

Brush Creek Newsletter



Brush Creek Family Services, Inc.

January, 2016

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you had a great break and lots of fun times with your family and friends.

It's a brand new year, one we hope will be full of great things for all of us.

January will be a busy time here at school. We will be preparing for our annual Father/Child breakfast (**January 23**—a Saturday). The kids will fix a breakfast for their special guests, so make sure the date is prominently circled on your calendar. A separate invitation will be sent out very soon. Watch for it!

We will also be having a MITTEN day here at school on **Jan 28 and 29**. School has mittens for everyone. Your child doesn't need to bring them!

You will be seeing lots of winter projects and we will be keeping ourselves cozy on the coldest days.

Please remember to send your child in layers so we can go out in the cold mornings, but be more comfortable as the sun comes out later in the day (we hope). Label all outerwear so we can return items

that don't make it back into the cubby.

Have a happy beginning to the new year!

Slow down!!

Reminder to go slowly down our driveway and especially in the front of the school where children may be present. Five miles per hour is suggested. Thanks!

Also, please do not leave babies in the car as you bring your preschooler in. Often, Julie or Karin are at the gate and we'd be glad to watch over your little one as

Special days in January

- *We will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 18th*
- *We will be having our annual Father/Child Breakfast on Saturday, January 23th*
- *"Mitten days" Jan 28 and 29. No need to send in mittens, we have enough for everyone!*

JANUARY BILLING

Bills are obviously getting out late this month due to our winter break! Tuition is now due, but no late fees will be placed on accounts until the morning of January 15th, giving everyone two weeks to get back into the routine....

Father/Child Breakfast

Our special breakfast party in honor of our Dads will be on Saturday, January 23rd. As stated above, we'll all join together for a great meal and some visiting. There will be no "formal" program, just eating and playing. Each child is encouraged to bring their Dad. If Dad is not available, maybe Grandpa can fill in.

We will serve all MWF class children (front, back, and afternoon) at 8:30am.

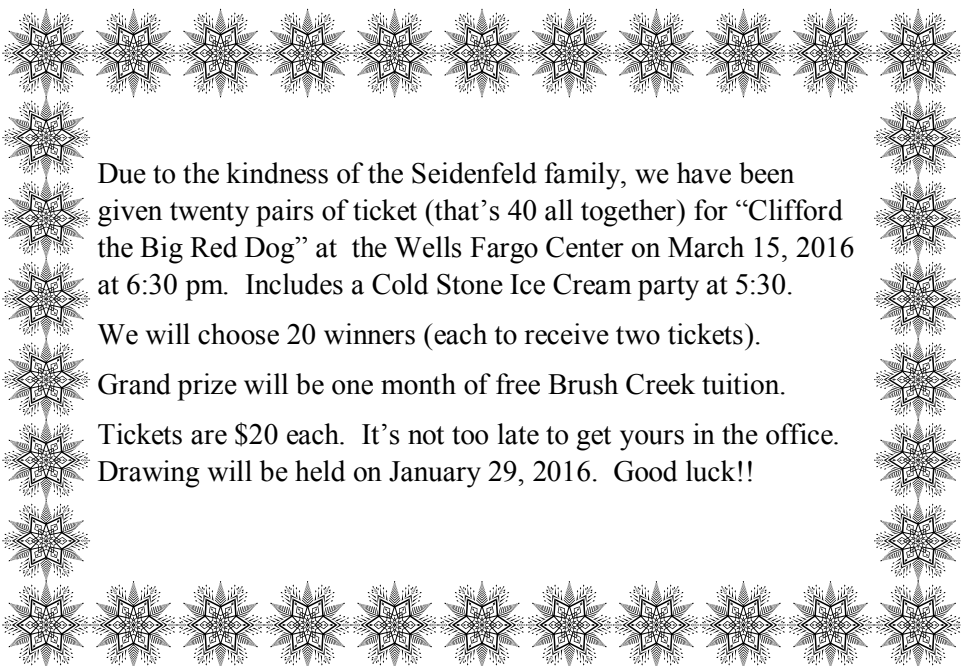
All TTH children (front, back and afternoon) are to attend at 9:30 am.

We will have an 8am "early bird" seating for 15 Dads/kids. This will be done by sign up out in the front of the school. Watch for it!!

We want everyone to come and enjoy. If you need to come at a time not assigned to you, please feel to do so. Only the early bird shift has limited seating. The kids will be making fruit breads to share, and creating projects to give as gifts.



Raffle



Due to the kindness of the Seidenfeld family, we have been given twenty pairs of ticket (that's 40 all together) for "Clifford the Big Red Dog" at the Wells Fargo Center on March 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Includes a Cold Stone Ice Cream party at 5:30.

We will choose 20 winners (each to receive two tickets).

Grand prize will be one month of free Brush Creek tuition.

Tickets are \$20 each. It's not too late to get yours in the office. Drawing will be held on January 29, 2016. Good luck!!

*Starting to work on taxes?
Our tax id number is
94-2297008*

Profile Teacher: Janice Carpenter

Janice is our profiled employee for January! Janice was born in New Jersey but quickly moved to Rhode Island. She earned a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree in Graphic Design and Advertising. After working in that field for two years on the east coast, she and a friend decided to move to San Francisco.

She worked for B of A up until the

time she started a family with her husband, George. She and George have three adult children.

In 1996 Janice and her family moved to Santa Rosa and she started doing daycare in her home. She continued schooling, taking classes in Child Development. In the summer of 2002 Janice was hired by Brush Creek.

Janice loves to draw and workout at the gym. She maintains that her family is her top priority.

We thank Janice for her continued good work at our school and wish her congratulations this month!!!

FUNDRAISING NOTES

Time to start our engines for this year's Evening in Paradise. Watch for a grandparent packet going out now, telling you how to involve your family members in this year's event.

Now is the time to think about donations. Can you give a gift card or two? Do you have wine that you can donate? Does someone own a business that would like to support a lovely non profit? Let us know. The time is NOW!

Did your house take on a few more items during the holiday season? Time to clean out closets and cupboards? We will take any and all baskets you might have. We'll use them for EIP to make beautiful auction lots. Thank you!