

# Unity School

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# Newsletter

## JANUARY

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### FROM THE DIRECTORS

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and spent some quality time with their family or friends. Thank you for all of the wonderful 'Wish Tree' gifts- we really appreciate them. All of the classes are having a blast with the new items and the staff enjoyed all the yummy treats.

Our winter celebration was a lot of fun, and we were happy to see so many of you come and celebrate the season with us. The pre-recorded songs are not quite the same as in person, but the children did a wonderful job and hopefully we will find a location big enough to accommodate us for next year. It was nice to see the families enjoying the special activities that were happening in their child's classroom and all the visiting among one another. A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction, Amandajo for her extra efforts with donations, and Joanna's time and creativity putting the baskets together. The auction raised \$1824.00, what a successful event!

We want to take a moment and acknowledge the *fabulous* staff we have at Unity School! Your kids are taught by our tremendous team members who are caring, creative, encouraging, supportive, and committed to your children and Unity School. The staff has done a remarkable job learning and implementing more High/Scope aspects, utilizing our garden space, volunteering for Pet Care on the weekends, and community service projects with their classes! We are really proud that we have such an awesome team to guide your children and make their learning experiences the best they can be! Take a moment and thank a staff member, letting them know how they've done a super job for you lately!

We have a couple reminders we would like to bring to your attention. Remember, the pull-through driveway is a 5 min. drop off/pick up spot. If it takes a little longer than 5 min. for you and your child, please pull into a parking spot so we can keep traffic flowing. The other reminder is to provide lots of extra clothes for your child. During the fall and winter months, the weather is very unpredictable. It's helpful to have a good supply of warm items such as hats and gloves in your child's cubby.

We also wanted to share our procedure in the event that we get snow and ice, and the roads are unsafe to drive on. In this event, there will be a phone message with information regarding delays/closures by 6:30am along with a message posted to our Facebook page, web page, and kaymbu. Please feel free to call in [after 6:30am](#) if you are unsure about any possible delay/closure. Thanks!

Here's to a wonderful year ahead,

Susanne and Dani

## PANDA CLASS

Happy New Year Panda Families,

December was so very busy and tons of fun!

The Pandas talked about winter and holidays/family. We explored (pretend) snow. Painted melted snowmen, explored what happens to ice when it gets warm, decorated the classroom for the holiday party and created a special gift for our families. We learned about winter Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza. We sang, danced, read stories, and even baked brownies. In addition, the class is working on using kind hands, using our words or getting help from teachers during conflict.

As you know, many of the Panda students LOVE transportation toys and we play with them often. Therefore, we will be webbing transportation to start off the month of January and see where the children's interests and imaginations take us from there.

Thank you to everyone that was able to join Teacher Jen and Mikhaela for a conference. It's always great to check in and get a chance to chat about your child. We appreciated everyone's flexibility and patience with rescheduling.

Lastly, a couple of reminders...

- Please remember to label your child's clothing and shoes /boots. We have had some confusion and misplaced belongings.
- Breakfast service is from 8:00 - 8:30. If you would like for your child to have time to eat, please have them to school well before 8:30.

Panda Teachers:

Jen, Mikhaela, Chaylee, JoAnne and Polly

## CATERPILLAR CLASS

Dear Caterpillar Families,

Happy New Year! I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful month of December and share what the Caterpillars have been up to. As new members of the Caterpillar class, both Teacher Rhiannon and I have truly enjoyed getting to know your amazing children! We've spent time exploring the changes in weather and the beauty of the winter season. The students love observing their surroundings and sharing their discoveries.



In December, we worked on fun art projects to transform our classroom into a festive and creative space. The Caterpillars showed off their artistic talents by making colorful decorations. Their



enthusiasm and creativity brightened up our room and made it feel extra special for the season. Even with the cooler weather, they've been eager to play outside or in the barn. Thank you for sending jackets and boots to keep them warm during these activates!

We want to give a special thank you to Teacher Michelle from the Sea Turtle class for her help and support during this time of transition. Her guidance has made such a positive difference for both the students and us as we settled into the Caterpillar room.

