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ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

January

- 01/20-21 Donuts for Dads, 2s
- 01/27-28 Donuts for Dads, 3s
- 01/27 Donuts for Dads, 4s
- 01/29 Donuts for Dads, Kinder

February

- 02/11 Parent Council Meeting
- 02/15 Presidents Day - No School!
- 02/18 Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School for MTTH & TTH classes
- 02/19 Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
- 02/27 La Noche "La Margarita"

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Happy New Year! We are already well into the first month of 2010, and we haven't missed a beat at St. Matthew's. Our little angels have settled right back in to their routine of learning and playing together, guided by the most talented, gifted faculty around. We are so blessed!

As I said in my earlier email, we have been given an opportunity to sit back and really count our blessings and reach out to a community in need. The earthquake in Haiti was so devastating and, though there are stories of hope and grace, the news continues to be bleak. I am so touched by your generous response to the call to help. Our jars are full and heavy with your gifts. On Friday, we will collect the jars and send the money on to SAES to join with other funds raised by Episcopal schools all over the country to rebuild schools in Haiti. Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is on the ground in Haiti, and the funds we raise will be put to immediate use. Again, thank you and your children for your generosity!

February is just around the corner, bringing two important events. One is registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Look for the packets to go out in early February. They will be due back on Monday, February 22. We hope you are all planning to be with us again next year! Please let us know if you have any questions.

February 27 is our annual "La Noche de los Angeles" to be held at the UT Alumni Center. I hope you are all planning to be there for "La Margarita", an evening of fun that will truly capture the mission and spirit of St. Matthew's. The event raises important funds that support our wonderful school, but it also provides us an opportunity to come together and celebrate the blessing that is St. Matthew's Episcopal School. See you there!!

Blessings,
Francie

AN INVITATION TO ALL ST. MATTHEWS SCHOOL DADS
OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT VIP IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE.



DONUTS WITH DAD



Two Year Old Classes -Wed, Jan 20th or
Thurs, Jan 21st

Three Year Old Classes -Wed, Jan 27th or Thurs, Jan 28th

Four Year Old Classes -Wednesday, Jan 27th

Kindergarten - Friday, Jan 29th

News from the Parent Council President

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday because we are off to an active start in 2010.

Our next big event is Donuts for Dad. This is a wonderful chance for the VIP in your child's life to come into the classroom and share some precious time, donuts and beverage with our little angels. The class schedule varies by teacher so please check to make sure you have the right date and time for your child's class. The schedule for this St. Matthew's tradition is posted later in this email.

Next, we are off to La Margarita which is this year's theme for La Noche being held at the UT Alumni Center on February 27th. Key information on this event is listed in the Parent Council meeting minutes below but please also look for all inclusive information on this event under separate newsletter dedicated solely to La Margarita.

Once again, thank you Kyra Alexander for another wonderful job as our Parent Council Secretary!

Parent Council January 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Tina Couch opened the meeting and reminded everyone about the Love and Logic parenting education seminar that will be held at St. Matthew's starting in February. She also mentioned that Danette Koebele hopes to offer another Parent Council sponsored education seminar this Spring.

Tina also discussed the parent council's budget for this year and stated that the parent council funds are on target with two-thirds of the \$3,000 annual budget remaining. However, we still have many events to sponsor like Donuts for Dad, La Noche Projects and Education Seminars to name a few.

Erin Brooks addressed the representatives about Donuts for Dads. Invitations will go out this week. Parent council representatives will need to bring the donuts, juice, cups, and plates for their classroom. The parent council will provide coffee for each class this year. The budget per class is \$20 and representatives are encouraged to turn in their receipts for reimbursement to Debbie Noack in the school office.

Shanda Breazeale discussed our Spring fundraiser, La Margarita. She is asking parents for help in requesting donations from local businesses for our auction items. Please go and look at the book located outside the school office under the La Margarita sign. This book lists many businesses that have given to St. Matthew's in the past. Please look through the book and sign up to request a donation from a business that you might have a personal connection to or you can take a blank letter requesting a donation from a new business that might not be in the book. Our parents truly make this event happen and we could use everyone's help.

Shanda also spoke about the classroom projects. Parent representatives need to talk with their teachers about ideas they might have for this year's project. If they are at a loss for ideas, please contact Shanda. She has many thoughts on the topic and can help out. There is a \$30



2010-2011 registration materials will go home in early February. They will be due back to the office on Monday, February 22. Be on the lookout for these important materials.

Buy A Tile!

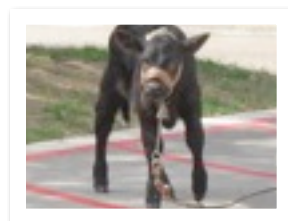
Have you been admiring our lovely planter in front of the school and wondering how you can your name or your children's name on a tile? Just stop by the office and ask! This fundraiser goes toward the building fund for our new building and is a wonderful way to honor your child, teacher, or someone special to the St. Matthew's community.

La Noche News:

Stop by the display outside the office and pick up an auction donation form for your favorite Austin business. Help us make this auction the best one yet!



See you at "La Margarita" on Feb. 27!!



Love and Logic at St. Matthew's!

- *Would you like your children to listen to you the first time?*
- *Would you like to raise children that can solve their own problems?*
- *Would you like to learn simple techniques to avoid power struggles?*

LOVE & LOGIC EARLY CHILDHOOD PARENTING MADE FUN

St. Matthew's is proud to offer the Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun course to our parents. This course focuses on children from birth - six and explores easy-to-use parenting skills to help us raise respectful, responsible kids and lower our parenting stress.

Dates: Wednesday mornings, February 3rd - March 3rd

Time: 9:15 am - 11:15 am

Location: St. Matthew's - Youth Center

Childcare: Provided by St. Matthew's Day School Parents' Council. Please let the school office know if you will be needing childcare.

Cost: \$100/person or \$150/couple. Checks made payable to High Five Parenting.

Registration Deadline: January 27th

To register or to find out more, please contact Laura Baker at highfiveparenting@gmail.com or 512-784-5231. To learn more, please visit www.highfiveparenting.com.

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn and share with other St. Matthew's parents.