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| December 2018 |
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**Olinda Elementary**



Congratulations to our PTA Arts Reflection Winners: Laila Santos (K) for Visual Arts.

This month’s social skill is Sharing, which means to participate in, use, enjoy, or experience jointly or in turns. Please continue the discussion at home with your child regarding the importance of practicing this skill.

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| Upcoming Events:* Canned Food Drive ends; 12/14
* Olinda Band Assembly; 12/18
* Olinda’s Winter Program; 12/20
* Last day of school for 2018, 12/21 minimum day 1:30/1:45/1:50pm dismissal
* School reconvenes after the winter recess; 1/7/19
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| Thank you to all the parents and families that attended Parent/Teacher conferences. It is an important and beneficial time to understand the progress your child is making and how you can best support them at home.Our Canned Food Drive is ongoing and will end on December 14th. Classes will be collecting cans in their classrooms and Student Council representatives will tally them and place them in the Food Bank barrels located in the Parent’s Room and front office. The class that brings in the most cans will receive a pizza party. It is a wonderful opportunity to give back to those who are less fortunate and a great lesson on being compassionate citizens for our students. We appreciate your support for this important cause.I am very proud to announce that we had 87 students who had perfect attendance for the 1st trimester. That means they came to school every day and on time, ready to learn. Congratulations to them for their outstanding efforts. They were awarded with an Attendance Dance Party in the MPR and which was an enjoyable time. Remember we are in our 2nd trimester and perfect attendance is something we should all work and strive for. Trimester 2 ends on March 1st, 2019.Classes have been participating in story writing during the months of November and December. This month we will submit student’s stories to The Imagination Machine. The Imagination Machine is a professional children’s theatre company, which travels to approximately 400 schools per year. With over a 35-year history of inspiring and celebrating children’s creative writing throughout California, The Imagination Machine perform assemblies to get students excited about writing. Student’s selected stories will be performed in school wide assemblies on January 15th. It is an exciting opportunity to have our Olinda scholar’s stories published through visual and performing arts. Stay tuned for the winning author’s names!The 6th grade class collected over 200 coats and sweaters during their week long Coat Drive to help support the fire victims during the winter months. Thank you for your support with this endeavor and a special thank you to Ruth Horton for initiating the idea. |
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Please note that we have two parents that are currently running for the ELAC election. We appreciate Tahira Bhatti and Tiblets Seyoum Cotton for their consideration and dedication in serving our English Language Learners. Election results will be posted on 12/17/18 and ELAC representatives will attend the SSC meeting scheduled for 1/25/19.

On Thursday 11/29/18, Lee supported a meeting with the community and school stakeholders regarding campus gates being left open during after school hours. It was decided that the gates would remain open until 9:00pm on weekdays and Saturday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. This agreement is contingent on the grounds remaining free of vandalism, debris and that pet owners continue to clean up after their dogs. We also ask that dog waste not be thrown over the fence into the creek. Should we encounter any of the previous behavior, we will be forced to close the gates again.

**Olinda’s November Students of the Month**

Rm. 8: Natalia Velasco & Enzo Addiego Rm. 17: Olive Vila & Aidan Soalii

Rm. 15: Aliya Silapasay & Nicholas Sem Rm. 7: Kylie Hung & Rhylee Villanueva

Rm. 1: Addison Stanley & Danica Meremeyer Rm. 4: Raxakoul Bradford & Edgar Peralta

Rm. 2: Annabelle Jin & Philip Feng Rm. 18: Yuexuan Ma & Moises Cervantes

Rm. 13: Avery Vila & Natahniel Tejano Rm. 3: Royce Dayco & Ryan Roybal

Rm 6: Noah Ruebel & Hao Yi Ma Rm. 14: Jasmine Alvarado & Eien Laset

Rm. 20: Abdel Hamad & Ixaiah Ellison Rm. 16: Miki Masui & Navtej Basra

Rm. 5: Kiran Herbert & Maiya Jewel

Criteria for being Student of the Month:

* Completes assignments
* Always does his/her best
* Honors classroom learning agreements
* Follows school rules
* Is responsible, respectful, truthful and helpful

**Congratulations on your achievement!**