Dear Families,

The end of the first trimester was just two weeks ago and Thanksgiving is upon us. As a community, there is much to be grateful for this year. We are thrilled that we have had such a smooth first Year-Round Calendar opening and that our first intersession went well. The staff at Bayside STEM is among the most well trained in the district. Your children are lucky to have such caring and skilled teachers. We are thankful for your children and their families! We look forward to seeing the students after the Thanksgiving holiday and working through the three weeks before the Winter Break. It is noticeable that the regular breaks across the school year keep us fresh for academics.

During the holidays, ask your students about their latest STEM classes. Each student is involved in one of the STEM wheel classes and it is helpful for students to explain what they are learning. As you take an interest in their studies, students practice academic vocabulary related to their area of study. This conversation boosts students’ intellectual development and keeps parents and guardians involved. Don’t let your child’s quick answer of “Nothing,” when you ask “What did you do today?” hinder you from asking again. Middle school students love to talk to adults, but they are not always good at starting the conversation.

I hope that you enjoy a wonderful few days off and that you are surrounded by those you love. Please drive safely and defensively and relax!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Elliott

Parents, stay in the loop with School Loop! Login to BaysideStem.com for information on homework or student progress. It’s also an easy way to contact any or all of your student’s teachers. Having problems logging in or registering? Contact the school for assistance.

The California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)

During December 7-18, 2009, teachers will be administering the California Healthy Kids Survey to fifth and seventh grade students. Although this survey is voluntary based on permission given by parents or guardians, we urge students to take this survey so that the District can better understand the students we serve by promoting better health and well being among our youth, improving the school learning environment and addressing issues such as drug abuse and violence.

In addition to the CHKS, District staff will be given the opportunity to respond to the California School Climate Survey during December 7-18, 2009. This survey is an online survey designed to provide schools with data useful for fostering a positive learning and working environment.

We look forward to receiving the survey results so that we can make the best decisions possible for our students.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

UPCOMING DATES

Nov.
26 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
27 Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec.
1 Outdoor Education Students Leave
2 GATE Meeting in Library Room 7:30 am
4 Outdoor Education Students Return
7 School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
10 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
17 Winter Concert 7:00 pm
18 Super Minimum Day Dismissal 12:35 pm
21 Winter Break Begins

Jan.
11 Students Return to School
School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
12 Minimum Day Dismissal 1:38 pm
Parent Conferences 1:50 to 3:00 pm
13 Minimum Day Dismissal 1:38 pm
Parent Conferences 1:50 to 3:00 pm
14 Minimum Day Dismissal 1:38 pm
Parent Conferences 1:50 to 3:00 pm
Parent Conferences 6:00 to 7:30 pm
15 Super Minimum Day Dismissal 12:35 pm
18 Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
19 Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
21 PTSA Potluck Mtg. in Staff Room 6:00 pm
School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
22 Trimester II Progress Reports mailed