



Txuj Ci Lower - Weekly News

Week of Dec. 18-22

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Dear Parents and Families,

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Tou Ger Xiong. To our Hmong community and those who know him, he was many things. To some, he was a community activist, never afraid to stand on the front lines to speak out against injustices and to give voice to silenced ones. To others, he was a funny guy who always pushed the boundaries, singing and dancing - whether it was an Elvis or James Brown impersonation. To so many of our young people, he was a motivational speaker who inspired a generation of young people to be proud of who they are and to tell their stories. I've heard from some parents about stories that Tou Ger told that helped them be proud of themselves. Tou Ger was all of those things to me, and he was also my big brother, my biggest cheerleader. I want to personally thank you for reaching out to share your condolences and your stories about Tou Ger. This past week has been extremely difficult as my family and I grieve the loss of our beloved family member. I am grateful for the many ways Tou Ger has shaped me to be the person I am today. Tou Ger has taught me not only to be proud to be Hmong and to see the wisdom in the elders. He has taught me to build bridges to others so that this world can be a brighter place. He had an unwavering belief that if he could get people to laugh, barriers can be broken. I loved that about him. May you all hold your loved ones a little closer during this winter break and share in the joy of being together.



Please see the reminders below:

Message from PTO:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 19 - School Board Meeting, 5:30pm** - We invite you to attend the Open Comment section of the School Board Meeting (5:30pm-6:30pm) at 360 Colborne Street (district office). Some parents will plan to share stories about Txuj Ci School- what they value about it and their concerns. Other parents from Hmong Parent Advisory Council (HPAC) will also be present to address any issues relevant to them.
- **Principal's Report: School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) implementation** - please see the one-pager about our SCIP for this year. This is our plan to increase student achievement. It can also be found on our [website here](#). We welcome further engagement around our goals and plan from parents. Feel free to call me.
- **Dec. 22 - Field Trip - XF Finola Xiong's class to Como Planetarium**
- **Winter Break is Dec.23-Jan.7th, School resumes on Jan. 8th**

SEE YOU BACK IN SCHOOL ON JANUARY 8TH!

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Michelle (Shelly) BrownTon, Asst. Principal

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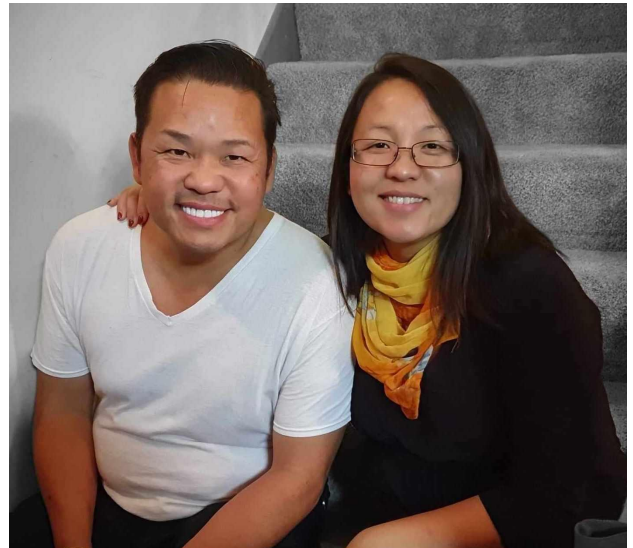
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Thov hwm txog cov niam cov txiv sawv daws,

Kuv tus siab heev tias Tub Ntxawg Xyooj tau tas sim neej lawn. Nws yog ib tug tub Hmoob uas tau ua ntau yam rau peb haiv neeg Hmoob. Rau ib co neeg, nws yog ib lub suab muaj zog heev, tau mus pab txhawb nrhiav kev ncaj ncees rau coob tug thoo Meskas teb. Rau ib co, nws yog ib tug neeg txawj tso dag, seev cev, thiab hu nkauj ua kev lom zem, ua rau sawv daws luag thiab muaj kev lom zem. Rau cov hluas, nws tau los piav dab neeg txog nws lub neej kom sawv daws pom tias ua ib tug neeg Hmoob yog ib yam uas zoo tshaj plaws, kom lwm cov pom li ntawd thiab. Rau kuv, Tub Ntxawg yog kuv tus nus hlob, ib tug uas txhawb kuv tshaj plaws.

Kuv xav ua nej sawv daws tsaug uas nej tau xa lus txhawb zog rau kuv, thiab tau piav dab neeg txog Tub Ntxawg nrog kuv. Lub sij hawm no yeej tsaus ntuj nti rau peb tsev neeg vim peb tau plam ib tug neeg uas peb hlob heev. Kuv zoo siab heev tias kuv muaj hmoo es tau txais ntau yam los ntawm Tub Ntxawg. Nws tau qhia kuv kom kuv zoo siab tias kuv yog Hmoob thiab qhia kuv pab hlob cov laus. Nws tau qhia kuv mus pab lwm leej lwm tus thiab cog phooj ywg nrog lwm haiv neeg. Tub Ntxawg tau nyob ua ib tug neeg uas muaj phooj ywg, pab tib neeg, thiab tawm suab rau sawv daws. Peb yuav nco nws heev. Thov kom lub caij no, nej sawv daws sib sib hlob thiab nrog nej tsev neeg nyob kom tsev sov so.



Thov saib cov lus tseem ceeb hauv qab no:

Lus tshaj tawm los ntawm PTO (pab niam txiv):

- **Tuesday, Dec. 19 - School Board Meeting, 5:30pm** - Thov tuaj koom tom qhov School Board Meeting thaum 5:30-6:30pm nyob rau tom 360 Colborne Street (lub district office). Ib co niam txiv tom Txuj Ci yuav mus tham txog peb lub tsev kawm ntawv thiab lawv txoj kev txhawj xeeb. Ib co niam txiv ntawm lub koos haum, HPAC (Hmong Parent Advisory Council) yuav npaj tuaj qhia tias dab tsi tseem ceeb rau lawv ua niam txiv Hmoob thiab.
- **Thawj Tswj Cov Lus Qhia Tawm (Principal's Report): School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) implementation** - thov saib daim ntawv qhia txog peb lub tswv yim los pab kom cov tub ntxhais kawm ntawv kom xeem tau zoo. Mus saib rau peb [lub website ntawm nov](#). Yog muaj tswv yim pab ntxiv, peb yeej xav hnov los ntawm niam txiv thiab. Thov hu tuaj.
- **Dec. 22 - Tawm Mus Kawm (Field Trip) - XF Finola Xiong's chav mus tom Como Planetarium**
- **Phav ntawv (Winter Break) Dec.23-Jan.7th, rov tuaj kawm ntawv hnuv Jan. 8th**

MAM LI ROV NTSIB NET RAU HNUV TIM 8, LUB I HLIS!

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