member of the Month!

Important Dates - December

- 1 Lighting of Menlo Park 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 2 BGCP Fine Arts Exhibit at the EPA Clubhouse 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 3 Family Orientation 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
- 4 Achievement Matters Fall Celebration 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
- 4 Jingle Jam Dance 7:00 pm-9:30 pm
- 9 CNG Scholar of the Year Finals 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 12 Breakfast with Santa & Family Day 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- 18 Triple Play Family Night 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
- 21 Club Hours 12:00 pm-6:00 pm
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CLUB CLOSED FROM
DECEMBER 24, 2009 – JANUARY 3, 2010
***CLUB WILL RE-OPEN ON
JANUARY 4, 2010 at 2:30 pm***

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