



The Meridian School News

December 2009

Dates For Your Diary

Dec 1st

Term 2 School
Fees Due

Dec 16th

Pre-School Movie
Field Trip

Dec 17th

Jammy Jam
'Thank you' Party

Dec 18th

Whole School
'Happy Holidays'
Backyard Party

Dec 18th

School closes at
12.00

Dec 31st

New Year's Eve
Jammy Jam Party

Jan 4th 2010

School Opens
Term 2

More information on
the above events
can be found in this
newsletter

Seasons Greetings! As we enter into the yuletide season, we extend warm wishes for health and happiness to all of our Meridian Families.

Our students are busy now with exams and working hard to achieve grades that will earn them an excellent report card and maybe a better Christmas gift from Santa!!!!. On Friday 18th December you will receive your child's report card, reporting all their test results and comments regarding your child's academic abilities for this term. Please discuss the report with your child and work together to help achieve their individual targets as specified by their teachers.

Please note that we will no longer send home test papers as we have had a few incidents where tests have been used to assist younger siblings, placing these children at an advantage. Therefore, if you would like to see your child's test papers, please visit your child's class to do so.

It continues to be a busy month here at school, and despite not having our usual Christmas production (sorry again for those of you who have still not come to terms with this idea) there is still plenty of time for fun as we lead up to our Christmas vacation. Please make careful note of some of the events that will be taking place during this festive month.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and wish you a wonderful, relaxing Christmas with your family. We look forward to seeing you return to us happy and healthy in the New Year. Happy holidays!

Lisa & Lisa

On Friday, 18th December children should come dressed in their favorite Christmas colors. School closes at 12:00 p.m. for the Christmas Holiday and reopens on Monday 4th, January 2010. (There will be no aftercare on this day)

Please be reminded that the second terms fees were due on December 1st. If you have not already done so, a \$50 late fee has been applied to your account. Please settle your account before Friday 18th December, as children of outstanding accounts will not be able to return to school in the New Year.

Last week our students took part in a Jazz presentation at NPCC organized by our music teacher Mr. Adrian. The event was a huge success and our children thoroughly enjoyed learning and appreciating a variety of instruments and musical styles. We applaud all of those who took part in this event and congratulate them on excellent behavior and good listening skills. We are very proud of our students and thrilled to hear from the musicians that our school was the best audience ever! Way to go Meridian students!



On Friday 4th December our Grade 6 students were invited to take part in an online distance-learning program being piloted by The Calvert School. Under the direction of Ms. Deanna, our sixth graders logged on and were given their instruction via a web-based program. All the students were enthralled by the technology, and contributed enthusiastically to the lessons. When the program goes live in 2010 the aim of it is to be able to provide daily instruction to students that may be affected by natural causes (hurricanes) or health issues (swine flu epidemic). Ms. Deanna was thrilled with how the day went and was confident that her students would be able to work at home using this program should a situation of such arise.

It has been brought to our attention that there are many students in our primary school who are consistently late for school. Please be reminded that school begins promptly at 8.30 a.m. For every day that your child arrives late, this is accumulating to a lot of missed instruction time. For every three lates, your child will receive one absenteeism on their report card. For children in our upper primary school, this could be vital when applying to high school, as tardiness is heavily frowned upon. Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.25 a.m. so that they are prepared to start at 8.30. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you to those of you that contributed to our Thanksgiving luncheon last month. The school was abundant with food and the children and staff were extremely 'thankful'. We are truly thankful for such a wonderful school of such generous and kind parents.

During the mid term break we had Pure Bahamas Ltd. come into school to assist us in improving the quality of our indoor air (IAQ). By cleaning and sanitizing our air-conditioning ducts and systems, they were able to treat our classrooms to ensure they were free from all contaminants. The Collom technology they use to clean and sanitize air condition ducts is the most advanced in the world and it's purpose was to help us raise the health standards in our school by eliminating sickness during the flu season, and creating allergy free rooms. We are pleased to have seen a reduction in sickness and allergies amongst our students and reinforce the importance of keeping your child at home when they are unwell. If you would like to learn more about this purifying system please contact Pure Bahamas LTD at 328 5826 or 457 1131.

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On Wednesday 16th December we have organized an end of term treat for all our Pre-School classes.

Where:- RND Theatre, JFK Drive

Time:- 10 a.m.

Movie:- Planet 51

A permission slip will be sent home later this week requesting a donation of \$10.00 to cover the cost of their ticket, hotdog, drink, and transportation. We would love it if all preschoolers would join us for this fun adventure to the movies!

On Thursday 17th December, Ms. Lisa & Ms. Terez will host a 'Thank You Party' for all those children that have attended our Jammy Jam parties this year. The party will be free to all Jammy Jammers and will be held at school from 6-8 p.m. Please send your child in their comfy party clothes ready for an evening of fun, games, and prizes!

On Friday 18th December all our students are invited to take part in our 'Christmas Backyard Bonanza' held from 9.30 a.m. on our sports field. We will celebrate all their hard work and achievements by hosting a variety of games and activities suitable for all ages. Parents are invited to come and join the fun!

New Years Eve Jammy Jam

Thursday 31st December

Come dressed in your best party clothes for an evening of entertainment, games, fireworks, ham & turkey dinner, apple cider, and party favors galore!

7 p.m. – 10 a.m. – only \$60 per child.*

(*Tickets must be purchased from the Welcome Center in advance. There will be NO cash sales on the door.)

(Bring your pajamas and sleeping bag with you!)