As we head into January, Teacher Rhiannon and I are excited to continue this journey with your children. It's been a wonderful start, and we can't wait to see how much more they will learn and grow in the new year.

Thank you for welcoming us into the Caterpillar class!

Sincerely,  
Teacher Rene and Teacher Rhiannon

## LADYBUG CLASS

Hello Unity families,

The Ladybug children have been so excited for the holidays and the first day of winter to arrive. We hope all of you are enjoying your time with family and preparing for colder weather. We had a lot of fun at the winter party, watching all of the families play games, dance, enjoy our homemade treats, and watch the fun slideshow of all the classrooms singing.

During the month of December, the Ladybug's made gifts for their parents, cards for the elderly, practiced our friendship skills, and learned some new dance moves.

In January, we plan to get back on the alphabet wagon, practicing our next group of letters as well as exploring outer space. We look forward to what the new year brings and the bucket full of skills that we learn. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and here's to an exciting new year!

Teacher Dorothy and Teacher Olivia





## BUTTERFLY CLASS

Hello Butterfly Families!

We hope everyone is having a beautiful December and a great finish to 2024! December has been so great in the Butterfly room. In December we focused on the letters N and C, we did lots of awesome winter themed crafts and we spent lots of time learning a song and dance for the Holiday Carnival. We have been really enjoying incorporating nature elements into our creative explorations and doing mixed media/open ended creative projects. We have made tons of different crafts this month using elements such as cedar branches, leaves, sticks, recycled boxes, dried sunflowers, glitter, paint, cotton balls, tissue paper, the list



is endless! It's so fun to see what we create when given full artistic freedom! We have also been doing lots of social/emotional practices, talking about body awareness, how to have a safe and kind body, how to take care of our classroom and how we can make sure we are always treating our friends with kindness. This was such a full month with so much growth and learning!



Friends also had so much fun getting ready for the Holiday Carnival. We baked cookies for our families to enjoy and read books about different holidays celebrated around this time of year.



If your child does not already have labeled winter attire in their cubby, please be sure to send them with some -and- please be sure to check their cubbies every few days to make sure they have extra sets of school clothes! Extra pants and shirts have been especially needed during the wet season lately! Thanks!

Happy December, Holidays and New Year! We hope your 2024 wraps up well and we are so excited to see everyone in the New Year!

Butterfly Team

Kaley, Cylver, Meggie and Sarah

## SEA TURTLE CLASS

Sea Turtle Families,

Well December was interesting. I want to thank you for your flexibility while I was working in the Caterpillar room. As of January though, I am back and more than a little excited to get rolling with the Sea Turtles again. I also want to thank Dimitri for holding down the fort while I have been spread across two rooms. We couldn't have done it without him.

In January, we welcome Ollie Robinson into our class. He has been in the Caterpillar room until now and we can't wait to welcome him to our Sea Turtle family. Now that the holidays are over, the real learning begins. Typically, we see a lot of growth after December. I am going to create individual plans

for each child based on the assessments we did in the fall. This way I can focus on each child's particular needs. It will still be rolled into our play-based curriculum so the kids will just think they are playing.

For the month of January, I want to discuss weather, animal habitats, dinosaurs, and magical creatures. We may not get to all of these and if so, I will just be carrying them over into February. Our Letter focus will be "H" and "R".

Teacher Michelle and Dimitri

## OTTER CLASS

Hi Otter families,

I can't believe winter break is almost over! We were super busy this month making cards for the retirement center! Also, I wanted to say thank you to those who have purchased presents for the classroom as well as teacher gifts, Teacher Maya and I are super excited and appreciative!



For the winter party, we made a fun holiday cake, and the kids had a blast baking with us! The next two weeks are going to be pretty busy with winter break and on Christmas Eve we will be watching Polar Express with a popcorn party!

In other news I will be staying on as the Lead Otter teacher until at least the end of March! I'm super excited to be sticking around for a few more months!

