

## What's Happening at EAC

Dec. 9: Snack Week for Alexandra Allmon, Skyla Weiss and Syam Wattoo  
Dec. 11: Middle School Coffee Shop 8:00 - 9:30 - Andrea B. Riddle Center  
Dec. 12: Winter Concert 7 p.m. Andrea B. Riddle Center  
Dec. 13: Middle School Acorn Designs Fundraiser Deadline  
Dec. 13: Ski Club Meeting (mandatory for all club members) 4:30  
Dec. 16: Snack Week for Jaya Bhojraj, Emma Shaffer and Will Goodreau  
Dec. 20: Festival of Light  
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3: NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess  
Jan. 6: School Resumes  
Jan. 6: Snack Week for Noura Finley, Vivian Bradshaw and Camille Trost  
Jan. 8: A.M. Bus Only – Dryden Central School (No P.M. Bus)  
Jan. 8: Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.  
Jan. 9: First Ski Club  
Jan. 10: Pizza Lunch Resumes  
Jan. 13: Snack Week for Linus Wing, Carter Cabrera and Sparrow Faraday  
Jan. 16: Ski Club  
Jan. 20: NO SCHOOL – Martin L. King Jr. Day

### School Photos Delivered

School photos were delivered this week. If you have not seen them, please check backpacks or cubbies for younger children.

### EAC Middle School Coffee Shop

Please join us in the Andrea B. Riddle Center for Music, Movement, and Art on Wednesday, December 11th from 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. for a holiday Coffee Shop! Our Middle Schoolers will be serving delicious homemade treats and hot oatmeal for your enjoyment. Tea and Fair Trade coffee will also be available.

### EACMSI Winter Concert

Please join us for the EACMSI Winter Concert on Thursday, December 12th at 7pm in the Andrea B. Riddle Center for Music, Movement and Art. Performances by Beginning Band, Junior Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Junior Level "Lions" Chorus, Upper Level Chorus, and the Middle School Chorus.

## EAC Ski Club Mandatory Meeting

Greek Peak has new management and their ski club program is changing! If you plan to participate in our EAC Ski Club, please attend an introductory meeting on Friday, December 13th at 4:30 in the Common Room. See you there!

There's still room for your child (9 years old and older) to ride our ski bus. Please send in a check for \$125 made out to EACMSI while there's still space. Ski Club begins on Thursday, January 9th!

## Acorn Designs Final Reminder

The last day to order Acorn Designs products is Friday, December 13th. Please submit your order form to the office to receive your items before Winter Break. Proceeds from this sale will support second year Middle School students' April trip to Costa Rica.

## Community Fundraiser & Yoga Benefit for Jeff de Castro

A special yoga benefit, 108 Sun Salutations: A Winter Solstice Experience, in support of Jeff de Castro and Sandra Steingraber, will be held at Fine Spirit Studio on Sunday, December 15th. Yoga begins at 9:30am.

If you cannot attend this event but wish to contribute to the established fund, please go to [www.finespiritstudio.com](http://www.finespiritstudio.com)

## Pine Boughs Please!

We need lots of pine boughs for our Festival of Lights celebration!

If you are able to help, please bring them to the school and leave them outside by the Andrea B. Riddle Center gym door. We need a lot of boughs for our gym space, so share your tree trimmings! Thank you!

## Festival of Light

The Festival of Light is the culmination of each class's study of a cultural tradition that features fire and light in its celebration at this darkest time of the year. Students research the history, smells, tastes and songs associated with various holidays. These will be presented in the Andrea B. Riddle Center for Music, Movement and Art Gymnasium on Friday December 20th at 1:15 p.m. Parents are invited to attend this beautiful event.

We want to respect all classroom performances; if you plan on attending, please plan to stay for the entire event. Please RSVP to the office if you plan on attending.

## Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch for the spring term will begin on Friday, January 10th. Lunches for the remainder of the year are \$76.00. If you have already paid for the entire year, no payment is necessary. If you do need to pay, please give your payment to the office by Thursday, January 9th. All proceeds go to the Upper Level May trip to Quebec. Thanks for your support!

## Before-School Program Continues

Our Before-school child care program will continue for the rest of the school year. The program meets every school day from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. in the Common Room. Please pre-register for this program by completing and returning the Before-School Enrollment Form to the front office. Drop-ins are now welcome!

## Halloween Carnival - Thank You!

The Upper Level Halloween Carnival was a huge success! Our students collected over \$250 while celebrating with their classmates. This year, the money raised will be donated to the Ndor Eco Village School effort in the Volta region of Ghana. One of our staff, J.P. Nawn, introduced our school to the founder of Ndor Eco Village, Yao Foli, affectionately known as “Cha Cha”, during our United Nations Day Celebration. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

## Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF - Thank You!

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a United Nations Program that provides long-term humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries. UNICEF was created on December 11, 1946 to provide emergency food and healthcare to children in countries that had been devastated by World War II.

As part of our long-standing tradition, many EAC children collected money for UNICEF during their trick-or-treating activities. Our Junior Level students sorted and counted all the money. A total of over \$600 was raised for UNICEF. This is a wonderful expression of the giving nature of our community.

Thank you to all of our families, friends and neighbors.

## Holiday Bazaar - Thank You!

After receiving your extensive donations, our Middle School students put together our first Holiday Bazaar in the Andrea B. Riddle Center. Our younger students had a great time shopping for "treasures" and we raised over \$700. Proceeds go to The Advocacy Center to support a family in need this holiday season. Thank you for your support!

## Many Hands Make Light Work - Thank You!

A big appreciation goes to our many helpers who made our Holiday Bazaar and Thanksgiving Feast such wonderful events.

Special thanks go to Amina Ahmad, Leslie Allee, Rebecca Goldweber, Mickie Sanders-Jauquet, Karen Kim, and Nancy Ohlin for helping our Middle School students sort, price and package the many amazing gifts at the Holiday Bazaar.

We are also thankful for the assistance of the many volunteers who helped set up, serve, take-down, and clean up our Thanksgiving Feast, as well as those who contributed the delicious apple cider we enjoyed. We appreciate the kind assistance of Kaori Blalock, Elica Funatsu, Jennifer Tegan, Sylvia Weiss, Elisa Miller-Out, Nancy Ohlin, Tiana Trost, Lauren Ponzoni, Pamela Tan, Lisa Hoffberg, Leslie Allee, Danielle O'Neill, Rachel Schlass, and Vera McLafferty.

The participation of our families helps to enrich our school activities. We appreciate the time and energy you give!

## Lost and Found

If you are looking for that coat or pair of gloves you really like, they might be here in our LOST AND FOUND. The LOST AND FOUND is located in the front hall of our main building. Please stop by and look through all the items in our collection any time you are at the school. Items remaining in our Lost and Found after December 20th will be donated to charity.

## Classroom Observations

The final classroom observation for the year will be on Thursday morning, December 19th. Observations are for adults only and must be scheduled in advance. If you are interested in attending at 9:15 or 10:00, please call to schedule your observation.

We look forward to seeing you!