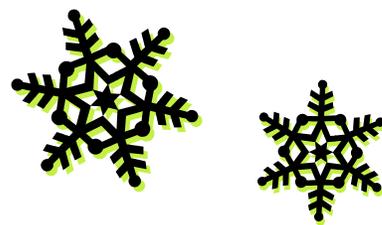


January 9, 2013



Dear Parents,

Once again we will be celebrating the St. Paul Winter Carnival with a week of activities beginning January 28th and concluding February 1st with visits from both the Winter Carnival Royalty and the Vulcans. Other activities during the week will include: a coloring contest, box car races, baking a carnival cake, fort building, a treasure hunt and a pillow game. This year's Winter Carnival party is set for **Friday, February 1st** starting at 9:00am. Here is a run down of the day:

9:00 Arrival of the Royalty and their program
9:15 Crowning of WTM's King, Queen, Princes and Princesses
9:30 Arrival of the Vulcans
10:00 Games of chance for the children in the Creative Activities room
10:45 Robert the Magician
11:30 Lunch catered by McDonald's

Family and friends are invited to our February 1st celebration. However, there will be a **\$5.00 fee** for each child (including WTM children) or adult who attends. This will help cover the cost of the program and activities. Please send the **\$5.00 in cash**, no checks please. Do not include the fee with your monthly payment as this saves us a lot of bookkeeping.

Please park perpendicular to the berm and the building on the celebration day. We must leave room for the Royalty RV and the Vulcan Fire Truck to enter and exit. If the lot is full the Fire Station next door has granted us permission to use their parking lot. **Please do not park in the five spaces in front of the fire station door; these are for the firefighters to use in case of an emergency.**

Pick Up Time

When you pick up your child please escort them to their hook or cubby. By law we must keep the children in sight and sound at all times. Many children are going into the Montessori classroom or to their hook without any adult supervision. If you need to pick up a sibling, please pick up the younger child first and then proceed to the older child's classroom. The teachers will help the older child get ready if possible and make sure they are safe until you return.

Reminders

- Valentine's Day party will be on Thursday, February 14th. The children may share valentines and treats if they wish. Please sign only your child's name and **do not** address the cards to specific children. You will need 30 cards and some kind of container for the cards your child will receive.
- WTM is closed on Monday, February 18th (President's Day) for an all day Teacher In-Service.

We hope to see you at the Winter Carnival Party!

Anni and Catherine

