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Letter from the President

Dear FLMS Families,

The school year is off to a great start!

We've already had two great fieldtrips this year. The "Madeline and the Gypsies" performance at the Children's Theatre was wonderful! I'm so glad we were able to make it work.

A special thank you to the Johnson family for having us out to the goat farm again this year! The fieldtrip was so much fun and very interesting. If anyone has pictures they'd be willing to share, please feel free to email them to me.

There was not a parent meeting in November, however, if you have any concerns or questions for the board, please feel free to contact me or any other member. The board is willing to meet on the months we don't have parent meetings scheduled if the need arises. We will meet again on January 6th at 6:30PM.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Registrar and Treasurer positions for next year. It is critical that these positions are filled in order for the school to run properly. If you have any questions about the positions, please contact the present

board member, refer to your parent handbook, or contact me directly. The sooner we have volunteers for these positions the smoother the transition will be. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Barrows

(Andrew and Thomas' mom)
Parent Board President

Vice President Fundraising Report

The Tupperware fundraiser has earned the school \$236.00. Thanks to all who participated.

The upcoming Current fundraiser will begin as an online fundraiser, then we will have winter catalogs as soon as they become available. I will be sending an email to everyone in about a week with the

necessary information to get started online with the Current Mag. The school receives the 50% profit checks in the spring and fall. The Current Fundraiser will be ongoing like Target.

Our poinsettia's, coffee and cookie sales will be our main fundraisers for the holiday season. These will begin on the 17th of November. The profit

looks good, 50% for the poinsettia's and coffee. The cookies are estimated to be a profit of over 100%.

From the Teachers

As winter approaches, send proper outdoor clothing **every** day. (Once we have snow on the ground, children need boots and snow pants.) Check your child's boxes to make sure that the clothing is season and size appropriate.

Please notify us if there are changes in: addresses, home, and work phone numbers, emergency contacts, or transportation providers.

Check your calendar for

these important dates:

On Thursday December 11th at 7:00PM the children will be singing Christmas songs at the school. Following this short program, refreshments will be enjoyed. We ask that each family please bring a plate of cookies to share. (no extended day this day)

On Friday December 12th, the children will be singing at Birchwood Nursing Home in Forest Lake. We will travel by private vehicle.

Tuesday December 23rd is our classroom party. The children will exchange gifts and three families will be asked to provide treats. Watch for further information regarding the gift exchange. (no extended day this day.)

Forest Lake Montessori is closed when district 831 is cancelled **or** delayed. Tune to radio or television for notification.

INSIGHT FROM MARIA MONTESSORI:

"These words reveal the child's inner needs: 'Help me do it alone'."

Happy Birthday!

Dylan C. 11/12

Calie B. 12/18

Grant C. 12/1

Ava O. 12/1

*Parents: Please refer to your handbook to review birthday celebrations.

Thank you.

Calendar

November:

November 27 & 28 **NO SCHOOL**

December:

December 11 Christmas Caroling at School (PM Concert)

NO EXTENDED DAY

December 12 Christmas Caroling at Birchwood (AM-Tentative)

December 23 Christmas Party-**NO EXTENDED DAY**

December 24 **NO SCHOOL**, Winter Break until 1/5/09

Dates to remember for early January:

January 1 & 2 **NO SCHOOL**

January 5 Welcome Back!

January 6 Parent Meeting 6:30 PM