

Tuesday Newsday

Your PTC Newsletter December 15, 2009

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Canned Food Drive

In collaboration with the Beaverton Elks, Sexton Mountain will collect canned foods and dry goods through December 17th. The Beaverton Elks will provide turkeys, milk, bread, cookies, fresh fruit and vegetables along with our contributions for families needing assistance this holiday season.

Students and their families are invited to join the Elks at their Lodge on Saturday, December 19th, to assist putting boxes together and delivering them to local families. The Elks Lodge is located at 3500 SW 104th Ave. in Beaverton. We hope to see you there!

If your family needs assistance this holiday season, please contact Kristine Kenyon, Sexton Mt. School Counselor.

Upcoming Events

Dec 16	Can & bottle recycle
Dec 18	Holiday Parties
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 4	School Resumes

Thank you to everyone who dropped off cans and bottles for our first day of "fundraising" recycling for the 5th grade party! On Wednesday, December 16th from 8:00 AM until 8:45, 5th grade parents will be in the parking lot by the wetlands for the next round of collection.

H1N1 Vaccination

Washington County Department of Health and Human Services is offering H1N1 immunizations at three local clinics. Immunizations are by appointment only. Call 503-846-8851 to schedule an appointment.

Hillsboro Clinic
266 W Main St

Beaverton Clinic
12550 SW Second St

Tigard Clinic
15296 SW Royalty Pkwy

Dough for Dollars

Pizzacato makes the dough and Sexton Mountain Elementary makes the dollars! Mark your calendars and treat yourself to a delicious Pizzacato meal on Tuesday, December 15th! Pizzacato, located at 14845 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., 503-579-4889, will donate 20% of the day's sales to Sexton Mountain. Help us support our school by spreading the word to your friends and families!!

Note: For delivery orders of over \$50, please call the catering office with a 24-hour notice at 503-274-8855 and designate it for "Sexton Mountain".

Do you have any musical instruments that are no longer being used? If you donate them to the music program at Sexton Mountain, Mr. Parker will use them to teach interested students and the school will give you a receipt for the value of your donation to use for your 2009 taxes. It's a WIN-WIN for everyone! You can contact Mr. Parker at 503-672-3560 or by email at

A Note From the Principal



It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is upon us once again and 2010 is not far away. Winter Break begins on December 21. Students return to school on January 4. We wish all of our Sexton Mountain families Happy Holidays and a rewarding New Year.

Whether at home or traveling across town or across the states, reading and writing can keep a child's skills up to speed. The following activities will make your trips more fun this holiday season.

Read

Pack a bag with a variety of reading materials. Then let everyone take turns reading aloud. This is a good opportunity for your youngster to practice reading smoothly, since he probably reads silently at home. Encourage him to read with expression as you pass around a travel guide, joke book, magazine, or collection of short stories.

Listen

Build your child's listening comprehension skills by playing and discussing audio books and pod casts. You might look for audio books related to your travels (try *A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray* by Ann Martin if you're visiting someone with a dog). Have your child download pod casts onto an MP3 player. He'll find fiction, biographies, poems, speeches, and more for free at <http://kids.learnoutloud.com/Kids-Free-Stuff>.

Write

Keep paper and pens in the car so your child can practice nonfiction writing. Each time you stop somewhere, have him write facts about your location. He might describe an interesting landmark, review a restaurant where you eat, or report on the weather. When you return home, he'll have a personal log about every place you visited.

The following books are read aloud favorites for younger children:

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Ramon crumples up his artwork when his brother makes fun of it. Later he discovers that his sister has rescued his pictures and hung them in her room. She loves his "vase-ish" vase – and that's what art is all about! A story about creativity by Peter Reynolds.

Is Your Mama a Llama?

Lloyd the llama wants to know which other animals have mother llamas. He asks a cow, a bat, and several others: "Is your mama a llama?" Deborah Guarino's rhyming book features a different mother and baby animal on each page.

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

"All day long, everyone in the whole wide world walks around carrying an invisible bucket." So begins Carol McCloud's book about the rewards of kindness. Youngsters will find suggestions for filling others' buckets with happiness, from thanking a teacher to saying "I love you" to a parent.

Alice the Fairy

When a little girl puts on her fairy costume, everyday activities become magical. She sprinkles fairy dust (sugar) on oatmeal and flicks a light switch to make herself disappear. She even turns her dad into a horse so she can have a horsey ride. A cute tale by David Shannon.

Remember December 15th at Pizzacato!!

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If you have an announcement you'd like to share with the Sexton Mountain Community, please submit your article to the Tuesday Newsday editor at tuesdaynewsday@sextonmountainptc.org by 12PM on Friday. All articles are subject to PTC and administration approval.