

THE COMMUNICATOR

“Destination...World Class Education”

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Sale Elementary
International
Studies Magnet
School

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Happy New Year!! I trust that each of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We look forward to continuing our commitment to our students in 2010.

We have had some extremely cold weather for the beginning of January. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather that is upon us and the winter weather that is sure to be ahead for us. We are keeping our building as warm as possible and we want our children to be comfortable as they learn each day. It would be nice if they were wearing long sleeve uniform shirts or have a white or navy blue jacket to wear in the classroom during this time.

We are excited to include in our daily schedule some additional time for students to work on skill mastery. We are calling this extra time FAME (Falcons Are Meeting Expectations) Time. Students will work in small groups to help them in meeting state standards. We know this time is going to benefit our students now and in the future as it relates to their academic progress. As always, our goal must be what is best for our students and we feel this time will give our students another edge in being the best with their educational achievement.

If we succeed in giving the love of learning,
the learning itself is sure to follow.

Sir John Lubbock

Getting “Connected” with International Studies

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Primary Years Programme (PYP) Progress

Sale International Studies Magnet School is one step closer to becoming an authorized International Baccalaureate PYP School!! Dr. Melissa Sheppard, an International Baccalaureate consultant and evaluator, visited Sale right before Christmas holidays. Her role as a consultant is to assess the progress the staff is achieving on our journey to IB PYP certification and to advise and prepare us as we continue on to achieving formal authorization in 2010/11. Dr. Sheppard's visit was great and she left telling us that “you are well on your way.” I enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic, united, and dedicated implementation of the PYP at Sale. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but I know that the staff is up for making it happen at Sale. Dr. Sheppard left us with a report containing commendations on the things we are doing best and recommendations on things we need to give further attention.

Some of the Commendations were for:

- the teachers' enthusiasm and continued acceptance of the heavy demands placed upon their time, for their collegial support, and for their dedication to making learning meaningful and significant for the students.
- the school's close alignment between its educational beliefs and values reflected in the published statements and materials and the beliefs and values that drive the PYP.
- the staff and administration with their very visible and evident commitment to developing in students the qualities and attitudes reflected in the student profile.

Samples of her recommendations were:

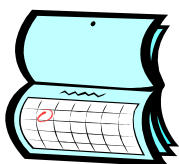
- that the staff continues to develop and refine the programme of inquiry, as well as corresponding units of inquiry and related essential agreements in this area.
- that the school continues to address the role of inquiry throughout the school community, not only through unit planners, but also through stand-alone subject areas, throughout the school day.
- that the administration governing body continues to approve sufficient funding to provide professional development for teachers, coordinator and administrator.

For such a short visit, much was accomplished. Dr. Sheppard will continue to work with us and advise us until our authorization is achieved.



Important Dates to Remember

- **Jan. 4**—Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
- **Jan. 5**—Student's report back to school
- **Jan. 6**—Report cards go home
- **Jan. 8**—Honor Roll Assembly @ 1:30p
- **Jan. 11**—CMSD Board Meeting
- **Jan. 12**—Science Fair Parent Workshop @ 6:00p
- **Jan. 18**—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance/School Holiday
- **Jan. 21**—CMSD Board visit to Sale
- **Jan. 26**—Sorooptimist luncheon at Sale



Some Resolutions to Think About for the New Year!

Get Fit

It's a fact. Exercise keeps you healthy and makes you look and feel better. Regular exercise has been associated with more health benefits than anything else known to man. Studies show that it reduces the risk of some cancers, increases longevity, helps achieve and maintain weight loss, enhances mood, and reduces blood pressure.

Lose Weight

Setting reasonable goals and staying focused are the two most important factors in sticking to a weight loss program.

Enjoy Your Life

"Enjoying life more" has become a popular resolution in recent years. It's an important step to a happier and healthier you!

Take Care of Your Teeth

You should have a professional cleaning and have your dentist check for tooth decay and gum disease. If you don't, the cost could be your teeth.

Protect Your Bones

Be sure to take in your daily calcium needs to ensure your long-term bone health. Eat foods rich in calcium -- such as milk, yogurt, and broccoli .

Eye Checks

Get their eyes checked by an eye doctor or an eye care specialist at least every two years.

Try to choose resolutions that are realistic and set goals that are achievable. Most importantly, try to make changes in your life that will lead you to a happier, healthier life. Bottom line is to make a change for the better in the coming New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SALE'S HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Second Nine Weeks

Superintendent's List (All A's)

First Grade: Jordan Demba, Ayana Gillard, James Peter Johnston, Makyah Lee, Madison McGrew, Kyla Norwood Jemeya Orr, Zachary Suber, Jabari Talley, Zachary Wilson, Keidrick Wooten

Second Grade: Deairys Conner, Diamond Fisher, Shannon Hicks, Essence Hughes, Simas Johnson, Braxton McKinney, Wymon Johnson, Angela Williams, Zachary Wilson

Third Grade: Tyler Beck, Czarya Lee-Bigbee, Alex Carter, Tikorrian Chandler, Tijah McCrary, Trinity Reeves, Taylee Williams

Fourth Grade: None

Principal's List (All A's & B's)

First Grade: Jazmyne Banks, Alyssia Brewer, Nasir Cunningham, Kalyn Dent, Kaely Fenton, Ashlyn Fuller, Asia Jackson, William Li, Fanyah Nagi, Hezam Nagi, David Sloan, Tahj Talley

Second Grade: D'Angelo Ashford, Jakiya Brewer, Darrius Bullock, Daysha Bush, Ayanna Cochran, Jaelan Craddie, Jailan Ervin, Ah'Shunti Hayden, Antonio Hill, Jeremiah Lang, Keana LeGrone, Nathan Lloyd, Marzett Lowe, Chanquita Lucious, Joseph Merideth, Ethan Perrigan, Taylor Pierson, Kody Rickert, Codey Sanders, Marion Shumaker, Tahshaun Tate, Xavier Temple, Davon Thompson, Onree Walker, Anayia Weatherspoon

Third Grade: Breyon Bradford, Elizabeth Cunningham, Myles Howard, Taylor Jackson, Zoe Jones, Czarya Lee-Bigbee, Chelsey Little, Makayla Merchant, Chris Miller, Kayla Williams

Fourth Grade: Alex Braddock, Stephanie Fuller, Sean Graham, Lauren Hairston, Christina Harris, Reyona Henry, Hunter Hicks, Markeya Johnson, Morgan Jones, Lakiya Lash, Aakilah McBride, Saba Nagi, Christopher Neal, Jalen Robinson, Justin Saulsberry