



Pine Hill Elementary Newsette

Happy New Year – and new decade – from all of us at Pine Hill School!

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We hope you had a happy and safe holiday. It looks as though winter is here with its rain, wind, and cold! Aren't we lucky we aren't in the Midwest and further east with all the sleet, ice, and snow??!

We have entered a new year and new decade with quite a bit of rocking and rolling, haven't we? From all reports, all of us came through the big earthquake in one piece, although many lost material possessions. It gives us pause to think about safety in the home and at work: are heavy objects in high places secure? do we have water and food on hand? do we have a family emergency plan? Look for the "On Shaky Ground" pamphlet coming home with your child for some good tips and pointers.

We would like to thank Steve Blair, one of our sixth grade parents, for his generous donation (and installation) of new basketball hoops and nets on our playground over Winter Break.

We want to give you a "heads-up" about the next few weeks so your planning can be easier:

- Mid-term Progress Reports will be mailed out soon – look for them in your mailboxes the week of the 18th.
- No School Monday, January 18th -- Martin Luther King Day.
- Saturday, January 30th -- PTO Family Dance, sponsored by our PTO.
- February 15th 19th -- no school all week (Presidents' Holiday).

And a little further ahead: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held the week of March 15-19. Students will be getting out of school at 1:30 p.m. that entire week. Conference appointment times will be arranged beforehand so you can make arrangements.

One final word about earthquake procedures: if another quake/aftershock should occur during school time, we are charged with keeping your children safe; be assured we will! If you come to pick them up, please be sure to follow standard procedures and go to the office to sign them out. We will call classrooms to have them meet you in the office. Please, do not go directly to the classroom.

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