



DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary School

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December Happenings

Annual Christmas Concert

St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary is looking forward to the annual Christmas concert to be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00pm.

As the choir prepares for the show under the direction of Sr. Clare, we encourage all parents, families and friends to attend this wonderful event! Students in grades Kindergarten through Eight will participate in the concert.

Student Council Elections

A big congratulations goes out to Student Council

President Alicia Baez and Vice President Bernadette Menendez!

Baez and Menendez look forward to leading our



student council this year as they will be incorporating fun, new ideas and events for the year.

KidStuff and More!

We are pleased to announce that our KidStuff Coupon Savings Book Fundraiser was a huge success!

St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary raised almost \$1,500 from this fundraiser. Savings books included a variety of coupons ranging from book stores to restaurants to department stores.

We'd like to thank the faculty and families and friends of students for their continued support!

Important Dates to Remember:

December 14th, 15th, & 16th: Christmas Sale (Small gifts will be sold to students who wish to purchase them)

December 21st: Christmas Concert—7:00 pm

December 23rd through January 2nd: School will be closed for Christmas Recess

January 16, 2012: School will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

4th Grade Ecosystem Project

Mrs. Luder's 4th grade class did an excellent job creating models representing different ecosystems. Students used shoe boxes and other crafts for their projects.

Projects, which are displayed outside the 4th grade classroom, include different environments, such as

rainforests, deserts, and aquatic ecosystems.

Fantastic job, 4th Grade!

Pictured on the right: Kelvin Feliciano, Gabriela Rivera, Joseph De Los Santos, and Daniela Cabral



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5th Graders Build Their Own Dictionaries!



As the 5th graders finished reading the popular book *Frindle*, they prepared for an exciting project based on the story. Mrs. Moschella had each student create their own dictionaries with their own invented words. *Frindle*, a story about the power of words, allowed students to think above and beyond about the true meaning of our language. Students learned that our dictionary is ever-changing and continues to grow.

Great job, 5th grade!

Pictured on the left: Nicole Lopez and Stanley Millien

Congratulations to First Trimester Honor Roll Students!

First Honors

Alicia Baez
Eva Dani
Gabriel Garcia
Rain Garcia
Bernadette Menendez
Carol Miranda
Gabriela Tactuk

Second Honors

Sebastian Arias
Daisy Batista
Yillian Coca
Gabiella Davila
Joseph De Los Santos
Nicole Fernandez
Oswald Leon
Anna Martorony
Gabriel Mendez
Stanley Millien

Second Honors

Natalie Munoz
Puja Patel
Jonathan Rodriguez
Lisa Marie Romero
Nicholas Rosado
Eric Sanchez
Jeffrey Sarmiento
Melissa Vallejos
Alyssa Velez
Brenda Villafuerte

Honorable Mention

Destiny Admani
Cassandra Davila
Gillian Fontoura
Madison Miqueli
Emely Orbea
Jocelyn Solis
Nathalie Torres



Chess Club & Basketball Skills Meeting Dates

Chess Club:

January 4th—Bishops	March 21st—Knights
January 11th—Knights	March 28th—Bishops
January 18th—Bishops	April 18th—Knights
January 25th—Knights	April 25th—Bishops
February 1st—Bishops	May 2nd—Knights
February 8th—Knights	May 9th—Bishops
February 15th—Bishops	May 16th—Knights
February 29th—Knights	May 23rd—Bishops
March 7th—Bishops	

Basketball Skills:

January 9th—Grade K
January 10th—Grade 1
January 12th—Grade 2
January 16th—Grade 3
January 17th—Grade 4
January 19th—Grade 5
January 23rd—Grade 6, 7, 8
January 30th—Grade K
January 31st—Grade 1

