

# The Little Mud Puddles Learning Center

## DECEMBER 2018

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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas Program is on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The program will be at Alvarado Middle School also known as Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School in Union City – 31604 Alvarado Blvd, 94587.

\*Doors open at 6:40 p.m. – no one is allowed in until this time as we are finishing with decorating and trying to get ready ourselves. Children must be here by this time.

\*Take your child potty before leaving them with his/her teacher as it is difficult for us to do so.

\*Please do not block the aisles – Miss Darlene will give you plenty of time to take pictures.

\*There will be reserved seating for staff and children – please do not sit in these areas.

For safety reasons please **DO NOT** allow your children to play on the stage or the stairs. Please watch your children before and after the program. Due to the sensitive fire sprinklers – **NO** balloons are allowed.

Refreshments will be served after the program. Please limit your child's intake of goodies as children's eyes are bigger than their tummies and we have had children get physically sick from eating too many holiday cookies.

We promise you a delightful evening. **The children have worked so hard – please refrain from talking during the performances.**



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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/14/18 – Christmas Program
- ◆ 12/21/18 – Pajama Day
- ◆ Christmas/New Year Holiday – 12/24/18 – 1/4/19 - Closed

## Dear Parents

The purpose of our newsletter is to provide information to keep you on top of what's happening at LMP.

We want to thank all the parents who make it a pleasure for us to watch your children throughout the day.

Yes, some children are more challenging and spirited, but we want you to know that all children are treated the same – with love, dignity, respect and given plenty of hugs.

Yes, some children get the

occasional scratches, bumps, bruises even though we do our best to watch them so carefully.

Yes, we do our best to keep you informed about your child's day at the LMP's through Himama, emails, calls, parent teacher and conferences. We want your child to be able to express themselves creatively and academically, but we also want them happy. Should you have any questions, comments, concerns, please see your teacher, Miss Elizabeth, and Miss Darlene.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2018

January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Closed for the New Year's Holiday

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Closed for President's Day

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Good Friday/Easter

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Memorial Day

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Fourth Of July Holiday

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Staff Development Day & Clean up

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Ages & Stages Parent & Teacher Conference

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30<sup>th</sup> – Closed for the DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Closed for the Christmas Holiday

December 31 – January 4<sup>th</sup> – Closed for the New Year's Holiday

This list is subject to change and you will be notified in advance. We will update with the 2019 dates soon.

## LATE DROP OFF/PICK-UP FEES:

Late fees for dropping off children at 9:11 a.m. or 6:31 p.m. is \$20 for every 15 minutes you are late. If you do not tell us a day in advance of a doctor/dental appointment you will be charged. If you need to take your child to the doctor/dentist, provide us with a doctor's note. Keep in mind that we do not accept children after 12 noon.

Please sign in upon arrival, drop off your child and leave. The longer you linger the harder it is for your child and also other parents are waiting for parking spaces.



**Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**WE WISH  
ALL OUR  
PARENTS A  
WONDERFUL  
AND SAFE  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON!**

## TOY DRIVE

You may still donate a new, unwrapped toy for our toy drive. Please pick up a toy when out shopping. It doesn't have to be expensive. There are lots of children who will not be having a Christmas this year. Thank you.



## MATERIAL FEE/TUITION

When our new school year began this year the in-coming parents paid the following:

Jr. Preschool Monthly Fee - \$1375 per month or \$325 per week.

\* The Preschool and Pre-K classes - \$1300 per month or \$305 per week.

**Starting January 1, 2019, all**

**parents will be paying the same rate.**

Also the annual Material's Fee is due by January 1, 2019. This amount is \$150. This fee is used to help pay for books, crayons, paints, paper, toys, etc.

We are also re-designing our sand area at a cost of \$18,000. You will be able to see it by February 2019. Your children will be so excited when this project is completed.



**HAPPY  
HANUKKAH!**

## PARKING:

- To prevent having to deal with our parking issues, arrive early **before** 8:45 a.m.
- Parents may no longer park in the morning against the curb in front of Rooms 1 and 2. This area is for those waiting for a parking spot.
- Do not park in the handicap space unless you have a handicap placard or license plate.
- For safety, please do not pass cars who are waiting for a parking spot.

- If you see any parent not following our parking policy, please email us with the description of the car and parent. We will begin charging \$25 for those who families who are not following our parking rules.
- Please stay off your phones until you have left our parking lot. Other parents are waiting to park. Please – no visiting with other parents or teachers in the morning. Parents are waiting for your spot. You may always email or call us if you need to convey info to teachers.
- You may not leave your child in the car while you go inside and sign them in. Your child must be with you or you are considered late.

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Need: Grapes, Strawberries, Bananas,  
Miniature Marshmallows, Toothpicks

- Wash the grapes and strawberries thoroughly.
- Cut the strawberries in half. Cut bananas in slices.
- Put the grapes on a toothpick, then the bananas, then the strawberries and top off with a marshmallow. YUM!

*If giving to small children, be careful that they do not ingest the toothpick.*

## SAFETY ISSUES

For safety – **please** do not leave any child/baby in the car while:

- Dropping off your child at school or anywhere else. It takes 2 seconds for someone to steal your car with your child in it. Do not leave your car running.
- Drive slow in our parking lot. We

see parents zooming out pretty fast.

- Stay off your cell phones while in our parking lot. Nothing is as important as the life of your child and other families.

- Miss Darlene had the parking spaces widened to help accommodate larger vehicles. We hope this helps.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

ANIKA BALDEVA

RIYA MADAN

SEBASTIAN EWING

SAMAY CHATHRA

CANDACE XU

SHIVOH RAJMOHAN

CAROLINE YAO

SAMAY CHATHRA

CHLOE GILES

RIYA MADAN

KIMI KO HAMAHASHI

NINA PAGLIALUNGA

LUYANG LIU

MISS NIKKI

