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December 2017

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# Olinda Elementary

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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 begins this month and will continue until December 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be collecting cans in their classrooms and 6<sup>th</sup> grade representatives will tally them and place them in the Food Bank barrels located in the Parent's Room. 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 75 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. Remember we are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester and perfect attendance is something we should all work and strive for. Trimester 2 ends on March 2nd, 2018.

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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade class collected over \$1,000.00 during the Penny Drive. The money will be donated to a member of the Olinda Community who was impacted by the fires and lost her home. Thank you for your support with this endeavor.

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Congratulations to our PTA Arts Reflection Winners: Erin Enriquez (6th grade) 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:

- ASEP ends; 12/8
- Winter Program; 12/14
- Canned Food Drive ends; 12/14
- SSC Meeting; 12/14
- Last day of school for 2017, 12/15 minimum day 1:30/1:45 dismissal
- School reconvenes after the winter recess; 1/2/18

Classes that successfully met their Accelerated Reader Word Count and Reading Minute Goals are:

Room 2 – exceeded goal by 58,555 words

Room 17 – exceeded goal by 322,368 words

Room 20 – exceeded goal by 600 minutes

Room 7 – exceeded goal by 118,726 words

Room 16 – exceeded goal by 554,129 words

Room 3 – exceeded goal by 1,680 minutes

Room 5 – exceeded goal by 618 minutes

Room 15 – exceeded goal by 645,893 words

## **Olinda's November Students of the Month**

Rm. 5: Ava Cotton and Max Royce

Rm. 20: Sophia Chatmon & Alexander Gonzalez

Rm. 8: Mohamed Mohamed & Brooklyn Short

Rm. 17: Navtej Singh & Alexandria Jenkins

Rm. 15: Christina Walker & Blake Bojescu

Rm. 7: Aditya Prasad & Melanie Mendez

Rm. 1: Camila Montes Galindo & Aidan Soalii

Rm. 4: Damon Brice & Kenlon Jones

Rm. 2: Devin Louie & Marley Phillips

Rm. 18: Xavier Ellison & Catelyn King

Rm. 13: Eleanor Tsui & Harkirith Singh

Rm. 16: Jasmine Alvarado & Cheyenne Lopez

Rm. 6: Nelannah Dayco & Edgar Peralta Solorio

Rm. 3: Sophia Rowland & Ethan Kim

### **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!**