Happy New Year,  
Amber

## FROM THE GARDEN

December was a month of the birds! We had been noticing more birds around the garden, we could hear them in the trees above the fairy garden and see them quickly scattering from the blueberry patch when we would go out to the garden. Which led us to build a big bird's nest! We collected sticks from around the garden to add to the nest and looked for worms to bring to the nest.





Materials and, things that birds might use - straw, grass, moss, leaves. The Sea Turtles and a few Caterpillars made bird feeders one day and discovered the next day that the seeds were gone!

Now the question is - was it the birds or the frequent visiting squirrel?

*Little bird, little bird fly around, up to the sky, down to the ground.*

*Little bird, little bird flap your wings, open your beak and sweetly sing.*

*Little bird, little bird fly to your nest, now it's time to take a rest.*



Happy Winter!

-Anna

## [A NOTE FROM PAMMIE](#)

Well, "Happy New Year" everyone! It could be that I'm getting older, but it sure does seem as though 2024 flew by at lightning speed! Sheesh!

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season, and that 2025 brings all good things your way! I am looking forward to a GREAT and healthy year ahead, and I'm excited to continue getting to know all of you even better! Again...Happy New Year Unity families...we are SO glad you are here!

Hugs and Smiles,  
Pammie

PS, On a personal side note, I'm really excited to share with you all that on January 11th, my husband Doug will be celebrating his 3rd anniversary of his DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT!! This is such a huge blessing, and we are thrilled at how well he is doing!! YAY! 🥰💕🥰

## Kids Friendly Winter Salad

The joys of winter fruits in a bowl for your little ones and grown-ups.

**Course** Dinner, Lunch, Lunch Box, Salad

**Cuisine** American, Grown-Ups, Kids, Toddler Food

**Prep Time** 15 minutes

**Total Time** 15 minutes

**Servings** 2

**Author** Deepika Haldankar

### You Need:

- 1/4 cup Apple cut into small cubes
- 1/4 cup Blueberries
- 1/4 cup Raspberries
- 1/4 cup Grapes
- 1/4 cup Pomegranate Seeds
- 1/4 cup Persimmon (cut into small cubes)
- 1/4 cup Pear (cut into small cubes)



- 1/4 cup Mozzarella Cheese (cheese stick, cut into small pieces)
- 1/2 tsp Extra Olive Oil
- A dash of Dried Thyme

### How To Make It:

1. Be sure to cut ALL of the fruit into suitable/safe sizes for your child's age and stage!
2. Add as a side dish to a meal, or as a snack or dessert.
3. Let your child help make the salad, making sure to give them child safe knives to cut the fruit and cheese.
4. ENJOY!
  1. Add all the above ingredients in a bowl. Mix everything well. Make it your own!

### Teacher Appreciation Bulletin

At Unity School we work hard to acknowledge our staff. Often this is behind the scenes with candy Fridays, B-day Wed, and prizes for the Wow wall winners! Working in childcare is very rewarding but also can be very challenging and we just want to make sure we give a huge shout out to our dedicated staff! If you are interested in giving a shout out to any of our staff, please feel free to fill out a Wow Wall form for them and show your appreciation. Sea Turtle and Ladybug teachers enjoyed a special coffee/tea treat for November for their extra hard work!

### January Birthdays

Susanne  
Michelle  
Rhiannon

### January work Anniversary's

Polly 33 years



### Jokes for the month:

1. What type of diet did the snowman go on?
2. What did the snowman have for breakfast?
3. What often falls in the winter but never gets hurt?
4. What do you call an old snowman?
5. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
6. What do you call a snowman in the summer?
7. Why do mummies like holiday gifts?
8. Why don't mountains get cold in winter?
9. What side of the polar bear has the most fur?

1. The meltdown diet
2. Frosted snowflakes
3. Snow
4. Water
5. Frostbite
6. A Puddle
7. Because of the wrappings
8. They wear snowcaps
9. The outside

# January 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1  Unity Closed	2	3
6  Tuition Due	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24  Schedule Changes Due
27	28	29	30	31