Nyob Zoo Parents and Families,

We are so excited! The festivities of the Hmong and Karen New Year are here! For the Hmong and Karen communities, the new year takes place at the end of a harvest season, to rest and celebrate with friends and family. It’s time to get dressed in our finest clothes to visit loved ones and new friends, to ball toss or play sports, sing and dance, and share in a meal together. It’s a time to send away all of the negative things from the old year to make room for good things to come and welcome in positive energy.

Throughout the week, students will be learning about Hmong rice pounding, topspinning, folksongs (kwv txhiaj), Hmong music and instruments, Hmong history, Karen flag, Karen clothing and dance.

We encourage all of our students to be proud of who they are by wearing special clothing that reflects their culture throughout the week. We will culminate on Friday, with our students in grades 3-5 performing. Our daytime performance will be in our school gym from 10-11am and the evening performance will be at Johnson High School from 6:00-8:00. Performing students should arrive by 5:30pm at Johnson. Our program will start at 6:00 in the Johnson auditorium. We hope you will join us to welcome in the new year together and to cheer on our fabulous students in grades 3-5.

Please see the reminders below:

- **Txuj Ci Hmong and Karen New Year Showcase - Friday, Dec. 8th**
  - Daytime performance in the school gym, 10-11am
  - Evening performance at Johnson H.S. auditorium, 6-8pm

- **STEM and Hmong Culture Classes** - Did you know all K-5 students go to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Hmong Language and Culture classes on a rotating schedule? Please check out what’s been happening in our classes from our fabulous teachers, XF. Mai Tong, XF Kostka, and XF Cheng. [STEM/Hmong L&C Newsletter](#)

**Important upcoming dates:**
Winter Break - Dec.23-Jan.7th, School resumes on Jan. 8th
Txuj Ci Lower - Weekly News

Week of Dec. 4th – 8th

Nyob Zoo rau cov niam cov txiv,


Lub liam tiam no, cov tub ntxhais yuav kawm txog tuav ncuav, tso tub lub, hais kvw txhiaj, Hmoob cov nkauj thiab raj, ncas, qeej, nrog rau keeb kwm Hmoob, thiab kawm txog Karen tus chij, lawv cov khaub ncaws, thiab lawv txoj kev seev cev.

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- **Txuj Ci Lub Tsiab Peb Caug - Friday, Dec. 8th**
  - Yav nruab hnbu, ua rau hauv lub gym tom tsev kawm ntawv, 10-11am
  - Yav tsaus ntuj, ua rau tom Johnson H.S. lub auditorium, 6-8pm

- **Chav STEM thiab Hmong Txuj Ci** - Nej puas paub tias txhua tus tub ntxhais mus kawm chav STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) thiab chav Hmoob Txuj Ci? Mus saib seb lawv kawm txog dab tsi los ntawm cov xib fwb, xws li XF MaivTooj, XF Kostka, XF Cheeb. [Daim ntawy STEM/Hmong L&C Newsletter](#)

Npaj rau cov hnb uas tseeem ceeb yuav muaj tom ntej no:
Phav Ntaww rau Winter Break - Dec. 23-Jan.7th - rov kawm ntaww hnbu Jan.8th

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