



**Parents' Association Agenda
December 10, 2021**

● **Mr Cissel Updates**

- Nice day for a swim :)
- A few people will be joining Mr. Cissel at his Polar Plunge this afternoon
- Winter Concert was last night, first time in two years
- We would rather be in person but it was a step in the right direction
- Recording is being emailed out at 10am
- COVID testing will continue past the winter break, info will be going out shortly
- January 3 parents will need to drop off their samples between 7:30am and 8:30am for children to return to school on January 4
- Won't continue through the year, but at least through the winter months as trends go up
- Governor hasn't limited gathering sizes yet but we are all watching this
- Travel restrictions has been sent in the weekly update
- Thanks to parents and teachers for helping to keep things as normal as possible for our students which is joyful to see them in the building
- All school meeting is at 10:30am today. The Board Chair will be coming to visit (Alex Doboli) and say a few words, Cindy Cutalo (PK4 Asst) is being thanked as today is her last day at HCDS as she is going to teach english as a second language. PK3 and 4 will be doing a presentation and then we are going to play a word game
- Thanks again!

● **Read-a-thon Update**

- Began 11/13/21 and ends tomorrow, Saturday 12/11/21
- Book logs are on Digital Backpack & hardcopies were sent home
- Each child received a book from the PA
- Prizes available based on number of minutes read individually and also across the entire school
- Once we get the logs we will be able to share who has won awards and possibly an all-school celebration
- *Please make sure to submit your Reading logs to your teacher or the front office. (PA to send email to class parents Monday to remind parents to submit)*

● **Gingerbread Extravaganza:**

- K-8 pick up is today upon dismissal AND tomorrow Saturday from 10AM to 11AM
- FYI the Gingerbread Houses are **NOT allergy safe**

- **Gingerbread Cookies:** In addition (Separate from Gingerbread Houses), the PA will be providing big gingerbread cookies from Rolling Pin Bakery for the school.



- Parents of children in grades K-8 are invited to come during their child's scheduled time. Be sure to bundle up and dress warm as this event will be held outside.
- Be advised that the Prek Division will be decorating in their respective classes on their own so as not to disrupt their day.
- Thank you to those who donated candy!

2021 Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Schedule for K-8

Monday 12/13: Grades K-2: 2:00-2:45

Tuesday 12/14: Grades 3-5: 2:00-2:45

Wednesday 12/15: Grades 6-8: 2:00-2:45

Thursday 12/16 (Rain Date): Grades K-2: 2:00-2:45

Friday 12/17 (Rain Date): Grades 3-5: 10:30-11:15
Grades 6-8: 2:00-2:45

- **Holiday Faculty Gifts:** This collection was originally set up as a way to make it more convenient for our busy parents to contribute once without having to worry about multiple gifts. The deadline for this is this **Monday, December 13**. Please send another email out to remind your parents of the deadline. The amount collected is slightly behind what we had last year so far.
 - The suggested contribution is **\$45 per child**. Please send in a check made payable to "HCDS PA" to the front office. Thank you!
- **The Harbor Fund:** In order for Harbor to operate---only 2/3 of funds come from the tuition at Harbor.....to bridge the gap, Harbor relies on the 1/3 from philanthropy
 - Please join us in supporting Mr. Cissel in Harbor's first-ever Polar Plunge scheduled to take place later TODAY at 4:00PM at Long Beach.

Q&A

- Can we do a PA meeting after drop off at 8:30 rather than 9:30
 - we will discuss and try to accommodate
- gingerbread cookies are nut free

Next Meeting: Friday, January 14 at 9:30am