Dear Families,

Have a fantastic holiday break with your families!

On behalf of the CPS community, thank you for your donations to the Mitten Tree, your participation in the SCRIPS gift card fundraiser and the warm holiday wishes. You make this a very special place to work, learn and grow.

The winter germ season is upon us! Keeping the children, families and staff healthy and safe at CPS requires cooperation from all involved. As for the healthy aspect, please remember to be diligent about hand washing upon arrival and keeping your child home when they have a fever, “green” runny nose, or are feeling miserable and unable to participate. We understand that keeping your child home from school can be difficult but we need to try to protect the health of all the children (and the teachers too). Again, we all thank you for your cooperation on illness prevention.

Wishing you peace, health and prosperity in the New Year!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
Welcome back to the New Year! We hope everyone had a nice break and that you found some fun things to do. I know a couple families were traveling. We are glad you are safely home. December was a whirl-wind. January hopefully brings good weather, less colds, and some calmer days. We will be learning about snow, winter, and what animals do in winter. We will try to go outside, taking the time to get everyone dressed in the winter clothing. We have some new toys in our classroom to further the children’s development, and interests.

Happy New Year!
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Rebecca

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great holiday season. We are looking forward to a fun filled New Year!

The Chickadees will be working on the color purple, snow, ice, cold and many other winter themes.

Please remember to label all outdoor clothing (especially boots). Many children have the same boots and in the confusion of putting them on and taking them off, they often times get mixed up. We do try to go out daily, as long as the temperature feel like is 20 degrees.

The Chickadees will also have our first birthday in January. Dee Dee will be 3 years old on the 20th. Happy Birthday to you!

Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily & Ms. Teá

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed time spent with family and loved ones over the break. Esme was the first one in our class to turn three! We hope Esme had a great birthday! This month we have four more turning three!

Happy Birthday to Mimi (1st), Roshini (4th), Maya (15th) and Adelaide (20th)!

We will be covering shapes for two weeks. During those two weeks we have a shape for each day. Feel free to bring in an item from home each day that coincides with the shape of the day. Please refer to the snack calendar for more specifics.

Have a great month!
Ms. Sarah, Ms. Keeshia & Ms. Michelle

Happy New Year Dove Families!

We had a wonderful December and hope you did as well! During the month we did our best to share in acts of kindness. We created many works of art for the school and people around us. Thank you for sharing your traditions with us as well.

As we come into the New Year we hope you all had a relaxing break. January will be a time for us to start anew.

Our first few days back we will be working on snowmen. We will be creating them and reading about some of their adventures. Next will be the season of winter. We will be talking about what to wear to stay nice and warm, as well as designing snowflakes and icicles.

Then we have a really fun week learning about polar animals. We will be working with a new animal everyday. The last two weeks will be our fairy tale weeks. The first will be classics we all know and love. We will be building the Three Little Pig’s houses that week.

The following week we will be broadening our horizons and jumping into some international fairy tales. This week is fun for everyone to learn and create.

Have a great January everyone!
Ms. Sara, Ms. Tammy & Ms. Christina
Happy New Year! In January we will be getting ready for our “Healthy Bodies” unit. We will be discussing the different systems, what they do and how to keep them healthy.

We will also be discussing the different food groups and what happens to our bodies when we eat them.

We do go outside everyday (when the temperature allows), so please make sure your child has snow pants, boots, hats and mittens.

Happy Birthday to Yi! He will be turning four in January.

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele & Ms. Jamie

Flamingos

Wow, it’s hard to believe that the holiday season is over! The children loved learning about holiday traditions all over the world and learning about our own traditions. The Flamingos loved taking a train ride on the Polar Express. We wore our pajamas, drank warm cocoa and ate pirate booty. When we got off the Polar Express each a received a bell.

As the snow falls harder and temperatures get colder, the Flamingos will be snuggling together for some January fun! Our theme this month is “Animals Everywhere!” We will be learning about our furry friends that adapt to the wintery season, as well as animals that hibernate and migrate. We will also be having a blast playing in the snow outside and in the classroom.

Important Reminder: Please make sure your child has the proper snow gear for outside fun, including a heavy coat, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves. If we can’t go outside we will be bringing the snow INSIDE, so please make sure your child has a pair of mittens here to use for our “Snow Center.” Thank you!

We wish many friends a Happy Birthday this month:

Maeva 1/13 Ezra 1/28
Henry 1/15 Ms. Miranda 1/27
Felix 1/25

Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

Peacocks

Happy Holidays and welcome 2019 from the Peacock class! We had a wonderful December learning about holidays around the world, including Las Posadas, Diwali, Hanukkah, and Christmas. The children enjoyed listening to stories, playing games (dreidel) and creating fun art projects. We made handprint poinsettias, ornaments and even got a treat on St. Nicholas day. Cupcake the elf visited our class the whole month too! The children had fun caroling throughout the school with their bells, the school singing a-long with Steve and The Grinch Day!

In January our themes will be snow, gingerbread, artic animals and an author study on Jan Brett.

Happy Birthday to:
Lubava 1/2
Macsen 1/12
Yusuf 1/28
Ms. Carolyn 1/28

Wishing you all the best in the New Year!

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn

Hummingbirds

Happy New Year! The Puffins will be welcoming in the New Year as we return from break.

January is Healthy Heart month. We will be exploring different ways to help keep our heart and bodies healthy. We will also be making snowmen, playing with Penguins and ice fishing. Fun January Themes.

Happy Birthday to:
Alex M. 2nd
Mckenna N. 20th
Ms. Vicky 20th
Colbie S. 24th

Wishing all of you the best in the New Year!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Vicky & Ms. Toni

Puffins
Thank you to all who helped with our Holiday Dinner! What a delightful event! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for setting up, preparing the delicious dinner and helping us to clean up.

**Tuition Late Fees**
Tuition is due by the 10th, unless otherwise stated on the bill. After the 10th of the month, a late fee of $10.00 will be charged. If the balance is still outstanding by the 1st of the next month, an additional fee of $25.00 will be charged.

**REMINDER**
Many of the children have the exact same clothing items. To make sure there are no mix-ups, always remember to label your child’s clothing.

**Staff Birthdays**
Alexis 1/2
Samantha D. 1/4
Vicky R. 1/20
Teá 1/26
Miranda G. 1/27
Carolyn J. 1/28

**IS IT THE COLD OR THE FLU?**
Here are some helpful guidelines:

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Recommended Care:
- Rest & drink fluids (Water & real fruit juice)
- Do not give children aspirin
- Consult your doctor before giving over-the-counter meds
- Wash hands & frequently used surfaces often

**SUNY Child Care Block Grant**
Recipient Families:
Spring schedules are due to CPS by **Monday, January 7th**. Please notify the office of any changes to your eligibility by January 7th as well.

**REMINDER:**
CPS will be CLOSING at 1:00pm on Monday, January 21st for staff training and development. Please make plans for alternate care for that afternoon.

**PAPERWORK UPDATES**
As a NYS licensed facility we are required to have medication forms updated every six months...We will provide notification if you need to have forms updated for toothpaste, topical ointments and/or any changes in medical information.

**Procare**
Please make sure you are checking your child in and out **everyday** using our Procare system. If you are not yet registered in Procare please stop in the office to get registered today!

**Parents and Guardians:**
Please remember that pick up time for half day schedules is at **12:50 PM**. If you or the designated person are not here to pick up your child on time, a late fee will be assessed.